

ears of others, sounds perpetually in his own ears. There is inward discord, and conflict, and unrest. He sees everything through a glass dimly. He hates the hue of everything upon which he looks. But he is responsible for it. He causes the tinge. Then he grumbles at it.

His character is knarled. His disposition is soured. His perceptions are disorganized. His fancy is distorted. Morally he is a disfigured, wretched cripple, deformed and miserable.

SYMONDS.

For the Christian Messenger.

One Word More.

The following from Mr. Gaetz' letter in the Wesleyan of July 19th ought to have been noticed in my reply:—"Do you suppose brother Brown, that Pedobaptist "violates his conscience" any more by baptizing a candidate by immersion, than a close-union brother does by giving a candidate permission to commune with other denominations in order that he might add one more to the number?"

I have only to say in reply that I never said that a Pedobaptist violates his conscience by immersing; but I did say in substance, if not in words, that when a man says that sprinkling or pouring is the "true apostolic mode of baptism, and at the same time will immerse if the candidate require it because he thinks immersion scriptural, such a minister does violate his conscience, and at the same time allows it to be ruled by that of another, he does what he believes to be wrong, because another believes it right. If, according to good Methodist authority, immersion is opposed to the genius and spirit of Christianity, do not such as hold that belief violate their conscience by immersion? and as much so as if I had sprinkled a baby once when asked to, or were to sprinkle a convert because he believed it scriptural. Mr. Gaetz will take pretty good care not to ask for the name of a Methodist minister who denies immersion to be scriptural, but would immerse "if asked to." If he should, out of consideration to himself I should beg to decline giving it.

It is interesting to observe with what complacency the Rev. A. S. Tuttle, a stout opponent of immersion (as witness his lectures) records the immersion of certain persons. See Wesleyan May 18th, 1878. Why do not our good brethren follow one mode or the other? According to their own showing, as regards immersion. They see the wrong, and fight against it too, and still the wrong, they fight against—pursue.

If either sprinkling or pouring be baptism, then follow it, if immersion follow it but why at one time they practise what at another time they declare false and unscriptural, (unless they have changed their views,) is something hard to be understood.

The case of the close-union brother I know nothing of; have no idea what Mr. G. means. I never knew of such thing being done, I never did it myself, and from what I know of my brethren I do not believe there is one of them that would. Conscience is violated when principle is compromised whether by a Baptist or a Methodist. It may be well however for us all to keep in mind the saying about glass houses, as I do not think any of us have as yet reached absolute perfection. J. B.

For the Christian Messenger.

Halifax Subscriptions to the rebuilding of Acadia College.

Almost immediately after the Old College building was destroyed efforts were commenced in this city to raise funds towards the erection of the new one. A meeting was called, a committee appointed, a subscription list was opened and a very respectable sum was soon subscribed. I reluctantly consented to act as treasurer of this committee and the list was left in my hands for collection.

More than a year and a half has elapsed and there is still a considerable amount unpaid. I am well aware that some of those whose names are on the list are less able to pay now than they supposed themselves to be when they became subscribers, but not so with many, and I now desire to make the urgent request that all will pay up, without further delay.

On the first day of September I will ask the treasurer of the college to take

the list off my hands to deal with it as he may think advisable but in the meantime I shall be happy to receive from those who have subscribed as well as from those who have not and in either case to transmit the money to the treasurer at Wolfville who will acknowledge the same in the Messenger as heretofore. We must all know that the Executive of the College have had a heavy burden to lift and have assumed a heavy responsibility in erecting the new edifices which now adorn the College Hill and it is to be hoped that those in Halifax who have so handsomely accepted the obligations of assisting them will fulfil these obligations within the time I have named.

Trusting that the above will reach all those for whom it is in all kindness intended, and be the means of enabling me to present a clean, paid up, record of all subscriptions in Halifax on the first day of September 1879,

I remain very truly yours,

H. H. BLYTH.

Treasurer of the Halifax Committee. 171 Hollis St., Halifax, Aug. 12, 1879.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., August 13, 1879.

COMING EVENTS.

