

A Boy Evangelist has arisen in New Jersey, His name is George McAneny, and he is only 10 years old. He has begun a series of Saturday afternoon religious meetings, for the spiritual welfare of his playmates. A section of a kitchen-house is utilized for the purpose, the floor being carpeted, and the body of a small wagon standing on end used as a pulpit. In this room the young missionary gathers the boys of the neighborhood and reads to them chapters from the New Testament, following the reading by explanations of the text. Before dismissing his juvenile congregation, the boy calls their attention to some Bible extracts, a portion of the Sermon on the Mount, or one of the commandments, and requests them to think over the subject during the week. At the close of the meeting he is prepared to answer questions which may be asked in relation to the Bible. Young McAneny was a regular and deeply interested attendant at a series of meetings held in the Reformed Church in Greenville some weeks ago. Since then he has been a studious reader. He entered on his work with the remark that he wanted to see if he could not do some good in the world.—*Intelligencer.*

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Brother,—

There are difficulties in our way respecting the Telugu Scriptures. An entanglement exists, which is not explained in Brother Armstrong's letter, inserted in your last. What is meant by "a pure Telugu Bible?" What are the facts of the case as to "a corrupt Telugu Testament?"

I am informed that the Board of the American Baptist Missionary Union have taken no steps in the matter. Why not? Have they no confidence in the translators employed? or are there other reasons?

I am in correspondence with the Board of the Missionary Union on this subject, and will inform you of the result.

The number of competent translators of the Word of God is very small. Much more is required than a knowledge of the words of the language. Skill in the interpretation of idioms is also wanted.

Large funds will be called for. Our brethren generally, I think, should wait till all the facts are before them.

As to the "Theological School," however desirable such an Institution may be, it will be years before it will be wanted, as far as our Mission is concerned.

The Missionaries no doubt enjoyed "a pleasant Conference" at Cocanada last January; but the Society was not there. The "Conference" is a distinct body, acting on its own responsibility.

Yours truly,
J. M. CRAMP.

For the Christian Messenger.

BOSTON, MASS., April 23rd, 1880.

Dear Brother,

Kindly permit me to say to such of your readers as may be wishing or expecting to see or hear from me, that after the most careful deliberation, and with the concurrence and assistance of friends, ever true, I am here taking lessons in Elocution at five dollars an hour. As I cannot be satisfied to do as good work as I have been doing, and not do better, I have been led to this step by repeated warnings in the pulpit during the past season, that I must desist from preaching, and the opening of doors in the direction of this that I have always intended should be only secondary and subsidiary. But I desire it as in all else to say, "The will of the Lord be done."

As it must be seen that such an undertaking involves for me no trifling outlay, I hope I may be pardoned for saying that anything due me from former pupils will just now be most acceptable, and may be remitted to Mrs. Porter in Fredericton. My address is 41 Worcester Square, and I am hoping to remain throughout the month of May.

And now I would take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt thanks to the never-to-be-forgotten friends from the Eastern to the Western extremes of the Province, and elsewhere, who have in so many ways during the past two years shown me such self-denying, unwearied, and wholly undeserved kindness, and so greatly helped me to perform work otherwise simply impossible. The Lord reward them as He alone can. I am most delightfully located in the family of a former deacon of the Fredericton Church, and am enjoying

the opportunity of seeing and hearing men whom I have long admired and loved at a distance—and some others. Hoping that my infirmities will be a sufficient apology for my thus writing. I am very truly,
T. H. PORTER.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., April 28, 1880.

Subscribers who have paid for their Messenger previous to this date, have our warmest thanks. We shall be greatly obliged if those who have not yet paid will do so without further delay. We greatly need all that is owing to enable us to meet pressing weekly claims. Some may think that because the amount of their indebtedness is small, they need not be much concerned about sending it now. To such persons we would respectfully suggest that it is just their amounts we want, as it is the aggregate of small sums, that, if paid, would enable us to promptly meet our liabilities.

Every loving Christian parent will strive to implant in the heart of his child, at the earliest possible period, love to God, interest in his works and a knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Perhaps there is no act of his calculated to touch the child's affection more than the subject of the lesson in our present issue. Some have held that this injunction of our Lord is not properly observed until the infant is brought to receive the rite of baptism.

