

the seat of the manifested Divine love, and that when He is hanging there in His weakness and mortal agony, the words are yet true—strange, paradoxical, blessedly true—"He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." And when we say, pointing to His Cross and Him there, His brow pale with dying and His soul faint with loss—when we say, "Behold the Lamb!" we are also and therein saying, "Behold your God!"

And therefore with what of gentleness, with what of tenderness, with what of patient entreaty, as well as with strength and confidence, the word that speaks of a strength manifested in weakness, and a God made visible in Christ, should be spoken, it needs not here to enlarge upon—only take that one last thought that I suggested, that this message comes to all those for whom God has appeared, and for whom the deliverance has been wrought. You and I have the right, and we have the charge, to go to every man, and say, "Behold your God!" and the hearts of men will leap up to meet the message—some of them far overlaid by sin, perverted often into its own opposite by fear, misinterpreted and misunderstood by the very men that bear it, there yet lies deep in every heart the aching of the thirst for the living God, and we have the word that shall meet that. Round about us men are saying, in all the fields of science and of nature, in human history, and in the spirit of men, "I find no God," and are falling back into that dreary negation, "Behold we know not anything." And some of them, orphaned in their agony, are crying, though it be often in contemptuous tones, that sound as if they meant the opposite, "Oh, that I knew where I might find Him!" We have a word that can meet that. For cultivated Europe it has come to this—Christ or nothing; either He has shown us the Father, or there is no knowledge of Him possible. We do not need to dread the alternative; we can face it, and overcome it. And in far-off lands men are groping in twilight uncertainty, worshipping, with a nameless horror at their hearts, gods capricious, gods cruel, gods terrible—tameless believing in gods far-off and mysterious, cowering before gods careless and heartless, degrading their manhood by imitating gods foul and bestial, and yet all the while dimly feeling, "surely, surely there is somewhere a good and a fair Being, that has an eye to see my sorrows, and a heart to pity them; an ear to hear my prayer, and a hand to stretch out." We have a word that can meet that. Let it ring out, brother—as far as your influence can reach. Set the trumpet to thy mouth, and say, "Behold your God!" and be sure that from the remotest parts of the earth we shall hear the choral songs of many voices answering, "Lo! this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us! This is our God; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation!"

For the Christian Messenger.
The Baptist Anniversaries at
Saratoga.

Boston, May 21, 1880.

Dear Brother Selden,—

Last week the Baptists of the eastern, middle and western States, comprising a church membership of about 800,000 celebrated at Saratoga, N. Y., the anniversaries of the Baptist Missionary Union, of the Home Mission Society, and of the Publication Society. The meetings began on Tuesday morning and closed Friday evening following. The occasion was one of great interest to those present, and the number in attendance was from 1,500 to 1,800, as estimated by those who superintended the entertainment of the delegates and visitors. I propose to give the readers of the *Messenger* a few items from the doings and sayings of those meetings. But if what I write shall seem to you destitute of the importance which gives a communication a claim to be published in the columns of your family journal, you are at liberty to consign my production to the oblivion which many another that comes to editors deserves. Don't hesitate to thrust me from your sanctum, if entrance is an impertinence. I will not only pardon but praise you. I know something of your editorial perplexities, pains and disgust over matter that sometimes asks for access to the public through the press, and can easily forgive the editor whose conscience and courage erect a needed barrier before the writer who is rushing indiscreetly into print.

The first organization named above, it may be needless for me to tell you

readers, is that, under the auspices of which the Baptists of the northern States prosecute their work of Foreign Missions. Those missions are now planted in Sweden, Germany, Russia, Hungary, Norway, France, Spain, Greece, the Presidency of Madras in southern, and Assam in northern India, in Burmah, Siam, China, and Japan. We hope soon to add Africa. The past year has been one of marked success, both in procuring the means for sustaining the work, and in the results which, under the blessing of God, have been reached by the laborers on the fields abroad. The treasury of the Union, reports for the year ending with March 1880, a total of receipts amounting to \$314,860.88, which is \$9,150 in excess of the donations of the most fruitful year in the history of this work, and \$30,748.90 in excess of the donations of last year. The year which closed with last March carried a debt contracted the year before, of nearly \$23,000, but besides meeting the appropriations for the year, there was a large reduction of that debt, bringing it down to \$6,623.14. Of the amount received by the Union last year, the sum of \$30,479.78 was contributed by the Karen churches of the one district of Bassein in Burmah, and was expended in the erection of buildings for the Normal and Industrial Institute. This is a marvel of liberality in giving, by a poor people just emerging from the ignorance and degradation of heathenism. These Karens in that same district of Bassein are now engaged in raising an endowment of \$25,000 for the support of the School which they have so amply provided with buildings. The sum is nearly raised already. Think of this, Baptists of the Maritime Provinces! with your schools at Wolfville to be provided with buildings, and the work of those schools to be made efficient and stable by an endowment. Those impoverished Karens, in a single district of Burmah, raising, in about one year and a half, over \$55,000 for their educational work! Other facts relating to the finances of this foreign mission work might be cited. But we must pass them by.