In another week many of our brethren—most of whom we are happy to call also our readers,—will be turning their faces towards the beautiful town of Truro, where our great annual gathering in Convention, will this year be held. The condition of our Educational and Missionary Institutions will come before this body, and will call for all the wisdom and skill of the best men amongst us to determine on the course of proceedings to be adopted for the current year. We have not now to determine on any new collegiate buildings, or whether we shall send forth any additional men into the Foreign field; but the College, Seminary and Academy being built, it will be for the Convention to direct how they shall be employed, so as best to accomplish the great design of their establishment. There may be some slight differences of opinion as to the Theological Department, but we do not imagine that the Governors will be instructed to change their present arrangements in that behalf.

They have done as well as possible under the circumstances, and we doubt not will receive the hearty thanks of their constituents for what they have accomplished in building, and in the courses of instruction they have provided. What will be done in the matter of Home Missions we shall not venture to predict. Above all things we hope there will be no forced confederation. Whilst Union is desirable when it gives strength, where it is so simply in name, without the reality, it is like the uniting of a rope in length instead of twisting its strands together, it becomes weaker and weaker, less and less able to do service than if it had remained in its original shorter lengths.

The best means of providing funds for Acadia College and Foreign Missions will be the great matter for consideration. These claims are imperative and must be met. Christians who have consecrated themselves to the Lord will here find splendid opportunities of employing their substance in the great work of Christ. The great Commission left by our Lord is very comprehensive. It is not difficult to find Acadia College there. There too is Foreign work, and no mission is more deserving of enlarged support than that. God has evidently smiled upon it and from its earliest days has interposed in its behalf. We must labor and pray and wait and we may hope before long to have to rejoice in large gatherings to the churches in the land of the Telugas.

OUR BIBLE LESSONS.

Many helps are provided to the study of the International Lessons, now so generally used in families and Sabbath Schools, and a vast amount of effort is employed to illustrate, explain, expound and expand those lessons, but we fear that these efforts are not all successful in inducing real study of the lesson from the Scriptures themselves.

The passage of Scripture is in many cases given on the sheet with the Help, so as to prevent the necessity of going to the Book. This may perhaps have its convenience in some respects, but we fear it is often help in the wrong direction, and tends to prevent careful examination of the portion of Scripture in all its connections. Sabbath Scholars should aim to be Bible students, and

not choose the help that does all the work, but rather that which opens up the passage by directing to a comparing of it with other Scripture, and so getting light reflected from the various directions to enable one to look at it in all its various aspects.

For practical study and usefulness we have sought to make our Lesson column all that can be desired in the space we give to that department of the Messenger. Doubtless the Baptist Teacher is one of the best Helps published to a comprehensive understanding of the lesson. We take the best part of that work on each Sabbath's lesson, and we may challenge a faithful student of these abridgements to have as clear a view of what is to be learned and taught as most of those who read very much more upon it, without giving such study and careful examination as is there suggested. The work of the Teacher and intelligent parent is to lead his child or pupil into the green pastures and beside the still waters of God's Book; and make him acquainted with the proper modes of examining the truths it teaches.

Let the Bible itself be in each one's hands, and not merely a detached passage, and the habit of study will soon be formed, and once acquired it will become a delight and not a weariness. Let the teacher be well prepared and then he may expect to interest his class, and the proper results will not be difficult to discover—"My word shall not return unto me void."

It would be an item of interest to know what proportion of the pupils in each of our Sabbath Schools, throughout the Province, have Bibles of their own?

UNION IS STRENGTH.

There is no satisfactory and vigorous church life without union. Love is the tie that binds men together for the purposes of mutual help in the practice of Christian virtue, the observances of Christian ordinances, and the upholding and spreading of Christian doctrine. Where this is absent there may be the form of life but the power is not there. Combinations may be formed outside of the individual church or a number of churches may combine into an Association or Convention but if it be merely the mechanical organization it will fail to effect the object sought, or else it will become an encumbrance that will prevent rather than help the accomplishment of the designed end. A combination or union for the sake of the name, where no actual union really exists is but a piece of machinery that expends its power in revolving its several parts upon each other having so much the less left to employ on the great object of the union.

