

whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life." I ask your prayers that wherever I go, and that at all times, I may be faithful to my convictions, faithful to the abilities and opportunities which God may give me, so that at last, when my work is finished, I may receive the "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Applause.)

Rev. H. Pestonji (who was cordially applauded), speaking in a hoarse tone—My dear Mr. Chairman and dear friends,—I could wish that I were in my usual health; but I confess, having preached at Llanelli, and having travelled by a midnight train, having been a sufferer, too, with what you call here the clergyman's sore throat, and having, moreover, somewhat of a chest complaint which your country has given me—on account of which also I long to return to my own country. Occasionally when I have been laid aside in my own native land, I have sometimes wondered whether Christian friends were asleep, or whether they prayed as well as paid for their missionaries. We want not only to be paid for, but prayed for—more the latter than the former. (Applause.) As to the former, some of us can easily earn much more in our literary pursuits; but it is the latter that we need most. Dear Christian friends, we have been obliged to cast ourselves upon the Lord's assurance in a way in which neither the two brethren that have preceded me, nor the two brethren that will succeed, have done so literally as I, a convert from India, have—namely, that there is no one that has forsaken father, or mother, or wife, or children, or brothers, or sisters, or houses, or lands, but he shall receive a hundred-fold with persecution in this world, and in the world to come life everlasting. When converted I was forsaken by my dear father, and ever after that till his death he never beheld my face, and I was utterly disinherited and forsaken. Have I not had my hundred-fold when I turn to the grey hairs, and see my beloved father, Dr. Trestrail, and another father, Dr. Underhill, and another father in you, Mr. Chairman? And do I not have my hundred-fold in the mothers of Israel that I behold? (Applause.) I have had one elder brother, and only one, who has certainly disowned me. He is alive, and I believe I am alive much more than he, though he considers that I am dead; and when I became a Christian he performed, along with my father, my funeral service, and thus made me to realise the sentiments of the Apostle Paul, "God forbid that I should glory save in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." I have had six sisters, two of whom have gone before. I trust some feeble words that I may have conveyed may be a blessing, but you know there are many Nicodemuses in India, many secret disciples who dare not make public facts in connection with females, especially in connection with the female relations of a convert—not that the convert dreads their consequences for himself, but for those dear gentle hearts, three sisters I have not seen for the last forty-one years that I have been in the fold of Jesus Christ. Well, for these six sisters is not my hundred-fold quite realised in your midst? Are there not surely six hundred sisters in the Lord? Many more bonnets do I see. (Laughter.) Then, wherever I have been—and I have been, I believe, in more parts of your own country than you yourselves have been. (Hear.) I have been almost in all the counties of England, and the shires of Scotland, and in the different parts of Ireland too, and I must say to the honor and glory of Him whose assurance I am illustrating, that wherever I have been I have realised my hundredfold in the sisters and mothers in Israel. Even up to the latest deputation, from which I only returned last midnight, have I not realised (I am speaking most consciously as well as most conscientiously) my hundredfold infinitely.

Rev. W. Ethington said: Christian friends, when sitting on this platform this evening, I have been trying to compare my thoughts now with regard to mission work with what I can remember of what were my thoughts when I was about to enter upon that work. I remember that there was an air of youthful romance about what I then thought and wrote. But even now, as I try to recall it, I cannot feel that it was all mere fancy, for in India, and in mission life there, there is much that is beautiful and wonderful and attractive too, to the heart of the man or the woman that has the eye to see it and the

heart to enjoy it. I made but little, I remember, of the physical difficulties and privations of missionary life, and now, having had experience of them for some years, I am disposed to think as little of them now as I did then. For, with but one exception, I think—namely, that of health—they are not worth mentioning, and are not for a moment to be compared to what our brethren in Africa have to bear. And so far as the climate of India is concerned, speaking from personal and extended observation, I feel quite prepared to say that the man who goes to India to engage in mission work, and is prepared to abstain from all intoxicating liquors—(applause)—and who will eat to live and not live to eat—such a man need not fear the climate of India. I say this because there are two young men just going to India, and they may possibly think there is much to be feared with regard to the climate. I think it all important to say that I have lived on the plains of India, never having seen of the sanatoria of the country for more than fourteen years, with almost uninterrupted good health—(Applause)—and I know full well that there are many Englishmen living now in India and enjoying life, who, if they had remained in this climate, would have been killed by it. (Laughter.) My Christian friends, I verily believe if, twenty-five years ago, anyone had said to the Brahmins of the city of Benares, that "a time is coming when, in even this holy city, the people of the higher caste will open their houses to the free access of Christian women, that they may teach them not only the Western, but the Christian Scriptures, and then, even in this holy city there will be seen hundreds of the girls of that caste treading their way to the schools of the Christian, not only to learn secular knowledge of them, but to learn of their religion," I believe that the Brahmins and priests of that great city would have thought it a foolish and visionary dream; but it is a fact; the door that was for ages closed had been opened—opened by the only key that could unlock it; the golden key of the affections and patience and prudence of Christian women. "Brethren, do your part, sympathise deeply with this work, for it is Christ's work. May we then have the confidence that you are thus remembering us for our Master's sake. (Loud applause.)

