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support a large population in comfort the sun-light of Christ shining deep and luxury, but the capacity of the people themselves to turn them to marketable account.

skilfulness of those who have to labour in any way with their hands is precisely that of a technological school which does not interfere with either the college or the workshop, but seeks to qualify youth for acquiring dexterity and skill in the various mechanical, agricultural, and other avocations in which they may engage. To judge from the programme for the ensuing year much care and judgment have been displayed in the arrangement of the subjects to be taught and of the methods of teaching them, so that the continued usefulness and success of the Technological Institute may reasonably be anticipated.

For the Christian Messenger. Thoughts on a recent Journey.

We are taught salutary lessons from the ever varying scenes of nature,-if we reflect sufficiently on the unvarying facilities in their work they have never history she writes upon the face of creation. When she by some incomprehensible, invisible power energises the dead material that has been been of great advantage to those who sealed beneath the chilling winds of participated in them. We have heard the north,—that lies apparently help- frequent expressions of thankfulness less and lifeless, stripped of their beauty from the men who were in College at and glory, wearing the apparel of that time, but who are now bearing the mourning and death.—how wonderful heat and burden of the day as pastors and marvelous the power that infuses of churches. It has been necessary new life, a resurrection from the dead. of late years, however that the Arts A beautiful emblem, truly, of the glori- Course should have as much strength ous resurrection of the body. When as possible concentrated upon it so as nature withdraws that mysterious energy, how soon the lovely and delicate other collegiate institutions of the proflower bends its gentle head, fades vince. This has been done, well done, away never to be restored. No trace and we believe in some respects it exof its short life can be found; it has ceeded them all, but it is demanded of vanished and blended its beautiful form in the common dust of the earth. But, also be made for giving the Theological in tones of silent language it teaches,— Such is the life of man. All the boast- that which is being done by other ed glory of man is like the fleeting bodies. shadow, it soon vanishes forever and is seen no more. All the coveted distinctions of vain man are soon to disappear of things in Acadia College will doubtforever, and his glory, like the fading less soon make a great change in the flower, blend in the dust of death. aspect of the Institution, and the pros-How strange and delusive are the pects for the students, and will render pursuits of men! They choose the it more than ever a school of the proshadow and let the substance go. The large mass of men, even in Christendom, seek eagerly the fading blessings of this life, and the riches of the endless life of glory they take no pains to ly mastered by every ministerial stusecure. How different the feelings and views of men will be in the great day for his life work in the ministry of the of reckoning; but, alas! too late to rectify the fearful mistake. I went in company with a few old friends who were bending their way for the scene of attraction—the Association;—the deep blue waters of the Bay of Fundy burst in view, reflecting a thousand beauties from every rolling wave that dashed along the shore and sent its it appears that on July 3rd, 2,222, tones of solemn grandeur into the surrounding neighbourhood. Beneath its mighty waters many human bodies lie entombed, over whom the proud waves | ministering the rite. That being of the old Fundy have been foaming; the case it will shew the perfect ease and pouring out their solemn music, I suppose, since the days of Adam! twelve apostles might baptize 5000. What a solemn history will these great waters disclose in the final close of this marvellous work is the fact that "but earth's history. How deep and per- very few of these ever received any fammanent are the impressions made upon | ine funds; perhaps not one hundred of the the thoughtful mind that meditates whole number ever received "a pice" upon the majesty and sublimity of (a quarter of a cent) even, from me, di-God's works. We read the glowing rectly, or indirectly, and never expect articles of tourists, who describe the to receive any money or financial aid external and internal beauty and in any way." grandeur of the great buildings of In asking for help to be sent to him any of the Pedobaptist churches. This ancient and modern times. No doubt Mr. Clough says :these buildings show the skill and energy of men, but when compared with the lofty, sublime works of the Almighty, how insignificant they appear in the contrast. What are the pyramids of Egypt, compared with the lofty grandeur of the Chimborazo, peering away far above the clouds of heaven, him up yet; he is the kind of a man I rising to the amazing elevation of over 21,000 feet above the level of the sea, -drinking the pure sun-light of heaven where no clouds have ever shadowed his lofty peak or dew fallen upon his hoary head. He stands as a lofty monument of the world's history. love to see in our northern climes the clouds of heaven ranged like white mountains on the bosom of the yielding air, reflecting every imaginable form of beauty and grandeur, as they move forward in their lefty journey, over hill and date, laden with the rich treasures from the sea, to deposit on the thirsty land. They are welcome messengers, nor only to shield us from a burning sun, but to refresh and cool the very air we breathe, imparting life and beauty to the lovely flower, and strength and vigour to the majestic