We find, now that it is too late to rectify the matter; that we have omitted a prefatory sentence that we should have given to Brother Porter's sermon. It was not on the manuscript and we by some means mislaid the heading sent on subsequently. We owe our brother an apology for this omission, and may now do what we can atone for it. It should have read as follows:—"Preached before the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association at Keswick, York Co. N. B., in 1873; and read before the Yarmouth County Ministerial Conference in Yarmouth, May 1879, and published by the unanimous request of both bodies."

Brother T. H. Porter's friends will be pleased to learn that he has been able to prosecute his Election work, chiefly in Charlottetown, since the P. E. I. Association. Our brother adds:—"I have also as yet preached once every Sabbath I have been on the Island, but sometimes with some difficulty. I am warned that the time is coming when I must surrender." This is the spirit in which we should all labor. Bro. Porter purposes making a visit to Halifax before long.

Our brother Spencer who is laboring at Dartmouth for a time preached in Granville Street on Sunday last in the morning whilst the Rev. E. M. Saunders preached in Dartmouth and administered the Lord's Supper.

Mr. Spencer's labors are being highly appreciated by the Dartmouth Congregation. They are still talking of building a new church edifice. The plan that at present obtains is, turning the present building round and making it a lecture room at the back, and putting up a new building from the side towards the street, about sixty feet long by 38 in width. This may be done for about \$2,400 and would be a commodious building with all needed conveniences.

The visit of Henry Ward Beecher to Halifax last week was not a success. The faculty of the Medical College who engaged Mr. B., have found that the proceeds of the lectures are not equal to the amount required by about \$300. The high price paid to popular lecturers is beyond what can be raised these hard times. The attraction of his name was evidently over-estimated. Many people are not satisfied of his moral integrity, and would not hear him on any account. His levity in using passages of Scriptures is to many very distasteful. His popularity in Brooklyn has a much larger field to draw from and so keeps up.

The subjects of his lectures in Halifax were not such as would operate upon our citizens with much force. Many of those who attended were somewhat disappointed. His last lecture on the "Wastes and Burdens of Society" was said to be excellent, showing that sickness and enfeebled health usually arise from a want of attention to the sanitary laws of health, ventilation and cleanliness of persons and dwellings.

We learn that another famous lecturer, Rev. E. H. Chapin, D. D., of New York, is coming to Halifax shortly to lecture at the Academy. It is expected that he will be here early next month.

Since our last issue, and notice of the death of Miss LILY MURRAY, second daughter of Alderman Wm. Murray, we have received notice from Mr. J. Burgoyne with request for publication, giving some further particulars in addition to those previously mentioned:

"Among many ways in which she sought to do good was the superintendence of a Temperance Band of Hope, which met weekly near her home; and for some time previous to her illness she was engaged in Sabbath School teaching. Her home is not the only place where the presence of the vacant chair is painfully felt; but in the Church and School, and in all the relations of life in which she was actively engaged, a void has been created, the pain of which is only ameliorated by the knowledge that she has gone to the inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeeth not away, reserved in heaven for her. During the whole of her sickness, a considerable part of the time enduring much pain, she never murmured at her lot, but afforded a striking example of patience in suffering, and Christian confidence and resignation, through which she, being dead, yet speaketh, and will long continue to do so, to all who were acquainted with her.

In this great affliction the bereaved household have the sincere sympathy of a large number of friends, including the Sons of Temperance (of which Order Mr. Murray is G. W. Patriarch.) We commend the bereaved to the 'God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation.'"

QUESTIONS.—1. Is it according to Baptist usage for a pastor, not a member of the church of which he is pastor, and consequently not entitled to a vote in the transaction of its business, without consent of the church, to call a Council from sister churches to sit on the case of a Baptist not a member of said church, or of any church represented in Council? 2. Is it according to Baptist usage for such Council to take evidence in the above case and act upon it?

Yours, &c., INQUIRER.

We know nothing whatever of the case to which reference is here made, and can hardly imagine that just such an one could occur. Of course there is no "Baptist usage" in it. We would not like to suppose that any Baptist Church or Minister would take such proceedings or countenance them if taken. Let everything be done decently and in order, is the great rule for a New Testament Church.