REV. J. D. BATE, the last of the returning missionaries gave the meeting some of the prevailing sentiments of the India people, and the results of the famine which has so frequently visited parts of that country. He produced some excitement by alluding to the late and present war in Afghanistan, and what might be expected if the people there are made to pay the cost of the same, and by asserting that the war was fought to serve British interests rather than the interests of the people there.

At the close of Mr. B's address there was considerable excitement, and the congregation sang a hymn. Mr. Spurgeon was to have addressed the missionaries, but as he was sick Rev. J. P. Chown was appointed to the office. However, he, Mr. C. said he thought the time might be more profitably spent in prayer, which was done by Rev. W. Edward.

A notice of the Union Meetings will be found on another page.

For the Christian Messenger,
Dear Editor,—

I see in your issue of the 3rd inst. a communication from Mr. Calhoun relative to the ordination at Summerside, in which he denies his refusal to deliver up the MS. of the "Argus" letter to the committee appointed by the Council to examine the same, which, in the interest of justice, I am compelled to correct.

Mr. Calhoun did refuse to place the manuscript into the hands of the committee—stating positively that he would not give it up until he would gather additional evidence, giving no satisfactory explanation as to the nature of the evidence nor the time he would take to collect it. The committee did object and urged him to give it up at once, as the congregation would be awaiting the committee's return. Mr. Calhoun persisted in his refusal and was in the act of leaving, when the committee informed him they would wait for his return ten minutes: to this no reply was given. The committee anxiously waited for Mr. C. and the MS. in vain for nearly twenty-five minutes. The time granted them by the Council having expired the Committee dissolved and repaired to the Church where the congregation was assembled.

As far as I could judge, about half an hour after the Committee dissolved, Mr. Calhoun disturbed the meeting, just as the ordination services proper were about to proceed.

The rest of the proceedings are accurately given by Bro. D. G. MacDonald, in your issue of the 3rd inst.

Yours in the interests of truth and justice,

W. B. BRADSHAW,
Sec'y. of Com.
Freelton, P. E. I., Nov. 5, 1880.

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We heartily congratulate the friends of Dalhousie College on the good fortune that has fallen to the lot of that Institution, and which was announced at the Convocation last week.

The Convocation was held in the House of Assembly room in the Province Building. There was a large attendance, comprising the faculty, students, friends, and spectators invited to be present.

After prayer and the opening address of the Rev. Principal Ross, it was announced that the degree of M. A. had been conferred on Rev. D. F. Creelman, and of B. A. on Messrs. H. S. Creighton, of Dartmouth, and C. A. Blanchard, of Truro. The last appointed Professor, Dr. James G. McGregor, was then called upon to deliver the Inaugural Address. The subject of his address was, "The conditions of Scientific Progress." It was an able, well prepared paper, and was received with repeated expressions of applause.

Hon. S. L. Shannon, one of the Governors, being called upon by the Chairman, spoke briefly on the benefits to be derived from collegiate education.

Sir William Young was then invited to address the meeting. He complimented Professor McGregor on his excellent address, to which they had just listened; and also congratulated his father, Rev. Dr. McGregor, on the success of his son. He then alluded to the good fortune of Dalhousie College in having such a friend as Mr. George Munro, of New York, formerly of Halifax, who had endowed the chair occupied by Professor McGregor, and who proposes to endow another chair to be filled by Rev. John Forrest, minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church in this city, with a salary of \$2500. Mr. Forrest is brother-in-law to Mr. Munro. He will doubtless make a very popular and useful addition to the faculty of Dalhousie.

