

4. Rev. F. A. Kidson, is appointed to a mission of three months at Cape Wolf, Alberton, and adjacent places in P. E. Island. Our Board has been doing its utmost to supply and encourage this important field. If our plans have not always succeeded, the fault lies somewhere else.

Meanwhile we earnestly solicit the assistance of all our churches in carrying on this great enterprise. Some have already kindly aided us as indicated above; but the vast majority of our people have as yet done little in the way of helping forward this work. Why may not our Board receive, during the present month, a thousand letters, each containing a dollar or a ten dollar note? Reader, send one! If you do so we shall have all the funds we need.

W. H. WARREN, Cor. Sec. pro. tem. Yarmouth, Feb. 6, 1877.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

An "Inquirer" asks three questions: (1.) Which denomination has increased the most in church members, in the United States, during the last twenty-five years—the Baptists or the Methodists?

We have not at hand the statistics for 1852, and are therefore unable to give a correct reply; but a correspondent sends us the following, not in reply to the above, yet it may be regarded as having some relation thereto.

Mr. Editor,—During the past six years the close-union Baptists in the United States have increased about 37 per cent., their numbers being, in the year 1870, 1,409,191, and in 1876, 1,932,385—last year's increase being 177,055.

The Methodist Episcopal Church North, numbered in 1870 about 1,290,000, and in 1876, 1,613,560, or about 25 per cent.; 12 per cent less than the Baptists.

Adult or believers' baptism having increased from 61,147 in 1870, to 79,491 in 1876, while the number of infants sprinkled in 1870 was 47,509, and in 1876, 56,181—believers' baptism having increased during the six years 18,344, while infant sprinkling shows an increase of only 8,672, with an actual loss of 2,037 from the previous year—the number being in 1875 58,218, and in 1876 56,181. At this rate in about a quarter of a century infant sprinkling will have passed away from among the Methodists, and believers' baptism will have taken its place. Such is the power of truth over the hearts of a pious people. Other denominations will follow just as fast as a spiritual religion controls their hearts, because so soon as man is converted, or "born again," he begins to ask, "What wilt thou have me to do?"

What encouragement to those who have so long defended the Lord's ordinances as first delivered to the Apostles! Yours affectionately, W. H.

(2.) Does the sap which goes up through a tree return through it? Yes. In Johnston's Agricultural Chemistry, page 85 we find the following:

"If the trunk of a tree be cut off above the roots, and the lower extremity be immediately plunged into a solution of madder or other colouring substances, the coloured liquid will ascend and gradually tinge the wood. This ascent will continue till the colour can also be observed in the nerves of the leaf. If at this stage in the experiment the trunk be cut across at various heights, the wood alone will appear coloured, the bark remaining entirely untinged. But if the process be allowed still to continue when the coloured matter has reached the leaf, and after some further time the stem be cut across, the bark also will appear dyed, and the tinge will be perceptible further and further from the leaf the longer the experiment is carried on, till at length both bark and wood will be coloured to the very bottom of the stem.

This experiment shows that the sap which enters by the roots ascends through the vessels of the wood, diffuses itself over the surface of leaves, and then descends by the bark to the extremities of the root."

(3.) What is the greatest depth below the earth's surface men have worked? and where? A depth of about 4000 feet below the earth's surface has been reached. In Germany, it is said, they have gone to the greatest depth below the level of the sea—about 2000 feet.

Is the observance of the Sabbath now required with the same exactness as to time as it was under the Jewish dispensation? The Lord's day evidently takes the place of the Jewish Sabbath, and a Christian will see and feel the propriety of observing the whole day "to the Lord."

There are, doubtless, peculiarities in reference to what is required of some persons and occupations, on the Lord's Day, but works of piety, necessity and mercy are never forbidden.

Notices.

Dear Editor,—Our Board wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums for Home Missions: J. W. Bars, Esq., Wolfville.....\$25.00 J. S. Morse, Esq., Wolfville..... 4.00 Rev. A. J. Stevens, Newton Centre, \$1.00 U. S. Currency..... 0.93 Total.....\$29.03

The Board have several missionaries employed in different parts of the field. Rev. Mr. Rideout in Cape Breton, Rev. D. Freeman at New Glasgow, and many other brethren are labouring faithfully. Subsidies have been pledged to a large number of weak churches. Means are needed for the work.

