

ing; and then how small is the remainder!

God will honor the laws which He has made, and will manifest His displeasure toward the violation of these laws. Truth ill administered may do good; truth well administered will do more. A preacher may be useful in spite of his opposition to nature and providence, but not by means of that opposition.

It is the genius of Romanism to raise the orchestra, and the parade of the altar above the pulpit. Only a small proportion of its priests have cultivated the art of speaking. It is, or must we say, it should be the glory of the pulpit to restore the appropriate allurements to Christian worship; to fascinate men by thoughts well attired, well exhibited. The mind was made for thought, and will be pleased with it longer than with any external ornament. And thought expressed, is thought still.

The graces of elocution are those which belong to the truth itself. The expressiveness of attitudes and gestures and tones is nature. It is the result of the inspiration of thought.

Let it not be said that this mode of speaking is the result of divine grace. Nor let it be said that an effective elocution must be a natural adornment, God bestows upon men the faculties which are to be improved by laborious training. All men cannot be orators, but the majority of men may be. The majority of men are eloquent when they speak for their selfish interests. It is a corrupt habit which has made our speakers so sluggish, and now cultivation is required to restore the nature that has been expelled by evil practice.

For the Christian Messenger. Getting more Light.

Rev. L. G. Heilmer, a most successful and able minister in connection with the Methodists, was recently baptized and ordained to the Gospel ministry at Pittsburgh, U. S. Mr. Heilmer was educated for the Catholic Priesthood at the University of Munich, Bavaria, and subsequently became a Methodist minister, but has been searching for more light, and like all honest, earnest searchers after truth has found it. Long may he live to proclaim the Baptist faith, he was at one time a member of the Franciscan Monks.

Rev. John R. Pendell lately came to the Baptist Church in Port Byron, N. Y., from the Methodist denomination, with whom he held connection for seventeen years. On the 25th Sept. he was duly ordained as pastor of the Baptist Church of the above place.

So you see falsified Lexicons don't change the current setting truthward. W. H.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., October 22, 1879.

Our correspondent "Reader", although not in any way connected with Acadia College, yet seems to be in full harmony with the action recently taken by the Governors, with respect to the matter of Elocution. Increased attention it seems is being given to this subject by our English brethren in their Colleges, as well as on this side the Atlantic. An article on "Our Colleges" in a late issue of the London Baptist says: "We are often assured that platitudes and humdrum will not pass muster; now in the pulpit we wish this humdrum could get on its behalf an efficient and natural speaker. The platitude is often not in the thought, nor in the language, but in the expression, which is a sing-song monotone, or a windy shout. It is a sad confession that must be made, that the best thinkers are often the worst preachers, and even the best talkers the laziest public speakers. No thinker in the Christian pulpit can afford to neglect or despise the power of effective speaking. It may be a gift, but it is equally an art. It, like other gifts, asks a suitable service. The first is to remove all unnatural and conventional impediments, and then to employ the voice in speaking the truth truthfully, that is, without any falseness of tone or gesture. The pulpit often has acquired a disastrous influence over the preacher, and all naturalness is gone. The gesture and the voice seem rather in the way, and a slovenly attempt is made to compel them to act a part rather than serve their own purpose." "Those who have had opportunities of hearing the ordinary ministers of both Methodism and Congregationalism must have been struck with the evident neglect in far too many cases of the most simple rules of elocution."

THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH is making vigorous efforts for an extension of its jurisdiction. A new paper is just started in England, in the interest of that movement, entitled "Our Church Record." No. 1 is before us. In an article on "Why we exist," it says:

"Our Church is the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, otherwise called the Reformed Church of England. The latter alternative title more clearly and more simply expresses our character and our mission.

A great change has of late come over and entered into the Established Church. "Anglicanism" takes the place of Protestantism; and "Catholic Union" (which is the ecclesiastical language for uniformity with Rome) is substituted for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

While we are not the Established Church, yet we are the reformed Church of England, as that Church has been set forth by the great Protestant Reformers, and such a Church as Cranmer, Latimer, Ridley, Hooper, Waldegrave, Romaine, Toplady, Cecil, Hawker, McNeile and a host of other worthies would have had if they could.

