

For the Christian Messenger. Appeal.

To the members of Baptist Churches. DEAR BROTHERS,—Being destitute of a suitable place of worship...

In behalf of the Committee, AMBROSE L. BANKS, Secretary. Inglisville, Annapolis Co., Oct. 9, 1880.

DONATIONS RECEIVED. C. W. Shafner, M. P. P., South Farmington. \$ 4 50

For the Christian Messenger. A Golden Wedding. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. James Stevens...

Our aged Brother and his beloved companion have passed through the deep waters. Let their hearts be gladdened on this anniversary occasion...

For the Christian Messenger. Thanksgiving Day: Halifax Infants Home.

The Committee of the Infants Home, Halifax, return their most sincere thanks to the Churches and individuals that so kindly remembered the institution...

On behalf of the Committee. ANTOINETTE NORBECK, Treasurer. MRS. E. M. SAUNDERS, Secretary. Halifax, October 11th, 1880.

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY IN ENGLAND.—The acceptance of an American dictionary in England has itself had immense effect in keeping up the community of speech...

The Christian Messenger. Halifax, N. S., Oct. 13, 1880.

BLACK AND WHITE.

It was only a few years ago that to speak approvingly of marriage of a colored man with a white woman, in the United States, or vice versa, was a very dangerous experiment...

"If any respectable newspaper in the United States has ever before gone so far as this, the fact has escaped our notice. And yet we fear that the sentiments of the Independent in this matter are not offensive to the Northern people generally."

The Watchman of the past week replies to the Baptist Courier under the caption "Something Dreadful," as follows:—

We have not very much to say on the subject. What we have to observe may be reduced to a few elementary propositions:

- 1. American citizens of African descent are—American citizens; in the same sense and with the same rights as the editor of the Baptist Courier... 2. American citizens of African descent are human beings...

VIEWS IN INDIA.

We had an opportunity, on Saturday evening, of seeing some of the views Rev. W. F. Armstrong has to exhibit. The instrument he uses for this purpose is decidedly the finest we ever saw...

As works of art the views are well worth seeing, and, as illustrations of a country in which all denominations have missionary laborers, they are as near to an actual visit as can be obtained without going there.

Mr. Armstrong was to give his first Exhibition and Lecture in Granville Street Church last evening. He will give the second on this evening at the North Baptist Church.

STEWIACKE CENTENNIAL.

Wednesday last was the great celebration of this Centennial. Extensive preparations had been made by invitations being given far and near. These were very largely accepted...

Still a large company assembled. It is said the show of horses and carriages exceeded all that were at both the Halifax and Kentville Exhibitions.

The celebration was under the management of a most efficient Committee with the following as its officers: E. Tupper, Esq., Chairman.

The Presbyterian Church was richly decorated with evergreens and mottoes. Over the pulpit, in letters in spruce, were the words: "Lord, Thou has been our Dwelling-Place in all Generations."

Below this again in white letters, ornamented with gold stars, were the words: "Glory to God in the Highest." On the front of the gallery "Peace on Earth and good will to man..."

At 2 o'clock the intellectual feast began according to the following

- PROGRAMME. 1st. Devotional Exercises, singing 100th Psalm. Opening Prayer by Principal Ross.

The Herald gives a capital report with the Addresses, each of which was excellent, finely adapted to inspire the younger members of the community with patriotic feelings...

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

Welcome Meeting at North Sydney, C. B. Rev. W. F. Armstrong—Rev. T. H. Porter.

A deeply interesting and largely attended service was held in the Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday of the past week. We find the following in the N. S. Herald of the 6th inst.:

"After excellent introductory remarks by the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, an address of welcome to Mr. Armstrong was read by the Rev. Mr. McMillan. The address was most appropriate, sketching the career of Mr. Armstrong while in the East...

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great need of sending reinforcements to the missionary army of India, and dwell strongly upon the great disparity in the churches in providing for home and foreign evangelization.

The second part of the programme consisted of an address and a purse presentation to the Rev. T. H. Porter, as a token of the esteem and appreciation in which he is held by his many friends in North Sydney and vicinity. The purse presented amounted to the handsome sum of \$225.

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

"DISTINGUISHED VISITORS."