G. E. DAY, Yarmouth, Feb. 9th, 1877.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

From Judson and Arthur's Missionary Box, per Mrs. Joseph Kempton, for the use of Schools. \$2.15 Annapolis.—Miss H. M. Snow.... 7.00 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

Feb. 14, 1877.

CORRECTION.—In Treasurer's Report W. M. A. Society for Aylesford, Upper, read Aylesford, Melvern Square.

ACADIA ATHENEUM.

The next lecture of the course before the above society, will be delivered in the Academy Hall, Wolfville, on the evening of Friday, Feb. 16, by Silas Alward, A. M., of St. John N. B.

Subject:—"The last English Historian."

E. P. COLDWELL, Cor. Sec. Wolfville, Feb. 8th, 1877

ERRATA.—In C. M. Jan. 3, page 1, col. 1, for Storkin's, read Stockin; for Eecantio, read Erennao; and Col. 2, for mightiest, read weightiest. As the error last noticed occurs in a quotation from Dr. Doddridge, justice to his memory requires its correction.

It does not seem to me needful to furnish any vindication of my communications "Job's Wife," and "Caution in Criticism," C. M. Nov. 29, and Jan. 3. If any readers entertain doubts as to the correctness of the views expressed in them, they are respectfully requested to re-peruse those articles, examine the texts cited and judge for themselves.

C. TUPPER.

Treasurers of Baptist Funds.

It has been suggested to us that the names and address of the Treasurers of our denominational funds might advantageously have a more frequent place in our columns.

They are as follows:—

- 1. HOME MISSIONARY UNION—Pearl D. Kinney, Yarmouth.
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10. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ASSOCIATION INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND—James Des-Brisay, Charlottetown.

BOOK WANTED.—If any one has a copy of the Baptist Quarterly for April, 1875, which he is willing to part with, I will be glad to obtain it, and will remit the price of it and the postage, on receipt of it. I want it to complete a set for binding.

W. B. BOGGS, Sydney, C. B.

Acknowledgments.

SUNNYSIDE.

On the evening of Jan'y 22nd, the Parrsboro Baptist friends, and some others, gathered at the Parsonage, had a good social time, and presented their pastor, Rev. J. F. Kempton, with a handsome donation in appreciation of his services. Also, on the 29th, the friends at Diligent River met their pastor and his wife at the house of Deacon Jenks. A good tea was furnished and a purse presented.

I think all present on both occasions could but feel that a deep attachment was manifest between pastor and people.

ONE PRESENT.

Parrsboro, Feb. 2nd, 1877. (Christian Visitor please copy.)

Letters Received.

A. McDonald, \$8. M. E. Marshall, \$4. W. A. Chase, 1 sub., \$2. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$14. J. W. Healy, \$2. A. McLellan, \$12. C. W. Sanders, \$19 & \$1. Jas. B. McNutt, \$3. Geo Crosby, \$6.

Jas. C. Johnson, \$2. D. C. Archibald, 2. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$2. J. C. Anderson, \$2. W. Smith, \$2. J. H. N. Higgins, \$2. M. Kinsman, \$4. Z. Phinney, \$8. E. York, \$1. J. Whitman, \$2. John R. Sutherland, \$5.54.

Local News.

Potatoes are being exported hence to New York. The cargo of the steamer "Flamborough," which sailed on Thursday last, was composed almost entirely of potatoes, of which there were 9,500 bushels valued at \$7,750. The shippers were Messrs. Wood & Co., Rumsey, Johnson & Co., and Barnaby, Healy & Co.

Two boys were seriously hurt by an accident in W. C. Moir's flour mills on Friday last. One of them was less seriously injured, but the other had his arm broken by a flour barrel falling against him.

Dr. Burns lectured in Fort Massey Church on Friday. Subject: Islamism.

The Presbyterian College Fund is rolling up by hundreds and has reached about \$25,000.