REV. GEORGE ARMSTRONG called at our office on Saturday last just before proceeding on a voyage to Newfoundland, where he purposes to spend some time in preaching Christ. Bro. A. has been invited to make another visit to that Island since he was there a few years since. He was then well received in the several places he visited. We trust he may again find an open door to present the gospel of Christ in all its fullness to the people, that souls may be saved, and much good done to the praise of the Most High.

P. E. ISLAND.—We observe with regret that the Government have dismissed the Superintendent of Education and the Principal of the Normal School. We do not know on what grounds these gentlemen have been dismissed; but we do hope that party politics will not be allowed to enter the Educational arena in the Island. We had bitter experience in that line in

Nova Scotia, and it is impossible to overstate the loss and injury caused to the country. Let P. E. Island be warned in time.—Witness.

THE MINUTES.—The MS. of the Central came first to hand and would have been first finished, and that some time since, but the copy of the Table of Statistics not being forwarded with the rest of the MS., we had to take up the Western, and shall have them out shortly.

The committee for the publication of the Central Minutes request the Clerk to forward the Table of Statistics without delay.

Notices.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, will meet in Annual Session at Truro, on Saturday, the 23rd day of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

All delegates and friends who purpose attending the Baptist Convention in Truro, commencing the 23rd of August will please forward their names to the undersigned as soon as possible.

Let all the names be sent in by the 12th Aug.

Postal cards will be returned introducing you to the parties who will entertain you during the Convention.

We cannot promise to provide for those who do not comply with this notice.

All who intend coming by their own conveyance will please let me know.

J. E. GOUCHER

Truro, N. S.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Half-fare rates have been secured for all persons who shall attend the Convention to be held at Truro on the 23rd inst. And who shall travel by Intercolonial and Albert Co. Railways, Bay of Fundy or St. John River Steamers. Full fare going. Return free by presenting certificate of attendance to Ticket Agent. Members of Committee in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, will please arrange with lines of travel there. Certificates good till the 1st of September.

THOS. TODD, Chairman of Com. Moncton, N. B., Aug. 2nd, 1879.

PARADISE, Aug. 2nd, 1879.

Dear Bro. Selden.—Please announce in Messenger that Windsor & Annapolis, and Western Counties Railway will return delegates attending Convention for One-third fare under certificate to be presented to the Station Agent, for which a ticket for one-third fare will be given.

Yours truly, A. LONGLEY.

REV. E. M. SAUNDERS informs us he has applied to Mr. Fishwick, who engages to give Return Tickets on his steamers to delegates to the Baptist Convention at Truro for half fare, on presenting a certificate of attendance duly signed.

The Edgar Stuart runs from Yarmouth and intermediate places to Halifax.

The M. A. Starr from Charlottetown and intermediate ports to Halifax.

ACADIA COLLEGE.—There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Truro, on Friday August 22nd at 2 o'clock, p. m.

STEPHEN W. deBLOIS, Secretary.

Wolfville, August 4, 1879.

The next monthly meeting of the Kings Co. Baptist Ministerial Conference will be held (D. V.) in the Vestry of the Baptist Church at Canard on Monday the 1st day of September next at 10 o'clock a. m. The Rev. S. McCully Black, will preach the Missionary Sermon in the evening at 7.30. Rev. Prof. Welton being the alternate. All the pastors and Licentiate with one delegate from each church in King's county are invited and expected to be present. Each pastor and licentiate will also present a sketch of a sermon.

S. MARCH, Sec.

Canning 7th 1879.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR REBUILDING ACADIA COLLEGE.

John Read, Esq. & Sons, Port Elgin, N. B., per Rev. Dr. Tupper..... \$ 5 00 George Davison, Portau-pique..... 1 00 Dr. H. H. Read, Halifax..... 50 00 Rev. W. B. Boggs..... 30 00 Mrs. Eunice P. Shaw, Yarmouth. 100 00 Mark Curry, Windsor..... 300 00

\$486 00

For current expenses: N. S. Eastern Baptist Association. \$22 03 Goshen Baptist Church, N. S..... 3 00

\$25 03

A. D. W. BARSS, Treas.

Wolfville, Aug. 9, 1879.

The 2nd Annual Meeting of the Canadian Baptist Ministers' Mutual Aid Association will be held in the Vestry of the Baptist Church, Truro, N. S., on Saturday 23rd inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M. By order, W. P. EVERETT.