

For the Christian Messenger. Another at Rest.

It is our painful duty to record the death of another of Acadia's honored graduates, that of

W. A. D. MACKINLAY, ESQ., A. B., formerly of Charlottetown, P. E. Island. Being constitutionally weak he spent many years seeking a congenial climate in different parts of the United States.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., he came to Bridgetown N. S., intending to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Warren. The fatigue occasioned by the journey, together with the enfeebled state of his health, evidently exceeded his power of endurance.

Mr. Mackinlay was a young man of most amiable and gentlemanly disposition, and was endowed with an intellect which placed him in the very first rank of successful students.

His aspirations were high, but constitutional infirmities seemed to defeat his best efforts to realize the ideal of his life. But few know how patiently and persistently he struggled to overcome the difficulties which beset him, and to bear with submissiveness the necessary burdens of life.

LIGHT AND DARKNESS.

Why live, when life is sad, Death only sweet? Why fight, when closest fight Ends in defeat? Why pray, when purest prayer Dark thoughts assail?

Live—there are many round thee Needing thy care; Pray—there is One at hand Helping thy prayer;

That longed-for rest has at last been obtained, and the dim twilight of life's uncertain hopes has, we feel assured, given place to the noon-day glory of the life beyond.

The remains of the deceased, accompanied by Rev. W. H. Warren, arrived at Charlottetown by steamer on Friday last, and were conveyed thence to the old home at Franklin Point.

Nov. 13, 1879.

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Brother Selden,—

When I commenced my series of articles on the Coming of the Lord, I supposed "Luke" had brought his to a close. I with others of your readers, was glad to learn that you had no wish to confine your columns to one side of the question.

you," or keep them by you, till they can be published without over-cramming—I quite agree with an "Elder" friend that the opinions of men, whether ancient or modern, are of very little weight.

PAUL.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mr. Editor,—

Without wishing to make a formal reply to the letter accompanying the publication of the report of our Association on Home and Foreign Missions, I will ask room enough to make my bow and retire. I do not wish to discuss the question whether my reply has done "Home Missionary Man" justice or injustice I meant to do him justice.

HERBERT FOSHAJ.

Charlottetown P. E. I.

P. S. When our Foreign Missions begin to suffer the want of funds as our Home Missions do from year to year we shall in all probability feel as much interest in the former as in the latter. I speak with consideration. It is a shame the way some of our Home Missionaries are left to suffer want.

I remain yours &c., H. F.

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Yarmouth County Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

Dear Editor,—The ninth semi-annual session of the Yarmouth County Baptist Sabbath School Convention met with the Lake George Church, Oct. 28th 1879.

Three sessions were held as usual. This being the yearly meeting, the morning session was occupied principally with the reading of letters, election of officers, etc. H. H. Crosby, Esq., of Hebron was chosen President.

The afternoon session was occupied by the discussion of the following subjects:

1st. Illustrations an important part in S. School teaching.

Opened by Rev. J. B. McQuillin. 2nd. Are Union Sunday Schools desirable.

Opened by Rev. A. Cohoon. The subject was discussed with much earnestness, and unanimously condemned.

The Model class was taught by Rev. John Clark, pastor of Temple Church. The evening session was taken up in discussing—What the Sabbath Schools expect of parents and scholars.

Opened by Rev. John Clark. Thirteen schools were represented by 36 delegates, 83 male, 42 female teachers. 468 male, 612 female scholars, half year average 670. Church members in school 315. Books in libraries 1772. Money raised \$311 36.

W. E. HEUSTIS, Sec'y.

The Christian Messenger.

Hallfax, N. S., November 19, 1879.

The Second Coming of Our Lord is doubtless a matter of very deep interest to all Christians, and one in which those who choose to give it their close attention may devote any amount of time, space and research.

It may be a profitable subject of consideration, or otherwise, according as persons are inclined to make it so, but there are limits of time and space which must be observed in its discussion, which by some seem to be ignored. We had no

idea of having this discussion indefinitely drawn out when we inserted the earlier articles on the subject. We were willing to give considerable latitude so long as light could be thrown, and the plain teachings of the Scriptures brought to bear upon it. But we are not inclined any more than our "Elder" correspondent of last week to have it extended so as to weary our readers. It is unwise in writers to pursue such course. They awaken more favor for a subject by less prolixity and by putting their own thoughts distinctly and briefly before their readers, than by resting, at so much length, upon what the fathers have said.