Our Bishops formerly held benefices in the Church of England; our Clergy have ever been and are Churchmen by conviction; our people have been brought up and nurtured under some good, sound Evangelical men of God in the Church of England. One and all we are, we desire to be, and we mean to be Reformed, Protestant, and Evangelical Churchmen. Of everything that is scriptural in the Establishment we are most conservative, and we have a united determination by God's mercy to walk in "the old paths" of the doctrines, of grace, and the sober practices of a devoted, thorough and hearty churchmanship.

Our creed and our polity might be summed thus:—CHRIST first, and Church second; and as a Church, we are free from all foreign jurisdiction.

Our mission is to Churchmen and Churchwomen, and all grades, classes and ages of Church-people who love what is good and sober and orderly in the Church; but who do not love, but hate with a righteous hatred, the "new fangled ways" of Anglican "priests" and prelates, and who, whatever other opinion they may have respecting some of the doings of Henry VIII, believe that he bestowed a great blessing on England in getting rid of the "rooks by pulling down the rookeries" of convents and monasteries.

We exist for the relief and benefit of Evangelical and truly Protestant Churchmen wherever they may be found; and we desire, as Churchmen, to bring to them the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have already divided the whole of England and Wales into dioceses; our work has already taken root in Canada; we have been asked to extend it to Australia; and anxious inquiries have reached us from India. As a Protestant mission for the relief of Church-people we are ready to go anywhere and everywhere as the Lord Jehovah leads the way."

The last number of the Rock contains the following items:

The communicant roll of the Reformed Episcopal Church shows an increase of over three thousand members during the last twelve months. There are now eight bishops and upwards of one hundred clergy, besides many candidates for the ministry.

Remittances for the Christian Messenger are always in demand. Please forward early.

Our thanks are due to parties interested, for copies of St. Louis papers with lengthy accounts of the existing trouble between the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis, and the Baptist Association there in reference to the charge preferred against the said church, on account of their fraternity with the Jews of that city. It has become quite a serious affair, as the Association has withdrawn fellowship from the church for heresy.

At the North Philadelphia Baptist Association, held a week or two since, one of the Letters from the Churches asked the question:—What should be done with members who patronize "Pinafore," the circus, etc., and have nothing to pay to the church?

The committee answered: "Teach such members that obligations to the church come first, and if there be failure in this, let them go to the world, where they belong?"

This Association reports benevolent contributions upwards of fifteen thousand dollars. Its membership being 5,615, about three dollars per member. This is considerably above the average. Here is one of their resolutions.

Resolved, That we most earnestly invite our brethren who may use tobacco to prayerfully and carefully consider whether they cannot better advance the cause of Christ by a total abstinence.

The report concludes by saying:

"The Association had a delightful meeting. The weather was mild and pleasant, the pastor, church, and community so cordial and hearty in their reception, and the entertainment so bountiful and elegant, that the farewell was reluctant, and the parting a source of exceeding regret."

An examination of the Sacred writings of the various systems of religion in the world, will of course, only shew the divine character of the Christian Scriptures. Ordinary readers cannot, of course, make any such examination, and it is of great interest to be able to read the result of such examination made by competent persons. Professor Pepper has given us such a paper in the latest number of the Baptist Review under the title, "God and the Bibles." It is an excellent article.

The comparison instituted brings out the exalted character of the Christian Bible, as revealing God as the One whom we may reverence and love, and such as meets the wants of man's heart, whilst in these respects, all the others utterly fail to satisfy the cravings for life, righteousness and peace.

The historic credibility of the Bible is such that it courts the most severe scrutiny and becomes more satisfactory the more closely the enquirer proceeds with his enquiry. The connection between its facts and its teachings is so clear that when the former are known, the latter become inevitable. This was the great point in the apostle Paul's teaching that when he declared the resurrection of Christ he left the whole fabric of Christianity to rest upon it. So in reference to many of the other great facts of revelation. They shew that the Bible to be a revelation from God must have all that we find in our great Text Book.

VOLUNTARY ITINERANCY.—One of the Baptist ministers in Ontario writes the Canadian Baptist, that he has preached his farewell sermon to the church of which he has been a pastor, and adds:

"I quit the place on terms of friendship with all the neighborhood, nor have I any complaint against the church, for my salary has always been promptly paid and the people have been kind to me. The reason for the separation is simply this: we thought a change would be for our mutual good. Should any minister see his way to settle on the field my experience leads me to predict for him the kindest treatment."