The statistics of the missions are incomplete. The following appear in the annual report now in press. In the Asiatic missions, there are 31 central stations; 101 married missionaries, 4 unmarried men, and 41 unmarried women, making the total number of American laborers 155. In the European and Asiatic missions, there are 919 churches; 1,054 native preachers. The baptisms, so far as reported for the year up to January, 1880, were about 8,000, and the total membership in the mission churches of the Union, is now about 85,000. The past year's accessions to the churches in foreign lands have never been exceeded but once, and that was in the year immediately preceding, when the number of conversions and baptisms reported was about 17,000. There is, we believe, no foreign missionary Society in the world that presents such a record of annual accessions and of church membership as that presented by the American Baptist Missionary Union. Said a Presbyterian clergyman, not long since, in a missionary periodical of which he is the editor, "In view of the very large blessing of God, as witnessed in the grand results of past and present efforts in all the mission fields of the American Baptist Missionary Union, we confess ourselves amazed, that the whole Baptist Church of America is not so moved and thrilled with a holy enthusiasm as to more than double its prayers and efforts in a single year."

The sixty-sixth anniversary of the Union just celebrated at Saratoga, was one of unusual interest. The reports made by special committees on different sections of the Secretary's annual report were documents of inestimable value. The speeches, the discussions, the resolutions, the missionary sentiments which found expression, the resolute and aggressive spirit manifested, the entire proceedings and animus of the four sessions that were held, were enthusiastic, and will long live in the memory of those in attendance. There was one speech which no one who heard it will ever forget. "It was replete with the best thought, clothed in language of great purity, strength and eloquence. The speaker thrilled the audience which crowded the meeting house, and that speaker was Rev. Edw. Judson, a brilliant son of Sarah Boardman, the second wife of Dr. Adoniram Judson, the pioneer of American Baptist Foreign Missions. When Rev. Mr. Judson entered upon the final division of his speech, the theme of which was, *The Incentives to Mission Work in Foreign lands*, a scene was presented never

to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. The last incentive named by young Judson, was that derived from the memory of the heroic men and women who have wrought, suffered and died on foreign shores, while seeking to give the gospel to the perishing millions of heathendom. Under this head he paid a most eloquent tribute to his sainted missionary parents, and to others of kindred zeal, faith and heroism, as missionaries. With a touching pathos, he recited a few lines from that tender and poetic address of his mother to his father, at the Isle of France, when they were about to separate, she to return with her children to this country, and he to retrace his steps to Burmah, to resume his work alone:—

"We part on this green islet, Love,
Thou for the eastern main,
I, for the setting sun, Love,
Oh, when to meet again?"

My heart is sad for thee, Love,
For lone thy way will be;
And oft thy tears will fall, Love,
For thy children and for me.

But gird thy armor on, Love,
Nor faint thou by the way,
Till Boodh shall fall, and Burmah's sons
Shall own Messiah's sway."

Dr. Murdock's Annual Report of the Union is never read at the anniversaries, except a few paragraphs relating to the home department. Instead, he, every year, presents a paper, bearing on some commanding features of the work of evangelization in foreign lands, or on some aspects in the home field, so far as the home field is a contributor to the work in the foreign field. These papers by Dr. Murdock are always anticipated with a wide spread and deep interest. They are masterly productions. That delivered last week at Saratoga, is considered one of his best. It deals with "The signs of promise in foreign missions." This will be published in tract form, and circulated by thousands in the churches contributing to the funds of the Union.

I had designed to bring to the notice of your readers other items in the anniversary meetings of the Union, and also to speak of the work and anniversary exercises of the other two Societies. But this communication is being carried already to a length beyond the scope of a weekly journal. I may go on, if not prohibited.

