whilst he, Mr. Currie, has nothing to do but sit in his comfortable library at Moncton, laughing in his sleeve at their approach.

Here, then, is Mr. Currie's defence; more like the tricks of a poor conjuror than the earnest effort of a Christian minister to relieve himself of a grave and serious charge. To any one who regards the Saviour's commands, and believes that in keeping them there is great reward, such trifling must fill with sorrow and disgust.

Mr. C. probably thinks this will satisfy his Methodist friends—who are beginning to find out the true state of the matter—and that this will make them think that he has vindicated his position, and silenced all who may hereafter cavil at his Catechism, or what he may write in reference to the voice of the Lexicons on the meaning of baptizo.

HALIFAX THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH.

A large gathering assembled here on Tuesday evening of last week to congratulate the church on the return of their pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery, from England after the serious illness which he had endured there, and to give expressions of kindly welcome and sympathy to him. Mr. A. N. Archibald occupied the chair. Rev. J. Miller opened the meeting by prayer. After which Mr. J. E. Irish read the following Address of Welcome, which we insert by request:

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 29, 1878.

To the Rev. J. F. Avery,—

DEAR BROTHER AND PASTOR,—We, the members of the Third Baptist Church and Sabbath School, esteem it a great privilege this evening to unite ourselves together as a Church and Sabbath School, and mutually present you with an address of welcome. We look back this evening, sir, over the period of four years, and find that we were at that time but a small band of eighty-six members, just organized into a Church, with you as our Pastor, and we trace our history carefully from that period up to the present time, and now find ourselves numbering over two hundred members, with this substantial structure over our heads, and a large and attentive congregation worshipping within its walls from Sabbath to Sabbath; and we are happy to say this evening, dear Brother, that to a very large extent we attribute this great success to your untiring zeal and devoted energy in leading us on under the Divine guidance, through the various and many difficulties and trials that we have been called to pass through; our hearts have been made sad, sir, during the past summer, when the intelligence was wafted to us from time to time that you were suffering severe bodily pain, far away from us across the broad Atlantic, where we could not extend to you the hand of sympathy or assistance, but oft times our united prayers ascended to the great Physician above, asking Him to restore you to health and return you safely to us again; and we rejoice this evening that your life has been spared and your health restored, and the great Captain has guided you safely back to the bosom of your dear family and this Church and congregation, which lies so near your heart.

In conclusion dear Pastor, we cheerfully welcome you back again to the land of your adoption and the work that you love so much. We welcome you to our homes and our firesides, our social gatherings, our Sabbath School, and this pulpit, where we trust that the great King will permit you yet many years to preach the words of eternal life, and gather from this vineyard many clusters of fruit to ripen in the great nursery above under the glorious sunshine of God's eternal love.

Signed in behalf of the Church,
DAVID MCPHERSON, Senr.,
Deacon.
Signed in behalf of the Sabbath School.
J. E. IRISH.
Superintendent.

Rev. Mr. Avery replied briefly, after which several gentleman were invited to speak, and in response addressed the congregation in reference to the good providence of God that had restored their pastor to them again, after so long an absence, especially charging them not to be too exacting on his time and service until fully recovered. The speakers were Hon. Dr. Parker, Rev. J. Forest, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. J. Clark, Rev. W. E. Hall and Mr. S. Selden. The choir sung several fine anthems and pieces during the evening. At the close the Rev. Robert Philp pronounced the benediction.

The following letter came to our address on Wednesday last:—

October, 29th, 1878.

Dear Editor,—Inclosed you will find two dollars, please send your valuable paper, the *Christian Messenger*, to the address of——

This may induce others to do likewise.

Respectfully yours,
LEO.

As this could not induce others to do likewise unless it were published, we place it before our readers, with the hope that so good an example may be followed by others who desire to do an act of kindness to other families. Leo will accept our best thanks.

An International Exhibition is to be held in the city of Melbourne, Australia, in 1880. They have already adopted plans for the building in which it is to be held. "We have received a copy of the "Illustrated Australian News" of June 10th, which gives a fine large pictorial representation of it, and a bird's eye view of the city, also of a number of its streets and handsome public buildings. It is astonishing to see the progress made at the antipodes. This newspaper also contains interesting accounts of the history, climate &c., of the Colony, in French and English. Also an article or two in German. The paper itself is fine evidence of the progress of the country in art as well as material wealth.

