

The Baptists of Moncton are also moving in the matter of raising funds to re-build Acadia College. At a meeting there, on Monday night, about \$400 were subscribed by eleven persons.

A telegram from Dr. Rand, at Fredericton, informs us that the College Agent, Rev. R. D. Porter, reports that Fredericton has already subscribed twenty-five hundred dollars towards the new buildings for Acadia College, and that he hopes the amount will be still increased and reach three thousand dollars in a day or two.

The article in another column from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Fyfe was of course written for the people of Ontario and Quebec, but it is worth perusal by Baptists in these provinces, more especially at the present time. Brethren, we have before us noble objects on which to expend our sympathies and energies.

Our Home Mission work is urgent in its claims for help. A number of inviting and promising fields are only needing the good seed of the kingdom to make them spring up and blossom, and bring forth fruit, even as the garden of the Lord. Our Foreign Missions are in a most hopeful condition. Even the late sad famine has, we believe, in its promise of great good in the future, in breaking down to some extent the terrible bondage of caste from high and low. God can make even that contribute to the development of a hungering for the bread and water of life. Then we have the fire calamity at Wolfville, and this opens up a new channel for benevolence which is gathering into it supplies from persons who are glad to assist us in rearing again its walls, with the least possible delay. God is thus by the Divine hand being brought out of apparent evil and we may have a share, larger or smaller, according to our means, in raising a noble monument to the sacred cause of high, Christian, literature and learning. Read carefully Dr. Fyfe's article!

We wish to do all that is in our power on behalf of these several departments of Christian work, by presenting them to our readers. We respectfully ask our brethren to do what they can to assist us in this by giving recommendations to others to become reliable subscribers to the Messenger. We never expect to get rich by the publication of a weekly newspaper. If we can serve our generation by helping to promote the instrumentalities at work in the cause of Christ, and at the same time meet all the obligations it involves we shall be quite content. But dear Reader we cannot do even that to the fullest extent without your aid. With the hearty co-operation of the ministers and members of churches, there is a noble work to be done, and it shall be our aim to move steadily on and as rapidly as prudence shall dictate to make these united labors a great and signal success.

During each week of the past year we have been gleaming from various sources matter for the intellectual, moral and spiritual benefit of our readers, and have frequently done so amidst great anxiety and discouragement. We have labored on in hope that although the times were such as to prevent some of our respected subscribers sending on, as promptly as they should, the supplies so much needed, yet, we have anticipated that an improvement might soon be looked for. Now, those friends who have allowed themselves to defer this duty, and are in arrears for the present and past years, will, we trust without further delay send on in full what is owing, and so relieve us and ourselves at the same time. Please send it on this week before the close of the year.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WEEK.

- Dec. 17. Death of Earl Stanhope...1816
18. Death of Soame Jenyns...1787
Death of Samuel Rogers, Poet...1855
19. Death of Turner, Landscape Painter...1857
20. Martyrdom of Ignatius...107
21. Death of John Newton...1807
Treaty of Ghent...1814
22. League of Smalcald...1530
23. Abduction of James II...1688
24. South Sea Bubble burst...1720
Death of Hugh Miller...1856

We regret to learn that the Baptist Quarterly is likely to be discontinued. There are nearly two millions of Baptists in the United States, and yet they cannot support this first-class literary periodical!

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The joyous Christmas season has been arrived, and it is well known that the 25th day of December is not the real anniversary of the birth of our Lord Jesus, therefore, not so much should be the season that we celebrate. The observance of the day as a religious obligation is not necessary to enable us to get from the time all the good it is intended to bring. It is not so much the day as the fact which has since become the central point of all history—that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into the world—that God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. This is the inspiration of all the Christmas songs.

The presentation and reception of gifts makes it a time of gladness to old and young. The manger, and what it contained, the star, the angels' song, the visit of the wise men to the young child, the regal offerings presented by them, and the worship paid, are all brought to remembrance at this season. No other festival has so general an observance. The universal selfishness of mankind is put aside, for a little, and generosity and benevolence takes its place. The history of many families is largely made up of the events transpiring at Christmas. The reunions taking place often supercede estrangements of past years, and mutual congratulations become the order of the day. Long may they continue and prevail.

To all our readers, young and old, we offer the compliments of the season, and as we go to press wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LECTURESHIP.

