

WANTED.

Rev. E. M. Kierstead, the Secretary of the Baptist Convention, is desirous of obtaining a complete file of the Convention Minutes and Year Book.

Will any one who has a copy of 1846 have the goodness to send it to the Messenger Office, and they will greatly oblige.

Our Canadian brethren have recently added another station to their Foreign Mission to the Telugus, at Akidu. Rev. John Craig writes in the Canadian Baptist, and shews some of the difficulties they have in purchasing and securing land there.

The canals were closed from March 15th till May 1st. As I had heard nothing from the rajah, I sent my munshi about the 5th of May.

Before we left we saw the deed made out in Telugu, and signed and sealed or stamped with the stamp of the rajah. Owing to some of their peculiar ways of doing business, the deed could not be delivered to us there and then, but my munshi had to remain to bring it to us afterwards.

If Manitoba were free from the terrible cold of winter and the overflowing of the rivers in spring, it would be a land flowing with milk and honey. A letter from Emerson, signed "B. Minister" in the Canadian Baptist gives a picture, not the most inviting although doubtless true.

"To-day, July 13th, for the first time, I had good new potatoes for my dinner, I doubt if so early ever before, west or east of the Atlantic. This truly is the land of root crops, field and garden."

knees or middle, get out horse and carriage the best way possible, and remain in such clothing as possible all day. The government land agent, Mr. Newcomb, whose house is opposite the window at which I am writing, was, the other day, crossing the best way he could the river Souris, with his wife and things. Something went wrong, himself and wife were saved with great difficulty, and all his luggage lost.

Prairie College is going on. Dr Crawford says: "We have eleven hundred and twenty acres of excellent land secured. We have an excellent and extensive outfit. We have a large amount of work performed on the College farm."

Our brethren in the Upper Provinces are subscribing nobly to this new departure into the regions beyond.

"DECLINE OF INFANT BAPTISM AMONG THE SECTS."—The Church Record under the above heading, quotes from the N. Y. Independent a paragraph which says respecting Infant Baptism:

"The rite is falling into some disregard, and is not retained as possessing any sacramental value. These denominations generally do not regard infant baptism as initiating church-membership. It does not secure one of the privileges of membership, but is simply regarded as a form of parental dedication before the church, which makes the church responsible, in part, for the Christian education of the child."

The editor adds: "This is a serious charge against these bodies, but it is true. They have almost entirely lost the Scriptural doctrine of Baptism which was held by their forefathers, and which is still embodied in the Confessions of Faith, recognised as standards among them."

273; and only 931 infant baptisms; not quite two to each church. Having lost the Apostolic doctrine on this point, it is no wonder the Apostolic practice has fallen into contempt.

We presume our contemporary's figures are correct, but he does not inform us if there is a decline in the observance of the rite in the Episcopal Church. It is probable that as there have been so many recent and striking testimonies to the fact that the primitive baptisms were not by infant sprinkling, but only by the immersion of believers, that infant baptisms have declined in that church as well as among the other sects.

We find the following in one of our New York Baptist ex-langes: "The 'speaks' volumes for the careful and business-like management of affairs under the present Administration, that during the past four years the Internal Revenue Bureau has collected and turned into the Treasury nearly five hundred millions in taxes without the loss to the Government of a single dollar."

Rev. H. Boal of Pugwash, is appointed to write a history of S. S. work among the Baptists of Cumberland Co. for the Centenary meetings at Great Village in September, and asks superintendents, or others, as soon as possible, to send any items of information or interest, especially the date of the year when their schools commenced, the average attendance, the number of scholars who have become church members, and anything that may be interesting on the subject.

Mr. Spurgeon has another book nearly ready for publication, entitled "John Ploughman's Pictures." The book is of the size and price of "John Ploughman's Talk," but the articles are somewhat more numerous, numbering thirty-eight, and each section has the additional attraction of a pictorial illustration.

Mr. Spurgeon says:—"Natural humanity leads many to help an Orphanage who would never aid a College, and it is therefore mainly to intelligent Christians that we must look for aid in this enterprise. We say 'intelligent,' because there are many pious people who still seem to think that ignorance is a better qualification for the ministry than knowledge."

Notices.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Includes Onslow West (\$6 00), Onslow East (11 25), Annapolis Sab. School (5 00), Greywood and Milford (2 01), Mrs. Bancroft (1 00), Great Village (20 70), Total (\$45 96).

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