The following from the Canadian Baptist of last week may interest some of our Western brethren:

"Every season an ever-increasing number of business men, clergymen, professional men, &c., visit Muskoka with the idea of securing relaxation from care, viewing our picturesque scenery, fishing and hunting. One of the latest arrivals is Mr. B. F. Ashley, the talented pastor of the Woodstock Baptist Church..."

LECTURES.—Halifax is abundantly supplied with popular lectures just now, Professor Tripp, from Boston, is proposing to commence a series of lectures, having reference to the great events in Europe.

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

The Church Guardian published in Halifax has some strong expressions on "Our ill-paid Clergy." It seems that several clergymen of the Church of England have been obliged to leave their charges for other lands, in consequence of their salaries being such as they could not live upon.

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four or five have gone to other dioceses, and we are told at least as many more are seriously talking of following them." The same things might be said of some other denominations.

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.

Rev. E. M. Saunders has returned to the city after a brief vacation and rest in the country. He preached at Windsor on Sunday last by way of exchange with Rev. E. M. Keirstead, the pastor, who occupied the Granville Street pulpit.

Rev. Joseph Murray has resigned his charge of the church at Cambridge, Cornwallis. We have not heard to what field he will remove.

Rev. S. B. Kempton continues very ill. Rev. E. J. Grant is laboring at Dartmouth.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey, of St. John, N. B., has received a call from the Baptist Church at Guelph, Ontario. We have not yet learned whether he will accept.

Rev. Mr. Tuttle, of Springfield, Ohio, is shortly expected to enter upon his labors with the first Baptist Church at Brantford, Ont.

Rev. Dr. Stewart has been obliged to leave Hamilton, Ont., on account of his health, and has gone to San José, California.

The N. Y. Examiner says:—"Our former friend, Rev. Dr. J. Hyatt Smith, has not come to a stopping-place yet. His latest progressive action is the acceptance of the nomination of a haters' association on an anti-convict-labor platform for Congress in the Third Congressional District."

The Presbyterian Alliance or the Pan-Presbyterian Assembly recently held in Philadelphia, had a lengthy discussion on the question of using a liturgy in their churches, on which Dr. Hitchcock had previously read a paper. The National Baptist gives the following summary of the debate on that question:—

Dr. Calderwood of Edinburgh, opening the discussion, said: It is not a part of Presbyterianism to forbid a liturgy; but no minister should be bound by a liturgy. Dr. Hutton of Paisley objected to Dr. Hitchcock's remark as to the dangerous tendency of the doctrine of justification by faith alone. This gentleman was not a very graceful speaker. He had a way of raising on his toes and then coming down so as to make the building shake.

Dr. Sloane of Allegheny, said: What ever as to worship is not commanded in the Word of God is forbidden. Prof. Bruce of Glasgow thought that the Presbyterian form of worship is bald and unimpressive, and that it would be improved by some introduction of liturgy.

Dr. Milligan of Allegheny, said: Not a particle of the old Ritual but had a divine authority. Dr. Bred of Philadelphia made a very happy speech. He said: "Is it true that the Presbyterian worship is 'bald'? Is the worship of the millions of our Congregational and Baptist and Methodist brethren bald? And do we need a wig of Episcopal liturgy to cover our baldness? Over and over again in the Cathedrals of England, I have heard sixty-five minutes of service followed by fifteen minutes of what no Presbyterian would for a moment think of calling a sermon. This was bald."

Principal Grant of Kingston, Canada, said: "If we quote Dr. Hitchcock, we ought to quote the whole sentence. What he said was that the doctrine of justification by faith was dangerous in unlearned or unskilful hands. I do not believe that common sense is dead. If in a future day, the Presbyterian church should see fit to adopt a liturgy, there is no danger to be feared from their doing so."

Prof. Mitchell of St. Andrew, Scotland, said: "It is more important to make the best use of our present system than it is to change it."

Dr. A. T. Pierson of Detroit, said: "Worship is worth-ship; it is ascribing worth and greatness to God. There should be nothing that does not exalt God. Now, the tendency of a ritual is to withdraw attention from God and to exalt man. We should study our worship as well as our sermon. If we did, there would be less complaint about baldness."

Dr. Hofmeyr of the Cape of Good Hope was very well received by the audience. He speaks English very well, though with an accent. He made a very shrewd, good-natured, sensible speech. He said: "Our churches at the Cape of Good Hope, which are older than yours in America, have a liturgy. We must not abridge liberty."