The following announcement has reached us from England respecting a Lectureship in connection with Regents Park Baptist College:— It has long been considered an object of pressing importance to have a Lectureship attached to the College which should, at certain intervals—it might be every second year—bring under the attention of the Students, and others who might be convened with them, topics connected with Pastoral Work, Church History, and Biblical Science, besides some of the perplexing questions which are likely to arise in the years now approaching.

Such a Lectureship would not only aid the present slender Staff of Tutors in leading their Students to correct views of subjects which are now of necessity too cursorily touched, but it would serve to stimulate habits of research and the power of efficient authorship in those who are engaged in public work, and who might be called, in succession, to serve their generation also in this form.

Similar Lectureships in connection with the English and Scottish Churches, while of great intrinsic value, preserve in honourable remembrance such names as Bampton, Hulse, Baird, and Cunningham. It is submitted to consideration whether this is not the fit time for the foundation of a Lectureship which should have the double function of conferring high Educational benefits and expressing the sense entertained of the services and character of the President of the College at Regent's Park.

At an adjourned Meeting, held on 25th October, 1877, it was unanimously resolved:—That a Lectureship of the nature above described be founded under Dr. Angus' direction, and that an effort be made to raise a sum of about £2,000 for that purpose.

Might not such a Course be established in connection with the Baptists of the Dominion?

When it was decided to extend the Intercolonial Railway from Richmond into the city, there was a recommendation to make the Queen's wharf a landing place for freight, bringing the trains in across the wharves. The recent discussion of railway accommodation has revived this matter, and a meeting of merchants and wharf holders was held at the Merchants' Exchange on Friday evening, Dec. 21st, when W. H. Hart, Esq., was called to the chair, and C. M. Creed appointed Secretary. The following resolution was moved by Robert Pickford, Esq., and seconded by James Butler, Esq., and passed:

Resolved, That a committee of five, with power to add to their number, be appointed to draw up a memorial to be signed by the citizens, for presentation to the Dominion Government, setting forth the necessity for the extension of the Intercolonial Railway into the business part of the city, and the committee also to make arrangements, if possible, with wharf owners for the right of way through their property along the water-side.

ing resolution was moved by E. G. Stayner, Esq., and seconded by E. Morrison, Esq., and carried:

Resolved, That the Government be asked to make an immediate survey of a line of railway along the line of wharves and of Water Street.

The following gentlemen compose the committee—Messrs. R. Pickford, Jas. Butler, E. Morrison, E. G. Stayner, G. E. Franklin.

One of our good Baptist ministers who thinks before hand about what he is going to say to his people on the Sabbath, appends to a communication on other matters, the following brief but comprehensive synopsis of his sermon. Of course he did not mean us to print it, but we do not wish to keep good things all to ourselves; and so here it is:—

"I hope you will enjoy the blessings of the season. Do not respond. By the way I expect to preach next Sabbath on, 'What will keep the Christian from despondency?' 'Why art thou cast down O my soul?' Ps. 42.

- The following considerations will be helpful to him:
1. The experience of those who lived and died for the truth.
2. The victory of Christ over the world.
3. The glory that will be revealed at the last day.

Take courage brother we are not disconsolate orphans after all. Some members of the Evangelical Alliance at Ottawa seem to be repeating the miserable farce they played once before, we believe it was last year. It may be remembered that some of the Presbyterians then endeavored to get the Baptist minister to withdraw some things he had uttered in his own pulpit on the question of baptism, and because he refused would not co-operate with him, but afterwards had to rescind their action. How little they seem to understand the true principles of soul liberty and Christian union.

We are glad to be enabled to state that the "Horrible Story" we copied from one of our exchanges last week is grossly exaggerated and incorrect.

REVIEW.

REVISED ENGLISH BIBLE. The Holy Bible, according to the Authorized Version, compared with the Hebrew and Greek Texts, and carefully revised; arranged in Paragraphs and Sections; with supplementary notes, references to parallel and illustrative passages, chronological tables, and maps. London:—printed for the Editor, by George E. Eyre, and William Spottiswoode, Printers to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1877.

