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# **IHE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.**

grace that we should glorify God in Him, and in this spirit I have sought to speak. May our loving Father crown his closing days with choicest grace."

Addresses were then presented,-the first being from the Educational Committee of the Baptist Union of Scotland. The second address was from the Baptist ministers of Glasgow, and was read by the Rev. Jarvis Coats, M. A. The Rev. Alex. Grant read an address from former students of Dr. Paterson. Finally, a deputation from the church read an address. On the motion of the Rev. David Russell, seconded by provost Wilson, these deputations proceeded to the house of the Rev. Dr. Paterson, and presented the addresses. During their absence, the Rev. David Russell made a few remarks expressive of the great esteem in which he held Dr. Paterson. He was followed by the Rev.Dr. Maclaren of Manchester, who gave a characteris tic address, in the course of which he referred to his first acquaintance with Dr Paterson when a boy, in connection with his joining the church then in Hope Street, and pointed out some contrasts between the Baptists of Glasgow fifty years ago and the present time.

On the return of the deputation, Dr Paterson's reply was read as follows; My dear Christian brethren,-You as a church have, in the good providence of God, been conducted and preserved through a period of half a century. Origipating in a small nmber-only 19-you gradually increased till you arrived at your present number and standing. While acting as a city missionary, and attending the University of Glasgow, 1 was led through circumstances which need not be detailed, to rent a small apartment in North Portland Street, and to commence there the public ministry of the Gospel in May, 1829. I was alone No one had promised his presence or assistance in any form. The cost of the furniture and the rent lay on myself

Union Work.

#### Dear Editor,-

I read the letter of Bro. Foshay which appeared in the Messenger a few weeks ago in respect to Christian work in union with our Pedobaptist brethren, and have since given the matter more than a passing thought. My experience compels me to admit that there is much truth in his remarks, though, I much regret that such is the case. I am a Baptist, as I need not tell you. In our little community, I have been in the habit of taking my part in Union work ; and I have noticed that, although there is holy horror and uplifting of hands, in a meeting, where some good brether has so far forgotten himself as to refer to believers' baptism, or to the beautiful symbolism of the rite, these same horrorstricken brethren will talk about baby sprinkling, and the importance of thus | Christ in sincerity." bringing the "little lambs into connexion with the vicible church," with perfect indifference. Of course, no harm is intended, but there is often, apparently, no lack of "method in their madness." This "union" works better, usually, think, in large cities, but not always, it Dame Rumor is to be credited. In the city of Halifax, for example, there are many and noble charities, I believe conducted, if I mistake not, on the nondenominational principle. The "Infants Home" is one of these; and, being the loss of the use of his right arm, somewhat Provincial in its purpose and aims, members of our little church felt it a privilege to respond to the appeal recently published in the Messenger, and forwarded to that institution a thanksgiving offering. But, the interest, thus awakened, has led to enquiry, and our brethren have been quite scandalized by the report that the "union" work done there is somewhat unique in its charac. ter-that, every now and then, a day is set apart and the babies are all sprinkled and thus made "heirs of Heaven," or brought "into connexion with the visible church;" and that our good Halifax Baptist Sisters, many of whose names we have recognized among the officers and committees of the Society are generously helping in the work! Of course this is an absurd rumor, but that it should be credited among us proves that we, at least, have become sadly demoralized on the "Union" question.

antipathy to indiscriminate Infant Bap- | said John, ' that makes us brother and tism, and, unless one of the parents at sister. If you love the Saviour, and I least is an adherent of that church, they | see you do, would you not like a season refuse to administer the rite. Among of prayer?' She replied, 'I would be Protestants therefore only Episcopa- glad to have you pray.' They knelt lians and Methodists would apply the side by side, and John poured out his church rite to such little children.

a Baptist) says the Committee have so the price of your books ? . ' Which much respect for Baptists that they one?' said Brother Vassar. All of would be delighted if ten, twenty or them,' was her answer. The calculaforty Baptist families would apply to tion was made; then calling a servant the Home for babies, and they would be she bade him carry them to the library, free to bring them up good Baptists. far as Baptists are concerned, right .-- in her eyes begged him to forgive her Whilst we contend most earnestly for manner at the door. " Don't mention this, we can also most heartily join with it; my sister,' said Brother Vassar, the Apostle Paul in saying, " Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus

We regret to learn that A. W. Jordan who has been attending the Academy at Wolfville, and at the Christmas vacation had a five weeks mission mending Curist to his fellowmen should assigned him to the Church at Tracadie from the Home Mission Board, has been suddenly taken ill, he has only with his spirit and encouraged to conbeen able to perform one week's labour tinuance in undaunted efforts to do He has been confined to his bed with good, knowing that the Lord is with which will prevent him attending the Academy again this winter. We trust our young Brother will recover soon from this illness, and enter again upon his former duties .- Communicated, Jan. 19, 1880.