Perhaps a far more important matter to us than the most correct opinion we may hold on "the Second Coming of Christ" is His spiritual presence with us now,—His dwelling in our own hearts and in the hearts of men and women generally and ruling over them as Lord and Master, and His reigning King in Zion—his church. The submission of his people to the commands given in the Divine Word is, we believe, the best preparation for his appearing, and a far better indication of our readiness to receive him, whenever he shall appear, than the most correct and Scriptural opinions it is possible for us to hold.

It is due to our brother Rev. J. A. McLean to explain that his article has been accidentally delayed for several weeks in its transmission to us. This will explain to "Luke" the lateness at which it appears.

A valuable suggestion to all whom it may concern; Remittances for the Christian Messenger are always in demand. Please forward early.

"FIGHTING IN THE DARK" is the title chosen by Mr. C. F. Fraser, who is himself blind, and is the superintendent of the Institution for the Blind, for a little book on the condition of that Institution and of the blind generally. He gives some particulars of the remarkable cases of Laura Bridgman and Oliver Caswell who were both blind and deaf and who both of them have attained a wonderful degree of intelligence and ability to communicate their thoughts under the instruction of Dr. Howe Director of the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston.

The graphic picture Dr. Howe presents in describing the development of Oliver Caswell's mental powers is most striking. Laura Bridgman had been for some time in the Institution before he came. Dr. H., says:—

"No scene in a long life has left more vivid and pleasant impressions upon my mind than did that of these two young children of nature, helping each other to work their way through the thick wall which cut them off from intelligible and sympathetic relations with all their fellow-creatures. They must have felt as if immured in a dark and silent cell, through chinks in the wall of which they got a few vague and incomprehensible signs of the existence of persons like themselves in form and nature. Would that the picture could be drawn vividly enough to impress the minds of others as strongly and pleasantly as it did my own! I seem to see the two, sitting side by side, at a school desk, with a piece of pasteboard, embossed with tangible signs representing letters, before them and under their hands. I see Laura grasping one of Oliver's stout hands with her graceful fingers and guiding his forefinger along the outline; while, with the other hand, she feels the changes in the features of his face, to find whether, by any motion of the lips or expanding smile, he shows

any sign of understanding the lesson; while her own handsome and expressive face is turned towards his; every feature of her countenance absolutely radiant with intense emotions, among which curiosity and hope shine most brightly. Oliver, with his head thrown back shows curiosity amounting to wonder; and his parted lips and relaxing facial muscle express keen pleasure, until they beam with that fun and drollery which always characterizes him.

No scene on the boards of a pantomimic theatre could exceed this real, living, but silent, intercourse between two sorely bereaved but happy youth, who never thought of the impression which they made upon beholders.

Thus Oliver points my moral and adorns my tale here, by giving living proof that a blind and deaf mute man may pass his life usefully and happily; and may make himself independent by the trained work of his own hands, and lay up a surplus in the bank for his old age."

In a list of sixteen Blind Asylums in the United States and Ontario, shewing the cost per pupil, it appears that the one in Halifax costs less than any of them. They vary from \$400 to \$150, which latter sum is the cost per pupil here.

A photograph of the Halifax Institution is given as a frontispiece to the book, which is neatly gotten up by the N. S. Printing Company. Mr. Fraser will please accept our thanks for a copy of the book. We hope it will awaken new interest in an Institution which is one of our city ornaments.

In our list of Deaths will be seen that of REV. JOHN CHASE, at Wolfville. He had retired from active service in the ministry for several years. He was ordained July 1, 1835, and was for some time pastor of the church at Bridgetown. He had been greatly afflicted for some years, yet always actively concerned for the spiritual, and especially educational interests of the body. His remains were taken to Canard, Cornwallis, on Saturday last. A further notice will probably appear.

ACADIA COLLEGE has a larger number of students the present term than ever before. We are informed that there are about eighty students in all the classes.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY has between sixty and seventy students in the Male Department. The Female Department has about 14 young ladies in its classes. Seventeen of these are occupying the excellent accommodations of the new Seminary Boarding House. This will give a population of about 200 on College Hill, besides professors, teachers, &c., which must make that locality quite a lively place, at certain times of the day.

The corps of teachers in each of the Institutions is such as may be a guarantee of the best results.

The Committee of Management have been very fortunate in securing the services of W. M. McVicar, Esq., as successor to Dr. Hall, as Vice Principal of the Academy. Mr. McVicar has had a very successful private Academy at Woodlands, Wilmot, for several years past, and is a very competent and efficient Teacher.