The Chief Justice also stated that it is the intention of Mr. Munro to make a further endowment of Dalhousie College, by giving five more bursaries to students to the extent of \$10,000. This he said will render it the most richly endowed Educational institution in the Dominion.

Mr. Munro, the giver of these splendid donations to Dalhousie, was formerly a teacher in the Free Church Academy in Halifax, and left in 1856 for New York, where he entered one of the large publishing houses, and subsequently went into business for himself, by which he has accumulated large wealth in the publication of works of which the Seaside Library are among the most popular. It is gratifying to find Mr. M. making such a noble use of his accumulations. We trust he may have many imitators in the other Collegiate institutions of the province.

Dalhousie will now be in favorable circumstances to consider the matter of a distribution of the Castine Fund, from which it is so largely sustained.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS by sending 25 cents, may have the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER to Dec. 31st, 1880, Postage paid.

The proprietorship of the Grand Parade is at length in a fair way of being settled. It came before the Supreme Court last week in the form of an action of trespass brought by the Governors of Dalhousie College against the City of Halifax for depositing iron water pipes, &c., upon the said parade grounds.

The Rev. W. F. Armstrong exhibited his views of India in the Assembly Hall of Acadia College on Saturday last, to a large and attentive gathering. On Sunday evening he delivered a very excellent address on Missionary life, at the Anniversary of the monthly Missionary meeting of the Wolfville Church. These meetings have been kept up for 43 years.

STORMS have prevailed the two past Sundays, so as to largely diminish attendance at the churches. The following Mondays have been bright and beautiful. We would not complain of this order of Divine Providence, yet we hope this may not be the order which we are to have continued through the coming Winter. It should however teach us to get ready suitable protection for such weather, so that we may be able to be present at Public Worship, with at least as much regularity as we attend to our ordinary business affairs. We make this suggestion with some trepidation, but hope it may commend itself to any who may need it.

PASTORS may help their people secure the "Christian Messenger" for their family reading, by telling them of our offer to supply the paper up to the end of the year for 25 cents. Try and send on four at a time.

"Iota" will perceive by our last that his communication was anticipated by Mr. Saunders, quoting from the N. Y. Examiner the "recent deliverance on the subject of Ordination." He (Iota) remarks on said deliverance:—

"These weighty words suggest cures for evils among us. They are given here, however, not to forestall or guide the utterances of our own Convention Committee on this matter of ordination, but to prepare our sometimes too conservative and independent body to receive and follow the suggestions of that Committee.

A great denomination, who regard ordination as essentially the ascertainment and recognition of the "call of God," should, out of respect to Him, and the interests of His kingdom, use its best wisdom in the best way, in order to know and acknowledge that call.

A great denomination should, out of respect to itself and its work, see to it that ordination never falls into the hands of an unwise and sympathy-moved coterie, or of a few theological tyros and religious novices. Such, to our denominational shame and confusion, has been, and is, too often, the case."

MR. PARNELL AND THE INDICTMENT AGAINST HIM.—The New York Herald gives the following conversation between the great Irish agitator and one of its correspondents:

"So, Mr. Parnell, the Government has really begun proceedings against you."

"Yes," replied the agitator, "this morning I received a subpoena from her British Majesty's Attorney-General commanding me to appear in the Court of Queen's Bench and answer a charge of conspiracy. I was served with the copy of a large indictment, containing nineteen counts and reciting a number of ridiculous accusations, framed with a view to damage the Land League agitation in the eyes of the outside world, which is naturally ignorant of the real condition of the Irish people. The indictment would be a ridiculous document were it not a malicious one. It shows clearly that no English Government can be trusted to deal honestly or truthfully with any important Irish question. These prosecutions are in all ways illustrative of the difficulty which besets every English Government in its endeavours to govern Ireland. This attempt is in itself an anomaly, because it is an attempt to adapt a constitutional system of government to a purpose for which it was never intended.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.—Recommend your Classes to become subscribers for the "Christian Messenger," and they will have, in it, the cream of the best Lessons published, to the end of the year for 25 cents.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.—As announced in our columns a week or two since, one of our aged ministers, the Rev. JAMES STEVENS, on Wednesday last, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage. His friends thought it a fitting occasion to give tangible expression to their esteem for this faithful minister of the gospel, by contributing of their abundance to relieve his temporal needs, and to do what was in their power to aid in cheering the few remaining days left him in this world. Donations were forwarded from various parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, amounting in all, with some amounts since received, to \$226.16. Of this amount \$80.00 came from New Brunswick, \$30.00 being sent by relatives in Albert Co., and \$50.00 being the exceedingly generous gift of A. T. Randolph, Esq., of Fredericton. The exercises at the house were quite informal, owing to the illness of Brother Stevens. A number of friends called during the afternoon, among them the three neighboring pastors, Rev. J. Williams, Rev. S. W. deBlois and Rev. George Armstrong. Mr. Stevens was able to converse very little, but several letters were read to him, giving him