NEW BUILDINGS AT RICHMOND FOR THE W. & A. RAILWAY.—We are informed that it is the intention to erect a freight depot at Richmond for the accommodation of the W. & A. Railway. The building will be 300 feet long by 60 feet wide, and it is said work will be commenced in a week or two. If correct, this will be welcome news to many of our numerous unemployed workmen, who experience the full extent of the present dull times in our city, especially in building operations.—Herald.

THE WILL OF THE LATE N. L. WEST leaves to his widow the stone house and premises in Brunswick Street occupied by deceased, and also the sum of \$4,000. The residue of real and personal estate to his executors, W. P. West, Jas. Thomson and Jas. W. Turner, to invest; the sum of \$40,000 on mortgages of real estate and pay the interest to his wife for life; and pay to trustees of Universalist Church at Halifax \$12,000, and after his wife's death the sum of \$16,000 in addition; to Protestant Industrial School at Halifax \$800; Protestant Orphans' Home \$800; Catholic Orphans' Home \$800; Blind Asylum \$800; to Mrs. Jacob West the interest of \$800 for life. After some other family legacies all the residue to be divided equally between his brothers and sisters. By a codicil to his will, he leaves a house and lot in Gerrish Street to his coachman, Mr. Abraham Fry.

It appears that the will mentions only the names of the seven brothers and sisters, but not their heirs, executors, &c., and as one has died it cannot be claimed by his descendants. Difficulties may consequently arise therefrom.

A few days ago Mr. John Patriquin was very seriously injured by the explosion of dynamite. He was engaged at rifling out the hole, after the charge had missed, when it exploded and mangled his hands in a frightful manner. A scraper which he used was driven through one of his hands. His face was also much burned and it is said he has lost the use of his eyes.—Truro Sun.

The Provincial Agricultural Exhibition is to be held at Kentville on the grounds of Mrs. Mullyone. Sites were offered from Kentville, Wolfville, and Berwick. Wolfville offered 10 acres of land and \$1000, Berwick 10 acres and \$150, and Kentville 10 acres costing \$1000.

About 100 cords of tan bark was sent from Windsor Depot last week to the Four mile House Tanneries for Mr. Robert Taylor, Halifax.

It was reported in the Truro Sun a week ago, that there were 100 tenantless houses in Truro. The editor of the Sun wishes to state that the paragraph regarding 100 tenantless houses in Truro, published in the Sun of the previous Wednesday, was a mistake. There being very few houses to let in Truro at present.

At Truro on the 31st of January the wife of J. K. Eaton C. E. gave birth to triplets—two sons and a daughter—they died the following day.

An accident of a peculiarly painful nature occurred at the tannery of Messrs. Robbins & Hogg, at Acadia, on Saturday, 3rd inst. While Mr. Geo. Hogg was engaged in drawing off hot tan liquor into the vats, the rubber hose used for the process burst, and he was forced into a vat of boiling liquor, where he remained immersed to his thighs until assisted out by Mr. Thos. Cain. He became at once unconscious, and was rapidly taken to his residence, where he now lies in a very critical condition, suffering excruciating pain. Mr. Hogg, whose many friends will deeply sympathize with him in his misfortune, is a son of N. W. Hogg, Esq., of this place.—Yarmouth Tribune.

A telegram from Yarmouth on Friday states that the ship Ellen Goudey, Perry master, from San Francisco August 28th, for Antwerp, was totally wrecked in the Pacific. The crew were saved. She was insured for twenty-four thousand dollars, equally, in the Marine, Commercial and Atlantic companies, of Yarmouth—one half on the freight and the balance on the hull and materials.

At Sydney a large public meeting was held on Tuesday of last week in favor of a railway from Sydney to the Bras d'Or. Lake at East Bay, and from North Sydney to Little Bras d'Or. Also to ask the Government to subsidize the road. The meeting was addressed by Revs. Dr. McLeod and James Quinan, E. T. Mosely, M. P. P., and M. Dodd, Q. C. It was harmonious, and resolutions passed in favor of the road.

The Northern Light continues her trips between Pictou and Georgetown P. E. I., making them in four and five hours.

WHAT NEXT.

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St. Croix, N. S., Dec. 4th, 1876.

Jan. 24.



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