We regret that we are under the necessity of deferring till next week the extracts from the W. M. A. S.

soul in supplication. At the close of One of the officers of the Home (not the prayer the lady asked, 'What is paid Brother Vassar for them, gave him Denominationalism is good, and as something for himself, and with tears 'you know what our blessed Master

had to bear.'"

John Vassar occupied a very promiment position in the late war between North and South, being admitted within the lines of both armies. Every person who wishes to be useful in comread this book, not to copy the peculiar model of Uncle John, but to be inspired his servants in all they attempt for him.

THE CHURCH : its polity and ordinances, by H. Harvey, D. D., Professor in Hamilton Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Baptist Publication Society. pp. 240, price \$1.00.

THE PASTOR: his qualifications and duties, by the same author, &c. pp. 180, price 90 cents.

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Halifax, Jan. 27, 1880:

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED. Truro Church, per, Wm. Cumm ings, Esq.,....\$100 00 First Hillsburg Church, per Rev. J. E. McLean ...... 37 25 Mrs. Gilbert Sanderson, Yarmouth..... 1 00

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G. E. DAY. Yarmouth, Jan. 23, 1880.

THR KINGS CO. BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE will meet, D. V., at Kentville, on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, at 10 A. M. The sermon in the evening is to be preached by Rev. S. B. Kempton. S. B. K., Sec. of Conference.

ERRATUM.-In C. M. Jan. 14th, Rev. Dr. Tupper's autibiography, Appendix 15th, 3rd paragraph, for Charles read Charlotte.

### Acknowledgment.

TATAMAGOUCHE, Jan. 22nd, 1880.-Dear Messenger, -As it is fashionable to record Donations, permit me to acknowledge a favour of this kind made by the church and friends at River John, on Friday last. Also one made by the same kind people a year ago, which through mistake was not ackowledged. The church and friends at River John are very kind and if they had the means their pastor would not want for anything. We hope to report soon what can be done for Convention Scheme. The Ministerial Conference proved a failure on account of the storm. We hope still to have a visit from the brethren.

alone. During six months this state of things continued. A number of people attended and some were baptized. At the end of the period named, the church now worshipping in Adelaide Place was formed. \* \* \* Many came to hear the plain and direct expositions of the Word of God, and many submitted to the New Testament order as to baptism and the constitution of an apostolic Church. Not long after, the Church undertook the building of Hope Street Baptist Chapel. It cost nearly £1,800. I may state that our pre-emiment aim from the beginning onward was simply the extension of the knowledge of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Conversion to God, salvation from sin, a peaceful enjoyment of the hope of eternal life, were the supreme ends that occupied our minds-"Not as pleasing men, but God that fore to be the medium of doing any of trieth our hearts" It was not to gain, as a party, a position equal to other Christian denominations. It was not to make the Baptists respected in this great city; it was not anything that time could sweep away into a common ruin and oblivion of the final day; it was the entrance of man into a kingdom that never can be moved—the image of God restored, and man crowned with eternal glory. This was the end aimed at and kept steadily in view from the first, and in order to carry it out, the simple, supreme, and abiding instrument was the "Word in season and out of season." By manifestations of the truth commend. ing ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God, the Gospel of the glory of the blessed God, as free from human adulteration as we could possibly hold it forth, was proclaimed as the power of God unto salvation. In this mind we, as an insignificant community in the eyes of men, lived and acted as the servants of the Living God, and what about the baptismal rite? How through the fifty years now expired, we have experienced a measure of Divine blessing. We have sought to live in peace with all men. Trials in the progress of time have come, conditions fitted to pain have not been absent, but the wonder is that sinful men-so tarnished, defiled, and worthless-should have experience such an outflow of the divine loving kindness in the midst of it all. To Him who is Lord of all let us ascribe the glory for ever more. Your kindness as a church in the pecuniary

Yours &c., Homesville, Jan. 15, 1880. D. E.