This appears to us like offering a stone when bread is needed, or placing a stone of stumbling in the way of the child to prevent his coming to Jesus as soon as reason and intelligence begin to dawn. Most heartily do we pity those persons who have to teach this lesson with the observance of the rite of Infant Baptism uppermost in their minds, as if that were fulfilling the requirements of the words addressed by Jesus to His disciples. He does not say, Bring the babes to the water, or the water to the babes, but he says, "Suffer them to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Let Baptist parents be thankful that they are relieved from any such incongruities in the interpretations required of them on this beautiful part of our Lord's words and acts towards the little ones.

The people of Sydney, C. B. are having a good opportunity of being well informed on the subject of Baptism. They have had it practically illustrated several times of late, until 34 persons have in obedience to the Saviour's command, and in imitation of his example, submitted to the ordinance as instituted by our Lord himself as it is clearly taught in the New Testament.

Then they have had lectures galore, by the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers of the place, who have united in this thing as they say "in self defence!"

Significant is it not, that the ordinance is so powerful in its teachings that it requires such combinations to help their people not to see its plain teachings!

It does not do to analyze too closely what is said by Pede-Baptists when they wish to offer a slander or a fling at Baptists. They often fling too hard and then it rebounds and strikes themselves. It seems to have been so in the following Presbyterian anecdote:—

A good Presbyterian minister the other day, not a hundred miles from P. E. Island, intended a good rap at the Baptists. He said: "There is a certain denomination who allow their children to grow up to maturity before they teach them religion. In the Presbyterian Church we teach our children religion from their earliest infancy, in fact they suck religion from their mother's breasts." After the sermon, an unassuming layman stepped up to the preacher and complimented him on his remarks. "But," said he, "there was just one thing that puzzled me a little. What religion would the children have who were fed with the bottle? Would it be the same religion as the bottle or the cow?" The minister is still considering the matter.

It is due our bro. Rev. J. A. Durkee, to say, that the delay in the appearance of his letter on another page, has arisen from an unavoidable circumstance, and not from any intention on our part or his. For "Truro," please read Sackville, N. B.; and in 17th line of 2nd column for "served," read, severed.

The Rector and Church Wardens of St. John's Church, Cornwallis, appear to be making use of their opportunity of expending the funds entrusted to them in the erection of a school house on church land; so that what should be applied for the benefit of all is being appropriated by them in what can be used for only a section of the people. After the bill to correct this mal-administration received so large a majority of votes in the House of Assembly it would be prudent for the Trustees to hesitate in spending the money.

The following brief note gives us the painful information of sorrow in the family of one of our ministering brethren:—

Dear Brother Selden,—

You and many of your readers will be sorry to learn that our Brother Rev. John Rowe has been bereft of his dear companion. She died yesterday morning of Pneumonia, after a very brief illness, though she has not enjoyed health for more than a year. As the end drew near, her sufferings were very great, but her hope was steadfast.

Very truly yours,
A. COHOON.

Hebron April 22, 1880.

This is a world of sorrow, tears and death, yet it is the passage to a bright future of eternal joys to the Christian pilgrim. Brother Rowe and family may rest assured of many sympathizing friends. We tender our sincere condolences.

THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY celebrated its anniversary on Friday last, by a brilliant procession, and attendance at St. Paul's Church. There the members—whether High Church, Low Church, Presbyterians, Methodists or Baptists had to participate in the High Ritualistic Choral Service, intoned by the Rev Mr. Bell of Dartmouth.

Would it not be well for the Society to take a turn and accommodate the Methodist members by going to the Methodist Church next year?

PERSONAL.—Rev. E. Whitman who was invited to the pastorate of Moncton, N. B. Baptist Church, has decided against removing from Hantsport. We are glad to learn this, as far as Mr. Whitman and the Hantsport Church are concerned. Removals, in themselves are undesirable. They may however, occasionally be beneficial.

Rev. G. N. Ballentine is about leaving Maitland to accept the charge of the Baptist Church, in Woodstock, N. B. We are sorry to know that Mr. Ballentine is to be taken from the Church at Maitland. He has our most hearty wishes for success in his new field of labor.

REV. W. N. CLARKE, D. D., of Newton Centre, becomes pastor at Montreal. Bro. Clarke is a very able man and a great accession to the ministerial strength of the denomination. We are glad to make this reprisal on our American brethren who have taken from the Dominion such men as McArthur and Gordon.

The following despatch came from Fredericton one day last week—

"In making up the supplementary estimates \$500 was granted in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Halifax. It was shown by Attorney General Fraser that while Nova Scotia, which almost entirely sustained this institution, sent 26 inmates, New Brunswick sent 21. The item passed unanimously."

