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THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

For the Christian Messenger. Appeal.

To the members of Baptist Churches.

DEAR BRETHREN,-Being destitute of a suitable place of worship, a few of the Baptist Brethren residing in this place decided in the spring of the present year to build a Baptist Meeetinghouse. The house is now up and progressing favourably, but we find that our means are not sufficient to meet lives of the parties so doing were scarcely the demands against us, and to carry on the work successfully. We therefore have decided to appeal to you for help. A small sum from each of you would have now changed and the N.Y. Inenable us to continue the work, and you would have the satisfaction of feeling you had done what you could to every social relation negroes will be assist your more destitute brethren.

Any donation however small, will be thankfully received, and promptly acknowledged.

> 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 Clarence East, Section of Wilmot Church. 10 25

> For the Christian Messenger. A Golden Wedding.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. James Stevens, will occur on the 3rd of November. His friends have thought that this will form a very fitting occasion for giving three weeks since their publication as substantial expression of their regard for this aged minister, and his companion in life. We hope that all who love the gospel which Bro. Stevens so long and faithfully proclaimed will cheerfully contribute at this time, and gladden the hearts of this worthy couple by such tangible expressions of their good will as shall materially lighten their worldly caresduring the few years left them here. Out of a family of six children, Bro. and Sister Stevens have lost five, the last being the late lamented young pastor of the Fredericton Church, the Rev. A. J. Stevens. Our aged Brother and his beloved companion have passed through the deep waters. Let their hearts be gladdened on this anniversary occasion by the freewill offerings of their brethren and sisters throughout the province. Contributions for this purpose may be sent to the care of James S. Morse, Esq., Wolfville, N. S.

The Christian Messenger. Hallfax, 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. And even the safe. It was denounced as a "miscenegation" and an abomination, to be driven out by Judge Lynch. Times dependent has expressed the hope " that the time will speedily come when in recognized, without ostracism or prejudice, as having equal claims with proud Caucasians ;" that "even in the closest and holiest bonds of matrimony the last vestige of this lingering ostracism shall vanish." On this-the South Carolina Baptist Courier, in its issue of the 9th inst., comes out in strong condemnation after the following fashion :---

"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 editor says, indeed, that his notion of equality is 'not yet ac cepted by our people,' but we think he felt sure of his ground when he advanced to this position. We wish our fears may not be justified-that the infamous principles avowed may meet with indignant denunciation from the religious press of the North. It is now quoted above, and we have not seen in any of our Northern exchanges a word of condemnation, but it may yet come. Has The Watchman, the Standard, the Examiner and Chronicle, the Observer, nothing to say on the subject ?" The Watchman of the past week replies to the Baptist Courier under the caption "Something Dreadful," as follows : -

Wednesday last was the great celebration of this Centennial, Extensive preparations bad been made by invitations being given far and near. These were very largely accepted, and vast numbers assembled to participate in the joyous occasion. Unfortunately, as it would appear, a steady rain set in on the previous evening which prevented many getting there.

STEWIACKE CENTENNIAL

Still a large company assembled. J 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. R. Cox, Esq., M. D., Secretary. Alex. Ellis, Esq., Treasurer.

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 a large state, in the centre of which, in gold letters; on a red ground, were the words :

"ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO-1780 то 1880."

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," and on the wall beneath it, " Should Auld acquaintance be forgot." On either side of the gallery were the words, "One generation shall praise thy works to another-we cherish the memory of our Fore-fathers." " The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places"-"God bless our Valley." The platform and pulpit were ornamented with a handsome collection of plants and flowers. The proceedings were enlivened by the Truro Brass Band, which played some choice pieces, and delighted the hearts of the throng. At 2 o'clock the intellectual feast began according to the following

great need of sending reinforcements to four or five have gone to other dioceses strongly upon the great disparity in the churches in providing for home and foreign evangelization. The same things might be said of

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 posite course. friends in North Sydney and vicinity. The purse presented amounted to the handsome sum of \$225. The address was read by W. H. Moore, Esq., and contained kindly wishes for Mr. Porter's future welfare, and happy recollections of his former labors in North Sydney, adverting to his faithfulness as a minis- the end of the year for 25 cents. ter, and the true spirit of friendship ever manifested by him. Reference was made to the deep sympathy felt for him in being laid aside through ill-health from active pastoral work, and of the admiration likewise felt for his sublime courage and noble Christian character. Rev. Mr. Armstrong, in speaking to the address read by Mr. Moore, referred to his old-time intercourse with Mr. Porter, and his" recollection of the latter's energy and zeal in all progressive work. Rev. Mr. Kidston followed with eloquent expressious of admiration for Mr. Por ter's superior talents and kindly nature, after which the audience adjourned to the vestry of the church, where a tea had been provided by the ladies of the church and congregation. Here and in the body of the church again, some few hours in social intercourse were most enjoyably spent. The musical part of the programme was very select, and was splendidly carried out. Some resident clergymen as well as some in Sydney were unavoidably prevented from a tending.