to rise in wealth and importance, and oak. More glorious and delightful is into the spirit and revealing the warm glow of his heavenly love, giving life and energy to the drooping spirit, The important task of increasing the | leading our thoughts to a more glorious clime than ever breathes its soft melodies on the fair landscape of earth.

> J. ROWE. Hebron, July 15th, 1878.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., September 18, 1878.

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPART-MENT IN ACADIA COLLEGE.

The ministerial students in Acadia College we doubt not will soon perceive the great advantages to be derived by them from the Theological Department now projected. With Rev. Drs. Crawley and Welton, they have first class advantages at hand, of which they will doubtless avail themselves. Their preparation for preaching may in many cases be carried on simultanously with their other studies, and soon give them before enjoyed. Some years ago Dr. Cramp conducted exercises in Biblical Literature and Preaching which have to keep pace with the times and the the Baptist body that provision should Course at home no less efficiency than

The arrangements now made if properly adapted to the present condition phets and a blessing to the churches and the world.

The whole science of Homiletics and Oratory should, if possible, be thoroughdent before he leaves Acadia's Halls gospel of Christ.

THE GREAT REVIVAL IN IN-DIA.

In the account of the large number of converts recently baptized by Bro. J. E. Clough and his native assistants, were baptized. Mr. Clough has six ordained preachers and these, we presume, were assisting him in adwith which on the Day of Pentecost the

Perhaps the most satisfactory part of

Many men sent out as missionaries God appointed missionaries. In sending an assistant to me, please do be careful and get the right man. Please tell brother-that I have not wholly given want for Ongole, and I want him if he will come. Ongole, at the present moment, needs to be reinforced, by the very best man available in the United States of America. Boys and novices are not required."

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVEN. TION.

The Eighth Annual Convention of Sunday School Workers in the Maritime Provinces will-be held in Truro, N. S., on Wednesday, October 9th, and following days.

The committee recommend the following programme:

FIRST SESSION .- Organization Meeting: Nominating Committee; Election of Officers and Committees; retiring President's address; Singing, prayer; Reports from Schools.

SECOND SESSION. - Welcome Meeting. -Address of welcome; address of President elect; address, "Bible Methods of Teaching"; address, "The Church and the Sunday School." HIRD SESSION.—The Teacher: His

qualifications, aims and reward; The Teacher; No Substitute for study; The Teacher; Teachers' meetings, Normal classes, &c.

FOURTH SESSION.—The Superintendent; His qualifications and duties, and how he should be chosen; S. S. Library.

FIFTH SESSION .- Our difficulties and discouragements; What? How remedied; The International Lessons. SIXTH SESSION.—Reviews and how to con-

duct them (illustrated by a review of of last quarter's lessons, by a member of Convention); Bible reading. SEVENTH SESSION.—Who should be schol-

ars? Primary classes, practically illustrated.

EIGHT SESSION.—Farewell Meeting.—Encouragement in our work; Farewell

The above programme to be subject to modification by Convention.

After opening of each subject briefly, an opportunity will be given for short addresses by delegates. The discussions of subjects will be opened by gentlemen appointed for the purpose, and sustained by members of the Convention. In addition to Pastors and Superintendents (who are ex-officio members,) the Convention consists of one delegate from each Sunday School throughout the Maritime Provinces.

Arrangements will be made for reduction of fares on main routes of travel to delegates attending the Convention.—Correspondence to be addressed to Mr. S. Waddell, Halifax.

Our Methodist brethren are discussing the question, What is the missing link between the Font and the Lord's Table? Dr. Osborn in his address before the recent Conference at Bradford, in Yorkshire said, "We want a link between the Font and the Lord's Table -we want to lay hold of our baptized children. We baptize hundreds and thousands of children about whom we hear very little in after life." "I entreat my brethren to lay it to heart and let us see if we cannot stop the leak, the awful leakage that goes on year after year, and year after year through the whole Methodist connexion. How are we to keep the children?"