Wonder if the New Brunswick government by this subsidy has secured a right to "control" the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Halifax!

MR. EGBERT M. CHESLEY one of the Graduates of Acadia College of 1870, now of Boston Latin School, made his appearance before a Boston audience on Sunday of last week, in the capacity of a lecturer before the B. Y. M. Christian Union. His subject was "God in Nature." The Boston Journal of Monday, in giving a synopsis of the lecture, says:—

"The lecture was one of much careful thought, impressive, and interesting throughout."

He said God is the ever-present Soul of the Universe. His changes and workings are but the manifestation of the Divine love and wisdom. There is a universal Order, but everywhere a divine inspirer of the order.

Man's spiritual nature is so constituted as to believe profoundly in great spiritual realities. It is most reasonable to accept their existence. The intellect is so constituted as to know of an eternal law and order. These two exist. Otherwise nature would be strangely at variance with herself. Reason has too often rejected the spiritual departments of things because they did not appear to be governed by the regular laws. But

we have only to extend indefinitely the order of the universe until it shall include the great celestial realms of things. Both reason and faith may thus be satisfied and assured.

In the growth and influence of the world's great religions and religious philosophies we may see the Divine spirit working through the universal law.— There have been men whose souls have glowed with moral truths and immortal hopes and aspirations.

The same cause which brings casual unrest provides for long future improvement. Remove a general law, and greater evil results in a thousand ways. Through all the avenues of the universe there flows a constant and immeasurable wisdom.

Sabbath Desecration on the railway at Truro is being reported by the *Guardian and Witness*. There is a grave question whether the Sabbath traffic on the I. C. R. is yet brought down to the minimum.

A telegram from Louisville, Ky., on Sunday last says:

To-day, for the first time in years, the Sunday law prohibiting labor of any kind, was enforced. Between 12 and 2 o'clock the police visited all places open, including newspaper offices, and took the name of every person doing work, for presentation to grand jury. The list includes all classes, editors, compositors, pressmen, newsboys, saloon keepers and hackmen. The law is very stringent, allowing no work or business to be done except household duties.

If it is possible so to keep the Sabbath there, it is no less possible to do so here in Nova Scotia.

Notices.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS ENDOWMENT FUND OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

John Smith, North River, Onslow, per Jas. B. McNutt.....\$5 00
CORRECTION.

Moneys acknowledged in the *Christian Messenger* of April 7th, as having been received towards "Fund for Re-building Acadia College," should have been acknowledged as received towards "Endowment Fund of Acadia College."

A. D. W. BARSS, Treas.

Wolville, April 27th, 1880.

(*Christian Visitor please copy.*)

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Bridgetown—Miss J. Chipman...\$4 00

Miss Margaret Young, Falmouth... 1 00

M. R. SELDEN,

Treasurer.

Halifax, April 20, 1880.

KING'S CO. MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Editor,—If Brother Kempton's illness has prevented him from writing you, will you please allow me to give notice that this body will meet in the Billtown Baptist Meeting-house, on Tuesday, May 4th, at 10 A. M.

It is to be hoped that all the Churches in the County, will be represented, as important business is to come before the meeting.

D. M. WELTON.

The Digby County Baptist Ministers' Conference will meet at Barton on Tuesday, May 11th, at 10 A. M. A Paper will be presented for the consideration of the Conference, by Rev. J. A. McLean. The welfare of our churches in this County will be planned for. There will be a public service in the evening. All the ministers of the County are cordially invited to attend.

J. H. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

Moneys Received.

W McCully, 4th, \$4; C H Harrington, \$16; F Bown, \$5; R Thomas, \$15; J Chipman, \$2; W M McVean, \$2; A Parker, \$9.

News.

On Saturday afternoon a man named Arthur Newton, an inmate of the Peors Asylum, while in a fit climbed out of a window on to the roof of the south wing of the building and fell to the ground. He only lived about fifteen minutes after the fall. An inquest was held and a verdict in accordance with the facts returned.

By a telegram on Sunday we learned that the steamer *Cassian*, of the *Albion* line, from Liverpool for Halifax via St. John's Newfoundland, went ashore there and was afterwards run ashore. Her fore compartments being full of water, the dry goods on board are seriously damaged. The cargo was being discharged.

Thirty salmon have been caught in the Liverpool River this spring; one of them weighed sixteen pounds.