W. S. McKENZIE.

[Our worthy brother, Dr. McKenzie, well knows that we are always glad to hear from him. Those of our readers who know him—and they are not a few—have the additional pleasure of a renewal of acquaintanceship with a beloved friend when they read his letters. ED. C. M.]

For the Christian Messenger.
Home Missions.

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE
MARITIME PROVINCES.

Dear Brethren,—

The time for our Associations draws near, and we wish again to remind you of the pressing needs of our Home Mission work. We have occupied during more or less of the time since August last, 45 different fields, embracing about 70 churches, besides several stations where there are as yet no churches. Our missionaries have been greatly encouraged in their work, and a large number have been baptized.

This work has necessitated a comparatively large expenditure, although the grants have been put at the lowest figure. We shall need to receive between this and August 1st, upwards of \$3,000.00 if we are to close the year free of debt. Will not all the churches of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, that have not already done so, endeavour to send forward something for this work. We trust that the churches receiving aid from the Board, will not forget that they are expected to make annual contributions to the benevolent work of the Denomination. We would request that all Brethren receiving aid from the Board take care to have their churches regularly reported by letter at their Associations.

A. COHOON,
Cor. Sec'y.
Hebron, June 4, 1880.

Mr. Elliot Stock has just issued a pocket English Testament, with copious notes, references, and introductions, three maps and twenty-four illustrations, for one penny! The object of the issue of the Sacred Book at this exceptionally low price is to give Christian people the opportunity of circulating the Word of God throughout the length and breadth of the land at the slightest possible cost.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., June 9, 1880.

ACADIA COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY.

The first week in June of each year brings around the educational celebrations at Wolfville, so that with the appearance of the early foliage of the forest, and the beautiful blossoms of the fruit-trees of that charming locality, a combination of attractions is offered which no other season of the year can present. This year was no exception to the rule, but what with the large class of graduates, and this being the close of the first year of work in the new College and Seminary buildings, a time of no ordinary interest was to be confidently anticipated.

Some of the yearly preliminaries commenced on the 24th of May in

A GEOLOGICAL EXCURSION.

About a dozen of the Juniors, with the professor in that department had made all the necessary arrangements, but by some unfortunate means the professor did not accompany them. They chartered a good sized vessel the *J. E. Graham* for the purpose, and employed captain and crew.

The expedition was absent about five days. During that time they visited Blomidon, Spicer's Cove, Cape Chignecto, The Joggins, Cape Enragé, Cape D'Or, Five Islands and Partridge Island, and collected at these places the following specimens:—fibrous gypsum, quartz crystals, agate, jasper, acedilite, valcrite barytes, dog-tooth spar, analcime, stilbite, fossils of coal plants, such as lepidodendron, calamites, stigmaria, a trunk of sigillaria, one of which was fully six feet in length and three in diameter.

These will help to fill the place of the large quantity lost by the fire when the College building was destroyed.

THE PUBLIC TERMINAL EXAMINATIONS of the students in the Horton Collegiate Academy and Acadia Seminary, took place on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Assembly Hall, Professor Tufts conducted the examination of the Latin classes, Mr. W. M. McVicar, those in Greek and Roman History. Mr. Caldwell in Arithmetic and Algebra. Miss Graves examined the classes in Botany and Miss Huginin in French. These were not mere memoritor exercises, but a careful, thorough and searching plying of questions to discover what was really known by the students, and to bring out the results of the investigations that had been going on through the term. It was not an aim at display but a gauge of their intellectual acquisitions.

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS

in the different departments of the Institutions is given as follows:

In Acadia College.

Regular Students.....68
General ".....7

— 75

In the Collegiate Academy.....67

In the Acadia Seminary.

Boarders at Seminary.....29

Boarders in Village.....37

— 66

Total.....208

The Graduating Class being so large enabled its members this year to form themselves into an organization such as is now frequently done in the larger universities having its president, chaplain, historian, poet, orator &c., &c.

On Tuesday evening the Class held its public celebration according to announcement Mr. W. A. Cox, president, in the chair. The chaplain, Mr. Caleb Dodge offered prayer.

The motto adopted by the Class is *Memoria Vite Collegiae*. The convener stated the objects of the Class organization to be for the members to supply themselves with proper arrangements for conducting the business of the class; the Graduates song was sung.

Mr. Walter Barss, the historian read a paper on the events that had transpired since they first entered upon their studies in the Academy and College.