This is a very convenient, comfortable mode of removing from one church and looking for another.

The utter rottenness of professional boat racing—at least on the part of those forward in promoting the late big race—so much talked of between Hanlan and Courtney—was publicly exposed last week. Courtney confesses to have had proposals made to him to sell the race and divide the stakes or he take \$3000 and let Hanlan win. On Wednesday night the despatch stated that some miscreant forced open the boat house where Courtney's boats were kept and with a saw cut the one made for the race two-thirds through, 12 feet 10 inches from the bow, and the working boat entirely through, six feet four inches from the stern.

This was evidently done to prevent the race coming off. The betting and gambling seems to be wholly in the hands of sharpers and black-legs. This is what has occupied column after column of the newspapers for weeks. It is a great pity that the men had not some more useful occupation.

THE FREEWILL BAPTISTS of the United States have 1449 churches, of which number 428 have less than 25 members each, or an average of 16 per church, 467 of the remaining number have an average of 36 per church, leaving 554 churches with an average membership of 94 members each. The entire membership is 75,686, or 140 less than last year.

The ministry comprises 1282 men ordained to the work, but of these 600 are without pastorates either from age or infirmity unable, or having farms, or are in business which prevents them laboring in the work of the ministry.

One of their own men W. Fuller of Stephentown Centre, N. Y., writes:

"We make no pretensions to the ministerial, scholarly efficiency of our English Baptist brethren, for by the largest stretch of the imagination ours cannot be called an educated ministry, though in this respect there is growth, and time we hope will bring us better things. Our two theological schools, at their present rate of nine or ten graduates per annum, do not make good the loss by death alone to our present ministry."

The denomination in these provinces although fraternizing, as we believe, in all other respects, yet ignore the term "Free will" and one section call themselves "Free Baptists" whilst the other section are the "Free Christian Baptists."

We have received from Rev. H. Foshay a reply to the article, "A word of Criticism," but too late for our present issue. It will appear in our next.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The Halifax Postmaster requests us to inform our correspondents that any writing besides what is intended to be printed put into an envelope, whether closed or not, subjects the same to full letter postage. One of our correspondents wrote, under a notice on half a sheet of note paper for the Messenger— "Please publish above this week."

This we were informed by the Postmaster, who had examined it, was an infringement of the rule respecting Newspaper Manuscript, which is charged 1 cent for every four ounces.

Such brief notices may be written on Postal Cards and the sender may then write what else he chooses upon them, without any infringement of regulations.

Do not forget that NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1880, paying in advance, receive the Messenger UP TO THE 1ST OF JANUARY FOR NOTHING!!

About twenty years ago we took some pains to introduce the Mason & Hamlin Cabinet Organs to this city and country, and succeeded in many places in awakening a desire for improved music in the family and social circle.

Afterwards other persons took up the business and other manufacturers sent their instruments to the province until they were introduced to a good many of the towns and villages of this province. Six or seven years ago GATES BROTHERS commenced at Wilmot, Nova Scotia, the manufacture of organs of a somewhat similar description. They were the first and are still the only manufacturers in this province. In 1876 they received a Medal at the Exhibition in Philadelphia. They have since disposed of a large number of instruments which, we believe, are giving good satisfaction, especially through the Western Counties of the province.

Gates Brothers have recently opened a Depot for their instruments at 191 HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, where Mr. X. Z. Chipman, their obliging and gentlemanly agent may always be found ready to shew them, and whose representations may be fully relied on.

Gates Brothers have had their instruments at a number of the best Exhibitions in the province. At the late one in Halifax they had several instruments of their manufacture, and sustained a successful competition in price and quality with manufacturers in other provinces and the United States.

Professor C. E. Gates we learn was the first graduate from Nova Scotia at an American Musical Institution. He also spent some time at the Royal Academy of Music in London. We know no reason why organs and pianoforts should not be made in Nova Scotia just as good as in the United States, and if so, why of course the preference should be given to them, so as to give employment to our own people and to keep the money in the country instead of sending it to build up our neighbours' manufactures.