The Cumberland Meat and Produce Company shipped to England, last week, \$17,000 worth of cattle, besides some hogs and a quantity of potatoes.

There was a large fire at Yarmouth on Sunday last in the shop of Mr. Geo. F. McMunn. The buildings on either side were also destroyed.

The Grand Division, S. of T., met in Great Village yesterday.

Dalhousie College held its annual convocation on Wednesday afternoon. The return of the number of students for the year was stated to be 97. The names of the students of the various years were given. The graduating class consisted of three. Messrs. Edwin Crowell, Frederick S. Kinsman and Albert E. Thomson. After the presentation of Prizes, Principal Ross, gave the graduates an highly appropriate address.

Mr. A. E. Thomson then delivered the Valedictory.

Rev. Dr. Hill then addressed the meeting. In the course of his address he expressed the opinion that the examinations should be conducted by a body appointed specially for that purpose.

The *Morning Chronicle* administers a severe reproof to the students by remarking that "the students vociferously applauded everything and everybody from their Reverend Principal down to their noisy selves."

It is proposed to build a Graving Dock at Dartmouth, large enough to accommodate the largest ships of the navy or the mail service. Mr. Turner the solicitor of the Graving Dock Company, has had an interview with the Halifax City Council. The size of the dock to be about 600 feet long with 27 feet depth of water. It would involve an expenditure of \$1,000,000. The Council promised their warmest support. The Dartmouth Council are willing to remit taxes for ten years if the Dock is built there.

The Tabernacle Singing Association will give another Concert on Thursday, admission same as before, they have a full programme; and it is hoped that the public will be as well pleased, as on the last occasion, when by their liberal patronage they so nobly assisted the organ fund.

The pupils of the Institution for the Blind will assist. Our good brother Arthur Chisholm who is a graduate and professional teacher, has promised to give us "The old sexton." Tickets 10 cents.

We are informed that a Halifax Coal Company are proposing to bring three steam colliers, the occupation of which will be the transport of Albion Mines Coal from Pictou to Montreal. They will be able to carry about 40,000 tons in the season, and, taking this fact along with the near completion of the St. Lawrence and Welland Canals, we may confidently look forward to a very large trade by steam colliers from our mines to the towns on the shores of the Great Lakes, and the interior of Ontario.

The Annapolis Grangers—Patrons of Husbandry—held their first Quarterly meeting of 1880, in Whitman's Hall, Lawrencetown, on Saturday the 10th, inst., W. M. J. Jacques in the chair. The chairman gave a good address and congratulated the members on the condition of the order. In the afternoon Mr. H. H. Morse, Chairman of Committee on "Shipments to Europe," read an extended report, noticing the reports of improper putting up of fruit for exportation, remarking, "There is no earthly reason why the apples from this valley should not rank as high in any market as those from Ontario and the United States if properly assorted and packed."

If apples are put up dishonestly in the County, let us individually determine that it shall never be done by a Patron of Husbandry, but that our fruit shall be put up in such a manner as to secure confidence in any and all markets to which it may be sent, and that the closest inspection and criticism shall fail to tarnish our individual characters.

Addresses were given by several members, Messrs. Wm. Miller, Shippy Spurr, and Miles Chipman, on the report and referring to modes by which the position of farmers may be improved.

Mrs. H. H. Morse read the Report on "House and Home" recommending more attention to the matter of order in the arrangements of Home and its surroundings, by this means securing a portion of time for reading, music, and recreation, thus making home a place of peace and happiness.

The Windsor Baptist Church are making some alterations in their church edifice. A new pulpit is to be put in the place of the old one, and the interior is being renewed and renovated.

An ingenious man, named Gillies, at Grand Mira, C. B., has discovered a new method of catching wild geese. He sets trawls for them, after the manner of fishing. The first day he caught 17. He has caught in this manner double that number.

No. 115 GRAFTON ST., HALIFAX, N.S. }
August 4th, 1879. }

MESSRS. T. GRAHAM & SON,—

DEAR SIRS,—It gives me great pleasure to inform you of my perfect cure of CATARRH, from which I have suffered in its most severe form for 12 years without being able to find a remedy for it, and I had long thought that nothing could cure me, but thanks to Providence and the use of your valuable preparation, CATARRHINE, I have been completely cured of that distressing and, I might say, disgusting complaint, and I used one box. I can confidently recommend it to any suffering from that complaint. Price 25 cents a box.

Yours truly,
C. F. F. SENOFF.