PERSONALS.

Rev. W. E. Hall was in to see us on Tuesday last on his way home from St. Margaret's Bay, where he has been spending a short vacation and laboring amongst the people of his former pastorate. He baptized five on the 20th ult., and is deeply interested on their behalf. They are greatly in need of ministerial labor.

Rev. L. M. Weeks has been spending a few days in Halifax. He informs us that he has just closed his first year with the Bridgewater Church. The Lord has greatly blessed the united efforts of pastor and people. Forty-six have been added to the churches under his pastoral care—eight during the past four weeks. They are hoping that the ingathering may continue. Having worked hard he is now enjoying a rest for a week or two. He purposes remaining at St. Margaret's Bay two or three days on his way home.

Rev. Henry Angel is improving in health at Los Angeles, Lower California. His friends in this province will be pleased to hear of his restoration.

We are glad to learn that Rev. Alfred Chipman is happily settled with the church at Hopewell Hill, N. B. He informs us that he has a large and interesting circuit, giving him plenty of work and a good prospect of usefulness. We should have preferred that he had remained in P. E. Island or Nova Scotia, but shall rejoice in his successful labor in New Brunswick. There is we believe a great dearth of ministerial labor in many parts of our sister province.

Rev. H. Bool is desirous of engaging in evangelistic work, being deeply impressed with the great necessity in many places for such work being done. He would be glad to hear from brethren in localities where it would be desirable to have such labor for a few weeks. His address is River Hebert, Cumberland County.

REV. W. B. BOGGS expects to leave for India in the mail steamer on Tuesday next. We were hoping to have had a Farewell Meeting, at which his many friends in Halifax might take leave of him and Mrs. Boggs. But we regret to find that he had already engaged to spend next Lord's Day in Truro, and feared he would be unable to come to Halifax before Tuesday. They will leave behind them their infant child and Mr. Boggs' son. This will, of course, be a severe tax on their parental feelings, but, all things considered, it will doubtless be the best thing to do. This is one of the many and great sacrifices missionaries of the Cross have to make. May they realize the blessing promised by the Master to such in Matthew xix. 29.

In this Canada of ours we are happy relieved from the trammel of denominationalism in our political parties. A man is not disqualified from filling even the highest offices of state by any denominational sentiments he may entertain. The Premier of the past government, Hon. Alex. McKenzie is a Baptist; and one of the most influential in the present government of the Dominion holds the same views, whilst two or three others are connected with the Methodist Church. So also with our Local Government four or five religious denominations are represented, and no disadvantage is felt by either on that account. This being the case each body feels perfectly safe from having any injustice done them.

THE NEW YEAR will shortly be upon us. We are from time to time receiving additions to our list of subscribers, and not seldom from those who were formerly subscribers, but from having removed their residence, or the force of other circumstances had been under the necessity of discontinuing, but finding that they miss the visits of the *Christian Messenger*, wish for its reappearance and embrace the first opportunity of renewing their subscriptions. The names of such persons we always welcome most cordially. Next to these we are glad to hear from the sons or daughters of our good old subscribers, who, having left the parental roof, and themselves become housekeepers, wish to have our visits continued in their own homes, though, perhaps, now living at a considerable distance away. The names of such new subscribers are specially welcome. Then the young intelligent people who have taken their stand on the side of Christ and his kingdom; the names of these are a joy to us when received either from themselves or their friends. Families, too, having a number of young people in them who hitherto have not enjoyed the benefits of a regular weekly Christian newspaper; to these we particularly wish for an introduction, and to such we always desire to bring our quota of information, instruction and news of passing events, religious and general.

Who will assist us in this our responsible mission? GENTLE READER, may we have your generous and kind co-operation in this work? A word of commendation to any such persons may result in their sending on their names with one dollar for six months, or two dollars for a year. Please try, and you shall have our best thanks.

We have A HIGHLY INTERESTING SERIAL with which to commence the New Year, and in which we doubt not our readers of all ages will be greatly delighted.

New Subscribers for 1879 will receive the *Messenger* from the time they send on their subscription

To JANUARY 1ST, 1880,

the remainder of 1878 being given in.