LITERARY ITEM, Messrs. Lee and Shepard will immediately publish Jules Verne's new book "The Tribulations of a Chinaman in China" which has just appeared in Paris. The book is intensely interesting and amusing, and many of the popular features of the day such as the Phonograph, Captain Boyton in his Rubber Suit, Life Insurance Companies, Banking Speculations, Advertising Schemes and various other eccentricities of the times are woven into the narrative.

ST. NICHOLAS has been so popular in England for several years, and so well appreciated on the continent, wherever it has found its way, that the publishers have recently accepted the proposition of a Paris publisher for an edition in French, to be issued in Paris. It will be like the American St. NICHOLAS in cover, pictures and most of the reading matter, though possibly some of the rhymes and jingles will not bear translating. In this connection, it may be interesting to note that "Baby Day," the book for little folks

made up from St. NICHOLAS, is about being issued in Arabic, for the delight of little faraway Moslems.

THE NOVEMBER NUMBER of SCRIBNER contains the largest number of pages ever printed in the magazine, viz., 163 pages, and its literary and pictorial qualities are thought to justify a first edition of 100,000 copies.

ROOM FOR ONE MORE, by Mary Thacher Higginston, author of "Seashore and Prairie" pp. 255, price \$1.25. Lee and Shepard, Boston.

Another book for the children a fine domestic story full of pleasant surprises, and good children who welcomed their orphan cousin to live with them.

STUDIES ON THE BAPTISMAL QUESTION; including a Review of Dr. Dale's "inquiry into the usage of baptizo," by Rev. David B. Ford, pp. 416, Boston, H. A. Young & Co., 13 Broomfield Street.

This is one of the most elaborate works that has of late appeared on this subject. The errors taught by Pedobaptists are so numerous and glaring, that much care is required in removing the false interpretations given to the plain teachings of scripture or as much harm as good is done. This is sometimes done in a style that shews but little more than how indignant the writer is, and so the cause of truth is but imperfectly served. But Dr. Ford has here written in a style that will commend what he has said to the most cultivated taste and advanced intellect. We should have liked the book quite as well if the author had referred less seriously to the vagaries of Dr. Dale, and given him less consideration. It may be that some of the more intelligent readers of Dr. Dale will read this book, and be led to see how beautiful is truth when seen in all its fair proportions in contrast with error. The effort made by the great Pedobaptist champion to cast ridicule on scripture teachings are here pretty well dissected, and scattered to the winds. Although the volume is controversial it is quite a library and a commentary on the subject, and gives a fine clear view of the Scripture teaching on the whole matter of Christian Baptism.

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VOTES.

- 1. Rev. W. H. Richan was requested to remain at Tusket for another month.
2. Twenty-five dollars additional subsidy was granted to the field at River John, &c.
3. Brothers Anderson and Parry were appointed a committee to ascertain the ability and wants of the Argyle Field.

Remark. Before the next monthly meeting the first quarter will be ended and about, \$300,00 needed to pay the salaries then due. Please send forward your donations so that your missionaries will not be obliged to wait for their pay.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.

Notices.

NEWPORT.

The Ladies of the Baptist Church and congregation at Newport intend holding a Tea-meeting and Fancy Sale on Thursday Oct. 23rd in their new shed on the meeting-house grounds. Doors open at one o'clock. Admission 10 cents. Tea twenty-five cents, served from four till seven. Proceeds to go towards liquidating the debt on the meeting house. Should the day prove stormy it will be held the first fine day after.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Pine Grove—Mrs. J. Parker Dodge, \$7 00

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

Halifax, Oct. 21st, 1879.

ERRATUM.—In the article "A Word of Criticism" last week, in line 30 from bottom, for "name" read, hand. In line 17 from bottom for, "especially" read, exactly.

Letters Received.

W. A. Morse, \$6. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$4. Rev. J. M. Parker, \$1. T. J. G. Bennett, \$22. J. Vaughan, \$5.

The Baptist churches in Japan, English and American, have formed an Association. The native brethren furnish the preaching for the occasion, and at the communion 60 native members were admitted.

During the last four years nearly three hundred persons have been baptized in the Baptist church at Connesville, Pa., and a new church erected without debt.