We dislike giving currency to the sayings of Dame Rumour, without first making enquiries as to their truthfulness. We also feel a little jealous of the reputation of our "noble Halifax Charities," and should be sorry therethem an injury, in the estimation of our friends, especially if it proved an injustice. The Infants' Home having for its prime object the saving of human life, and the protection of the most innocent portion of the human family from suffering and degradation, must be benefitted by having Christians engaged in its management, and it would be a great pity for any obstacle to he placed in the way to interfere with them in their good work. We therefore speak.

If the commendation of our Lord given to the act of the good Samaritan applied to the saving of the life of "a certain man," and if the injunction, "Go thou, and do likewise," applied to all who need such "neighbourly " kindness, how much more strongly does the appeal come from helpless, wailing in. fancy, in like circumstances. But then can we Baptists endure to have the poor little rescued outcasts made the to report to me the results of his first tine. innocent victims of such destructive day's visit to the houses of wealth on error ! Shall we join in saving their | that beautiful avenue. I give a report lives to have them brought up in such of his visit to the first house on his dogmas? Ah, indeed, shall we? Could journey. At the door of the stately we, oh could we try to save a drowning dwelling he met the lady of the house. man or woman if we knew them to be ' What do you want, sir?' she asked, infidels, not to say Catholics or other as he approached her. He replied, 'I Pedobaptists ?

Reports.

UNCLE JOHN VASSAR, or the Fight of Faith; by his nephew, Rev. E. T. Vassar, London, R. D. Dickinson. Halifax, British American Book and Tract Depository. pp. 218, 75 cents. This deeply interesting volume gives the biography of a genuine Christian worker of no ordinary type. He was born in 1813, and after being employed some years in a brewery he entered upon the labors of a colporteur in the service of the American Tract Society. His conversion was as remarkable as his character. In 1842 when he was twenty-eight years of age he was baptized and united with the Poughkeepsie Baptist Church.

In prayer meetings and private intercourse he gave such direct appeals to those with whom he conversed that he was made the instrument of the conversion of hundreds of people in every direction wherever he went. To rich and poor alike he presented Christ the loving Saviour and by pressing enquiry discovered the position they occupied towards the Lord Jesus. The great object of his life was the seeking after and saving of lost souls. Any where and every where he was on the alert and went about his work systematically and persistently. One instance may be quoted which will shew how he approached the rich as freely as the poor. His pastor relates it :

"One day Brother Vassar came to me and said, 'To-morrow I am going and I want, you to pray for me.' promised him I would, and requested am a Colporteur'for the Tract Society, Now what are the facts? Since re- and '-pointing to his basket of books

ing are the complements of each other. They contain a complete body of instruction on the polity of the Christian Church in all its details, and the work of the Christian minister in all his relations to his people and to the world. They will be very useful in suggestions to ministers and members on points of doubt and difficulty. A perusal of them will very greatly assist those of limited experience in meeting cases such as arise with almost every person occupying such position. The "Hints" are valuable as they are given without donor. any dogmatical style or dictatorial manner that might often prevent their usefulness to a large extent. We cordially recommend both books to the ministers and members of our churches.

In the North American Review for February the first article is by Cardinal Manning, and treats of the relations of the Roman Catholic Church to modern society, not whether the one is subordinate to the other. Ex-Senator Howe Mrs. C. M. Eaton, 2; Rev. R Sandford, contributes an article entitled "The Third Term." He ridicules the fears of electing Gen. Grant to a third term of office. Rear-Admiral Daniel Ammen makes a very effective reply to M. de Lesseps' article on the American Interoceanic Canal. George Angustus Sala contributes an entertaining article entitled "Now and then in America." " The Emancipation Proclamation," by James C. Welling, is a calm, judicial review of that act of President Lincoln. The act was a coup d'etat, and its justithrough Dives Street (Euclid Street), fication is to be found in its end. The Book Notices of this number of the Review are from the pen of M. W. Hazel-

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Hoffices.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR RE-BUILDING ACADIA COLLEGE:

D. W. CRANDALL.

Dear Brother,-I would liketoacknow. ledge through the columns of the Messenger a donation made me by Mrs. J. Snaw of Yarmouth of a nice over coat and cap, and hereby return my sincere thanks. May the Lord reward the

LEWIS P. ROSSIER, Missionary. Saulneirville, Digby Co. Jau. 15, 1880.

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