REV. E. M. SAUNDERS has preached on the two past Lord's Day mornings sermons bearings on our denominational position. That on the 9th Inst. was a powerful defence of Christian Baptism making special reference to the more recent statements of learned men, especially of Dean Stanley on the scripturalness of the views and practices of Baptists. The sermon preached last Sabbath morning was on the Nature of a Christian Church, its officers, its ordinances and its order. We were intending to have given our readers the utterances of Dean Stanley in a separate article in the columns of the Messenger, but as a number of persons have expressed a wish for the publication of Mr. Saunders' sermon in the Messenger, we concluded to reserve our statements till afterwards, and shall in our next give our subscribers an opportunity of reading the said sermon, which will well repay perusal.

PERSONALS.—HOLLAND E. PAYSON, ESQ., of Westport Brier Island passed away to his rest on Tuesday the 4th Inst.

A letter just received from his son, C. H. Payson, Esq., informs us that his death was occasioned by interlial injury sustained from a severe fit of coughing. He had been sick but a short time. When he learned that his end was approaching he was not alarmed, but conversed with perfect freedom

and enjoyed much of the Divine Presence yet seemed to long for the time when he would be with Christ, which is far better. He will be greatly missed by a large number of relatives and friends.

Our long acquaintance with our departed brother has been of the most pleasant character. We were looking forward to making another visit to his hospitable home with the next session of the Western Association. If spared to meet with our brethren on that occasion we shall, in common with the brethren generally, feel greatly the departure of our worthy Bro. Payson.

REV. S. W. DEBLOIS preached in the North Baptist Church on Sunday last in exchange with the pastor Rev. J. W. Manning, who preached at Wolfville.

REV. S. B. KEMPTON preached in the Dartmouth Baptist Church last Lord's Day morning and evening. Mr. H. A. Spencer, of Dartmouth Church was with the First Cornwallis Church, and supplied Mr. Kempton's pulpit. He had been for several days in Cornwallis presenting the case of the Dartmouth Baptist Church, with some success.

REV. P. R. FOSTER made us an agreeable visit on Saturday last. He was on his way to Margaree, there to spend the winter. The Divine blessing having rested so remarkably on his labors in that locality the Home Mission Board have done well to invite him to return and spend some longer period with them.

REV. E. M. KIERSTED was called away to his home in New Brunswick on Tuesday last by the death of his mother who has been long afflicted. Our bereaved brother informs us her sufferings had been severe, but her departure was peaceful and without a struggle.

Bro. Kierstead will accept our sympathy on his great loss, his aged father also, the Rev. Elias Kierstead of Collina, N. B. She was buried on Thursday last. Rev. W. A. Corey, of Sussex, preached on Rev. xiv. 13, to a congregation crowding the church.

An interesting letter from REV. I. E. BILL came too late for our present issue, will appear in our next. Also one from Miss Payne and one from Rev. H. Morrow, missionaries in Burmah.

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

HARPER'S YOUNG PEOPLE; an illustrated weekly has just made its appearance from Harper & Brothers, New York.

This is, as the name indicates, for young people. Its contents are suited intelligent boys and girls who can understand and enjoy what they read. The contents are full of instruction and the illustrations good. It costs \$1.50 a year.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST; the great wheat-fields and stock raising districts of Canada. Facts and information for settlers with a map of the country.

A large amount of information is here given in the space of 24 pages, published under the authority of the Hudson's Bay Company, C. J. Brydges, Land Commissioner, shewing the great productiveness of the soil, and the probabilities of Manitoba becoming the great wheat-producing country of Great Britain. When the railways now in course of construction are completed, say, in about two years, the cost of transporting wheat thence to Liverpool, G. B., will be about 45 cents per bushel. "Farmers in Manitoba now state that the cost of raising wheat does not exceed, if it reaches 40 cents a bushel," so that the cost of raising and sending wheat to England would be 85 cents a bushel or 28s. 4d. a quarter. Whilst wheat there in England sells for 40s. per quarter a good profit is to be made.

The average price of wheat in England for the 30 years from 1849 to 1878 was 53s. a quarter—the highest price being 73s. 11d. in 1855, and the lowest 39s. 7d. in 1851."

With these as established facts there will doubtless soon be a large emigration from Europe to those western lands of the Dominion.

WHITE ROBES.—A Choice Collection of Songs, Quartets and Choruses for Sunday Schools and Devotional Meetings. By A. J. Abbey and M. J. Munger. Published by Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston. This is a neat new book of pieces