One prominent idea given us of heaven is that it will be a condition of rest. To those who have to spend all their time here in the battle for mere existence, and to spend the long hours of every day in getting only just the necessaries of life with scarcely an hour of freedom from toil, this is the highest conception they have of enjoyment. The following lines are an amusing caricature of this sentiment, but they have a beautiful originality in them which will secure for them more than a cursory glance:—

THE TIRED OLD WOMAN.

There was an old woman who always was tired,
She lived in a house where no help was hired,
Her last words on earth were, "Dear friends, I am going
Where sweeping ain't done, nor churning, nor sewing,
And everything there will be just to my wishes,
For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes,
And though there the anthems are constantly ringing,
I, having no voice, will get rid of the singing,
Don't mourn for me now and don't moarn for me never,
For I'm going to do nothing forever and ever."

The churches in Boston are changing the times of public worship. Instead of having preaching in the afternoon they are devoting the afternoon to the Sabbath School and the evening to preaching. The *Watchman* of the 10th says:—

"Rev. Dr. Lorimer preached his fifth anniversary sermon in Tremont Temple, last Sabbath morning. His theme was, "The church for the present." After the discourse he administered the ordinance of baptism. On the same day the church entered upon the change of hour for their second service, from afternoon to the evening. This service was attended by an attentive audience that filled every part of the hall, and the discourse was the first of a series upon the martyrs and heroes of the Christian church. The Sabbath School was held at the usual hour, half-past one o'clock, and received numerous accessions from the church and congregation, which were formed into new Bible classes, and placed in the main hall."

What is to be done with the Chinese? is a very practical question in the States, especially on the Pacific slope of this continent. There are two views taken of the subjects, and there are intelligent Christian men to be found on either side—one demanding that they shall be debarred from coming to settle in the country, or be driven away, the other insisting that they shall have equal rights with people of other nations. The *N. Y. Examiner & Chronicle* gives the following:—

TWO SIDES TO A STORY.

Dr. Anderson, President of the Chicago University, a very careful, clear-headed man, who is not liable to be swerved much by prejudice, has been to California and investigated the condition of the Chinese population. He says in effect that they are just as lazy as other people, but do a vast amount of work that no other class will do, that they are as cleanly as others who do the same sort of work, that they keep their houses as tidy as could be expected, that they wash their persons every day, that in regard to lewdness they are no worse than other people, and that he could see no reason why they should not be allowed to come to this country just as freely as others come. Dr. Anderson has taken time, and had opportunity to investigate the subject, and his opinions are worth something to any man who cares to weigh the whole matter, and be just with this hunted race.

On the other hand, Rev. Mr. Kalloch, formerly of Tremont Temple, writes to a New York paper that he has been engaged by Redpath's Bureau—*bureau* again!—to give a course of lectures in the East, showing why the Chinese must go out of the country. In the old times, when Baptists were as unpopular in New England as the Chinese are in California, the sheriff went to warn Rev. Hezekiah Smith out of the town of Haverhill, but confused and ashamed of his business, he could not read his warrant, and in his confusion put it in this form: "Mr Smith,—I—I—warn you—off God's earth." The Chinese will no more be driven from the Pacific coast than the Baptists will be driven from God's earth. Mr. Kalloch will hardly be able to convince the people of this State that the doctrines of Dennis Kearney are suitable for an intelligent, free nation to act upon. The fact that such a blasphemer as Kearney has taken up the cudgel against the "celestials" will make honest people feel more kindly toward those whom he would drive out of the land. Mr. Kalloch will bring his wares to the wrong market.

The Ministers of both Dominion and Local Governments were returned by acclamation on Monday last, there being no Opposition candidates.

Notices.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR RE BUILDING OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

Mrs. John O. Pineo, Wolfville	$10 00
Rev. S. B. Kempton, Cornwallis	50 00
Howard Barss, Liverpool, G. B.	25 00
Professor Higgins, Wolfville	25 00
	$110 00

A. D. W. BARSS, *Treasurer.*
Wolfville, Nov. 30th 1878.

Rev. Alfred Chipman has removed to Hopewell Hill, N. B., and wishes his correspondents to address him there.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Mrs. C. E. Card, per Rev. I. J. Skinner, Sherwood, Windsor Road, ... $ 1 00
Liverpool—Miss M. E. Kempton, 19 00
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Halifax, Nov. 6th, 1878.

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May 29. 2 mths.

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April 17.

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J. F. TUFTS, Principal.
Oct. 9. 2 ins.

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