The class meeting does not appear sufficient and Dr. O. advocates a new ordinance-that of Confirmation-laying on of hands. He nevertheless strenuously insists on family religion as essential to securing the object sought. He very significantly remarks:

At the font itself there is much which may awaken the fullest and most serious apprehension, when we find so many re gard baptism as the mere ceremony of giving a name to children, and so many more who say it does no good, but it is for some reason or other we don't feel it right to neglect it, but we don't see that much comes of it. An old Dissente published a book, which he called, "An Inquirer into what Good Baptism does to Infants Before Baptism and Afterwards." (Laughter.) He brings out his views very clearly, and I am greatly tempted to ask if that book might not be put into more general circulation."

Yes "at the font itself" there is the source of the trouble. It is doubtless true what the great Dr. says "We don't see that much comes of it."

There is unquestionably a deficiency in Infant Baptism and always will be. What position the baptized child occupies-whether in the church or out of it—has not yet been fully decided by millstones about the necks of the real personal profession of faith, and spon- the Canadian Board. sors are consequently provided to una mere form. From this obligation avoid the necessity for any such corthey are not released until the young respondence. Whilst it is required rect time, and the most difficult passperson has received Confirmation. Is

The whole difficulty it will be seen, than suffering any diminution. at least by Baptists, arises from the unscriptural application of baptism to unbelieving children, and as " we don't tions were sent to us some time since see that much comes of it" would it with a request for publication. They not be better to enquire what the New have been laid aside for an opportunity Testament teaches, and we shall find to give them a satisfactory reply. On

baptized. The building up of churche with unconverted children is very much like the use of wood, hay, and stubble, for building a temple, spoken of by the Apostle in 1 Cor. iii, 12, and it must "leak" or be "burned up."

POLITICAL.—We have a list of the Candidates nominated for the several Counties of the Province on Tuesday of last week, which we purposed to publish, but, as the polling took place all through the Province yesterday, by the time the MESSENGER reaches our readers the elections will have taken place and the said list would be of but little service. Both parties have been vigorously at work during the past few days. It is to be hoped that men will now settle down to busines so that we may soon have a revival of trade and commerce.

Next week we shall doubtless be able to announce pretty fully the names of the men elected to represent us in the House of Commons and the Local Legislature respectively.

Judge Marshall is out again in pamphlet, of 85 pages, having the title, "Scriptural Refutation of the Errors of Rev. Canon Farrar in his recent writings on the Future Punishment of the Wicked."

It is a clear scriptural argumentative exposition of the errors and defects of Canon Farrar on this most important subject, in his book "Eternal Hope," and his " Reply to many critics." The pamphlet is well worth perusal.

It is not surprising that it is difficult to make the Baptist Quarterly pay. We find it stated that the Congregational Quarterly will be discontinued after the next number or sold to some other magazine. There will remain the Bibliotheco Sacra, and the New Englander, which are in the hands of the Congregationalists. The latter has never done more than pay expenses, with no salary to the Editor, and little or nothing to contributors.

The Christian Visitor of Aug. 24th, in its report of the Baptist Convention at Fredericton, gave the following as the first item:

"Dr. Rand gave notice of a motion to amend the first article of the Constitution, making it read: 'Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces embracing New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island."

The Convention has from its commencement in 1846-32 years agobeen "The Baptist Convention o Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island," and unless there were some ambiguity in the title or there had been some change of territory, it would seem unnecessary and undesirable to make any change not right to neglect the ordinance; and in its name. It seemed strange too that in the amendment suggested New Brunswick should precede Nova Scotia. This may have been an inadvertency. We have waited two or three weeks with the hope of seeing some correction. but none has appeared.

> We have seen a similar inadvertency giving the Convention this designation before, and have supposed it possible therefore that it was intended that such change should really be made.