The essayist, Mr. E. J. Morse supplied his quota, shewing how much and how little of their early aspirations had been fulfilled. Mr. B. H. Simpson orated eloquently and all felt that the world would be changed by their going out into it to enter upon the duties of life. They sung together the parting song (original) and separated in good fellowship.

The examinations having been completed on Wednesday morning, the afternoon was appropriated to a

RHETORICAL EXHIBITION OF THE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY AND ACADIA SEMINARY

under the direction of Principal Tufts. This consisted of the speaking of original essays by several of the young men and young ladies interspersed with musical performances on the piano by the young ladies. Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. Armstrong of Kentville. The following is

THE ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Overture to Martha.—By Misses Addie Allen and Kate Welton.

Essay: Mental Development.—By J. H. King, of Onslow, N. S.

Essay: Sir Walter Scott.—By G. H. Clark, of Carleton, N. B.

Tarantelle.—By Miss Lucy Curry.

Essay: Method.—By C. E. Whidden, of Antigonish, N. S.

Essay: Bequests of the Past.—By Edward Rand, of Canning, N. S.

Selection from Stradella.—By Misses Carrie Kinney and Ida King.

Essay: Wealth—Used and Abused.—By E. C. Whitman, Ganso, N. S.

Polacca Brillante.—By Miss Alice Hamilton.

French Essay: La Bastille.—By Miss Lizzie Higgins, Wolfville, N. S.

Essay: "The Rank is but the guinea's stamp".

The man's the good for a' that.—By Miss Lois Bigelow, Wolfville, N. S.

Sonata.—By Misses Welthe Crosby and Julia Clinch.

The Essays were very appropriately expressed and shewed good taste in the subjects and in the choice of language used in the delivery. A degree of mental development was apparent that spoke well for the future of the Class about to matriculate for entrance upon the more advanced course of studies in the College.

We would like to have heard some vocal music, as we are assured that attention is given to the cultivation of that essential, but too little appreciated, branch of educational training.

Principal Tufts then handed the Prizes to those who had distinguished themselves in their several classes, as follows:

1st Greek, E. Rand, Prize.—Hon. Mention, L. Porter, B. Lockhart, B. Calkin, E. Magee.

1st Latin, E. C. Whitman, Prize.—Hon. Mention, E. Rand, L. Porter, B. Calkin, B. Lockhart.

Ancient History, Lewis Porter, Prize.—Hon. Mention, E. Rand, B. Lockhart, E. Magee, L. Meek, E. Whitman.

Mathematics, E. Rand, Prize.—(Box Mathematical Instruments), Hon. Mention, E. C. Whitman, L. B. Meek, E. Magee, J. H. King, B. Lockhart.

2nd Greek, Lewis Donaldson.—Hon. Mention, H. Crawley, W. Harris.

British History, Lewis Donaldson.—C. Woodman, A. DeBlois.

The Ladies Prizes were as follows:

Astronomy.—Miss McLellan.

Rhetoric.—Miss Alice Fitch.

General History.—Miss Brown.

British History.—Miss Ann Harris.

Botany.—Miss Allen.

Latin.—Master Lewis Donaldson.

Geometry.—Miss Sawyer.

Arithmetic.—Miss Karen Thomas.

French 1.—Miss Laura Sawyer.

French 2.—Miss Welthe Crosby.

French 3.—Miss Alice Fitch.

French 4.—Master Lewis Donaldson.

Arithmetic.—Wm. Cann.

THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNI

held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening.

The Secretary, W. L. Barss, Esq., read the annual Report which stated, among other things, that they were required to nominate two persons for election, at the approaching session of the Convention, to the office of Governors of Acadia College. Several names were favorably mentioned, of those living east and west, who would be suitable, but as they were at too great a distance to allow them to attend the meetings of the Board, only the names of Rev. T. A. Higgins of Annapolis, and Rev. J. W. Manning of Halifax, were retained. These were unanimously chosen. The following were elected as the Executive Board for the ensuing year:

President.—J. W. Longley, M. A., Halifax.

Vice-President.—J. B. Mills, M. A., Annapolis.

Secretary-Treasurer.—W. L. Barss, B. A., Halifax.

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Rev. J. W. Manning, M. A., Halifax.

Wm. M. McVicar, M. A., Wolfville.

A. Caldwell, M. A., Wolfville.

Rev. J. E. Hopper, St. John, N. B.

J. Parsons, B. A., Halifax.

H. H. Bligh, M. A., Halifax.

About 9 o'clock the meeting adjourned to the supper tables in the