much satisfaction. Mrs. Stevens is quite well, and is very grateful to the kind friends who have remembered them on this occasion.

CHEAP FAMILY READING. Postage paid. The CHRISTIAN MESSENGER to New Subscribers to 31st Dec., 1880, for 25 cents.

THE BAPTIST UNION OF CADADA held its first meeting in Jarvis Street Church, Toronto, on the 20th ult. and following days. The first morning was occupied in making up the roll of members. In the afternoon the officers were elected as follows:—

President—Hon. Wm. McMaster.
Vice Presidents—John A. Boyd, M.A., Q. C., and A. A. Ayer, Esq.
Secretary—Rev. A. H. Munro.
Treasurer—H. E. Buchan, M. D.

Reports of the various institutions belonging to the body were presented, read and discussed with much earnestness and spirit. The Union does not at present supersede the Eastern Convention but will probably do so eventually as the Western Convention is wholly merged in the Union. The amalgamation is not quite complete as yet. The Union will doubtless be better prepared to take the place of these sectional bodies after a year or two. It will probably become an important organization of the Baptists of the Upper Provinces. The next annual meeting will be held in the Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, on the 9th of October next year.

We were prevented giving a longer report of the proceedings by the demands of Correspondents and other matters last week.

Supply your families and friends with good wholesome Literature. Let them have the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, a weekly family paper. Only 25 cents to Dec. 31st.

JAMAICA.—The sad tidings of distress from Jamaica arising from the dreadful havoc made by the great storm of last month, occupies a large part of the Missionary Herald for October. The mission stations generally suffered most severely. No fewer than ten of the Baptist chapels have been destroyed. One missionary writes, "For the next nine months very many will not only be houseless and homeless, but entirely destitute of food to satisfy the cravings of hunger."

Mrs. Roberts, wife of the Rev. J. S. Roberts, of the Calabar Normal School, Kingston, belonging to the Baptists, writes:—

Torrents of rain, or rather sheets of rain, fell all day, and gusts of wind blew, which, as afternoon came on, increased. Once, when a great gust came, I said, "Well, I fear the door will blow in." As the evening wore on, the gusts of wind became furious; they came thundering against the walls and windows, as if we were besieged by a powerful army. Then there was a lull of about three minutes, always succeeded by the same thundering fury on the part of the wind. By and-by, one of the windows at the side of the bow, in the dining-room blew out. This they blocked up with a large sideboard and some boards which they nailed on. We had to make fast one of the doors which leads to the children's room, so the only way for us to get to them, was through a broken pane of glass, and through this at different times of the night we had to pass. It must have gone on for eight hours; we truly longed for the day. Every moment we felt that we might be houseless, and for any one to stand in such a wind outside would be impossible. It was not only the wind, but great sheets of iron roofing from the stable were blowing about in all directions, and trees were being torn up and hurled about. The stable was levelled with the ground. The iron roof of Prospect was just lifted clean off, and rolled up like a scroll and set down on some tree tops. I might go on writing for a week, and half the damage could not be told. The morning presented a terrible scene. The poor people have all suffered damage beyond ours, for almost every house is levelled, and all their fields and provisions. In Kingston it has been terrible—nearly all the wharves gone, ships swamped, houses levelled. One cannot write the half. All our people are starving; we sent them all we could on Sunday, but it is like a drop in the ocean.

FOUR FAMILIES may be supplied with the "Christian Messenger" from this date to Dec. 31st, 1880, for ONE DOLLAR.

A fatal accident occurred at St. Margaret's Bay, on Tuesday of last week. A boy about twelve years of age, son of Jacob Dorey, of Hubbard's Cove, was shot dead while gunning, in company with another boy.