Joseph Gurney, Esq., short-hand writer to the two Houses of Parliament, whose initials appear at the end of the Preface, is the Editor of this very valuable edition of the Bible. Mr. Gurney has been all his life an industrious student of the Scriptures, and a diligent collector of critical notes. Four learned men were associated with him in the preparation of this volume. They are thus described by him in the Preface:—"The first five Books of the Old Testament (Genesis to Deuteronomy), by the Rev. F. W. Gotch, M. A., LL. D., (Trin. Coll., Dub.): the remaining Books of the Old Testament (Joshua to Malachi), by the late Rev. Benjamin Davies, Ph. D., LL. D., Translator of Rodiger's Hebrew Grammar, and author of a Hebrew Lexicon; and the New Testament by the Rev. G. A. Jacob, D. D., late Head Master of Christ's Hospital, and the Rev. Samuel G. Green, D. D., author of a Handbook of the Grammar of the Greek Testament."

The Editor adds:—"In the present edition the text is divided into sections and paragraphs, according to the sense; (the numbering of the chapters and verses being retained for the purpose of reference); and headings are prefixed to the several sections, indicating the contents of the section, and describing briefly the salient points of the narrative or argument. The poetical portions are arranged in parallelisms, in their various forms (simple or regular, compound, antithetical, &c.) in accordance with the rythmical construction of Hebrew poetry. The force and beauty of many passages are in this way more clearly brought out; and help is afforded towards the right understanding of some which are obscure."

The usefulness of such an edition of the Scriptures can scarcely be over-estimated. The reader has here the fruits of the thought and labour of the best critics and divines who have flourished in Christendom since the Reformation. No needless changes

are made; the alterations that are suggested being such only as tend to remove obscurities and throw light on the meaning of the text. The chronological tables and maps, placed at the end of the volume, will furnish great service to students.

We subjoin a few specimens of the revisions.

Here is a portion of one of the Psalms:

PSALM XIX.
The heavens declare the glory of God,
And the firmament showeth his handy-work.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
There is no speech, nor words,
Their voice is not heard:
Their line (or, sound, Rom. x. 18) is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world,
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;
And he is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;
He rejoiceth, as a strong man, to run a race;
His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
And his circuit unto the end thereof;
And there is nothing hidden from his heat.

More to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold,
And sweeter than honey, and the dropping of the honeycombs."

Matt. vi. 13. Note at the word "evil"—"Best authorities omit the rest of verse 13."

Matt. xvii. 14. "Elijah indeed cometh, and he will restore all things. But I say unto you, that Elijah is come already."

Matt. xxvii. 19. "Baptizing them into the name," &c.

John v. 39. "Ye search the Scriptures."

Acts i. 20. "His office let another take."

Rom. x. 20. "But Isaiah is very bold."

1 Cor. i. 19. "Were ye baptized into the name of Paul?"

2 Cor. vii. 1. "We make known to you the grace of God."

Heb. x. 38. "Now the just shall live by faith; but if he draw back, my soul hath no pleasure in him."

James v. 16. "The earnest prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

1 John v. 7. "There are three that bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one."

Rev. xxi. 14. "Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have right to the tree of life."

The "Revised Bible" is sold at the office of the "American Tract and Book Society," 133, Granville Street, Halifax. Price \$2.63. Ministers and students will doubtless hasten to procure copies, and the people will enjoy the benefits of the use of them. Studious readers of the Scriptures should copy their example.

Notices.

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Wolfville, Dec. 22nd, 1877.

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M. K. F. SAUNDERS, Dec. 21st, 1877.

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Wolfville, Dec. 22, 1877.

Rev. A. H. Lavers has accepted an invitation to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Chebogue about three miles from Yarmouth town, and wishes all papers for him sent there.

THE HANTS COUNTY PASTORS MEETING will be held at Hantsport on the first Monday in January, 1878, at 11 A. M. J. A. McLEAN, Secretary.

The New Baptist Meeting House at New Tusket, Digby Co., will be opened, (D.V.) on the second Sabbath of January next, 13th. Morning service 10:30 o'clock. Ministering brethren and others invited to attend. By order of the Building Committee, and in behalf of the Church. JOHN G. NOWLAN, Clerk. New Tusket, Dec. 15th, 1877.

Letters Received.

- Mrs. H. J. Patillo, \$2. Miss F. Hamilton, 1 sub. \$2. J. Nickerson, \$2. Rev. W. E. Hall, \$2. G. E. DeWitt, Esq., \$2. Mrs. M. E. Dondale, \$2. H. E. Payson, \$5. W. O. White, Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., \$11. Rev. J. H. Saunders, \$2. F. S. Lord, \$2. Rev. W. G. Goucher, \$2.

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