> Further consideration of the report or amendments was deferred till next year, so the name has not yet been changed, but it remains, the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

REV. J. McLAURIN writes in the doubtfulness is attempted to be met in | Canadian Baptist, a strong denuncia- bellows. It is called the Needham Musithe Church of England by sponsorship | tion of a proposal which he understands are no missionaries at all, never were and the rite of Confirmation. There to mean retrenchment in the expendi- less than a parlor organ on which any and never will be. This class are like is a sort of recognition of the need of a ture for Foreign Mission work under one can play the most difficult music,

> most cases trifled with and regarded as of our funds will so manage them as to correctly executed. that there be funds in hand on which to ages are rendered as fluently as the not this the other link required by our draw for the necessities of the mission- more easy strains. The retardations Methodist friends between the font and aries, it is also proper that all due and accelerations in time intended by the Lord's Table-Confirmation would economy should be observed by the the composer, and which are so beautinot be long enough link to reach from missionaries in their expenditures and fully observed by superior performers, the Font to the Lord's Table without that the churches should see that the sponsors or the requiring of godfathers streams of supply are being continually and godmethers when the Infant is bap- fed, so that the income of the Board may be all the time increasing rather

> > ENQUIRIES .- The following ques-

dependent source. We publish them with the hope that some ministering brother may be led to throw some light upon the matter

"Will you or some other person answer the two following important ques-

1. Is a Baptist Church justifiable in retaining members who deny the eternal punishment of the wicked?

2. Who maintain that when a person dies, either the righteous or wicked that the soul and body lie in an unconscious state until the final resurrection?

From a Baptist minister who is trouble with such persons in the church to which he preaches.

Some questions submitted for reply are so self-evident that the object would seem rather to obtain an addition to the number of those in favour of one side than the elucidation of the truth, seeing that there is no room for any different opinion. Such appears to be a question sent us some time ago:

"Is it in keeping with Baptist princi-ples for an intelligent Baptist Church to retain the services of a man who is neither a professor nor a believer as a leader of their Choir. when there are those in the church who are well qualified for that position?"

Of course, other things being equal, a member of the church would be preferred to conduct the church's music, but where a person of good moral character is capable, and willing to assist, either as leader or member of the Choir, in the absence of a capable member of the church, such person should be encouraged to assist to the best of his or her ability:

APPRECIATIVE .- One of our young men now pursuing his studies at Newton, writes: "I want the Messenger, I have not seen it for two weeks, and would rather be denied my dinner once a week, than be deprived of the reading of the Messenger." This is a compliment we are trying very week to de-

Our late exchanges from London tell us that Mr. Spurgeon was suffering again from an attack of rheumatism and was prevented from filling his appointments at the tabernacle.

The Sabbath School Association of Canada will hold its fifteenth Convention at Peterborough, Ont., on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, and following days.

HOLIDAY-KEEPING.—The issue of the Canadian Baptist was omitted on the 22nd ult. The Christian Visitor also took a recess last week. Good for them. We may expect an early appearance of the Year Book.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE, AUTUMN, 1878.—If he is a benefactor who is instrumental in making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, what must James Vick be who seeks to fill every garden and house with things of beauty all through the year. He sends out his "Guide," in time for amateurs to select and send on for their bulbs or seeds. If you want his priced Catalogue and Floral Guide send on a U. S. postage stamp addressed to Jas. Vick, Rochester, N. Y., and he will send you one. Il w broad out that squa

A NEW MUSICAL INSTRU-

The Scientific American tells of a new invention in the way of a musical instrument which mechanically applies the notation of any piece of music, and is played by a person simply blowing the cal Cabinet, and is described as "nothing no matter whether he has a knowledge We should be very sorry to see such of music or not. All that is necessary dertake an over sight in the early train- a letter from either of our brethren is to put the music one desires to play ing of the child, until arrived at years now in the foreign field, and we trust inside the organ, and blow the bellows of discretion, which sponsorship is in therefore that the Board having charge with the feet, when the music will be

The instrument always plays in corare perfectly rendered on this instrument, entirely independent of the person working the pedals, who has only to keep in rotation a small fly wheel. From the above it will be seen that to play this organ the use of the bands is dispensed with, and that the player may not have a musical ear; he may even be absolutely deaf and still execute the music perfectly.

In the Needbam Musical Cabinet. that leaves no missing link, but de- further reflection it appears desirable having the special sheets of music, any mands that only believers are to be that answers be sought from some in- piece may be performed. And the