FOUR FAMILIES may be supplied with the " Christian Messenger" from

the missionary army of India, and dwelt and we are told at least as many more

some other denominations. There is frequently a great want of promptness in paying for ministerial labour. The divine injunctions all commend an op-

OCTOBER 13, 1880.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACH-ERS.—Recommend your Classes to become subscribers for the " Christian Messenger," and they will have, in it, the cream of the best Lessons published, to

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. The Exchange 8

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.

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

The Committee of the Infants Home, 16th. Closing-" God save the Queen." the obligations of civil obedience should Halifax, return their most sincere restrain good citizens from forming The Herald gives a capital report thanks to the Churches and individuals them. But such an artificial regulation with the Addresses, each of which was that so kindly remembered the instituhas no other ethical obligation. tion in their thank-offerings for the last excellent, finely adapted to inspire the 4. We do not "desire" nor "hope younger members of the community two years. In our Report (1879) we for" the marriage of any white person acknowledged gifts from about fifty with patriotic feelings and pleasing aswith any colored person, nor do we sociations of the place of their birth. condemn or execrate such marriage,-Churches in various parts of Nova simply because it is none of our basi-We would gladly make a further sum-Scotia. We were not altogether forness, but concerns only the parties immary, but space at command forbids. gotten in New Brunswick and Prince mediately interested. We certainly Edward Island. The amounts received cannot admit that there would be anywere of the greatest service to us in thing "infamous" about it. "Marriage enabling us to continue one of the most 25 cents may have the CHRISTIAN is honorable in all." Heb. xiii. 4. essential and invaluable forms of char-MESSENGER to Dec. 31st, 1880, Postity. Thanksgiving Day is again at age paid. VIEWS IN INDIA. hand. Our necessities are not lessthey are in truth much greater than We had an opportunity, on Saturday Welcome Meeting at North Syd they were at this time last year. The evening, of seeing some of the views ney, C. B. Rev. W. F. Armcharitable work in which we are en-Rev. W. F. Armstrong has to exhibit. strong-Rev. T. H. Porter. gaged has prospered greatly in our The instrument he uses for this purpose hands. We make bold therefore to A deeply interesting and largely atis decidedly the finest we ever saw, renew our appeal" for help and kindly and throws out the beautiful works of remembrance to every man and woman art he has, making them equal to so who acknowledges the authority of many large 20ft. oil paintings. They HIM who has said "Inasmuch as ye N. S. Herald of the 6th inst.: are well calculated to give some have done it to the least of these ye "After excellent introductory reacquaintance with the country and have done it unto Me." Our appeal marks by the chairman, the Rev. Mr. people on which so much effort is being then is in the name of Christ to all the Bancroft, an address of welcome to Mr. employed to Christianize. It is not a churches in all parts of the Maritime Armstrong was read by the Rev. Mr. small work to break down the preju-McMillan. The address was most apfor 25 cents. Provinces. dices and superstition of such a people. propriate, sketching the career of Mr. On behalf of the Committee. Their religion is a highly refined Armstrong while in the East, and dwell-ANTOINETTE NORBECK, species of immorality and of spiritual ing upon the happy thought, ever held Treasurer. degradation,-diametrically opposed to of him by the people at home, of the MRS. E. M. SAUNDERS, warm place he had in their affections the pure and elevating doctrines of while laboring on the distant shores of Secretary. Christ. Halifax, October 11th, 1880. Bengal. The address, which was replete As works of art the views are well with fine passages, spoke of the anxiety worth seeing, and, as illustrations of a felt for Mr. Armstrong himself during WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY IN ENGLAND .country in which all denominations his prolonged illness when in heathen-"The acceptance of an American dichave missionary laborers, they are as dom, and for his heroic wife's present tionary in England has itself had imill-health. The address was indeed a near to an actual visit as can be obmense effect in keeping up the com-munity of speech, to break which would tained without going there. kindly expression of the welcome Mr. Armstrong has in the minds of all. Words be a grievous harm, not to English Mr. Armstrong was to give his first of welcome were also spoken by the Rev. speaking nations alone, but to mankind. Exhibition and Lecture in Granville Mr. Porter, who addressed himself more The result of this has been that the Street Church last evening. He will to the personal side, and also by the Rev. common dictionary must suit both sides give the second one this evening at Mr. Murray, who referred more generally of the Atlantic. the North Baptist Church. On Saturto the life of a foreign missionary, his " On the whole, Webster's dictionary sacrifices and his rewards. Mr. Armday, he will exhibit in the Dartas it stands, is most respectable, and cer-

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, or of The Watchman.

2. American citizens of African descent are human beings; "of one blood" with all other human beings. This is not our proposition only, but that of the Apostle of the Gentiles, Acts xvii.

3. Any lawfully marriageable man has a right to marry any lawfully marriage. able woman (not within prohibited degrees of consanguinity or affinity) whom he can persuade to such a union, and no other human being has a natural right to interfere. If the civil law forbids certain unions, though of natural right,

PROGRAMME.

1st. Devotional Exercises, singing 100th Psalm.

Opening Prayer by Principal Ross. 2nd. Address by Chairman. 3rd. Address by Hon. S. Creelman. 4th. Music-" Memories of the Past." 5th. Address by Rev. Dr. Sedgewick. 7th. Music-"How lovely is Zion."

Dismiss for tea.

Reassemble at 6 o'clock. 8th. Singing 819th Hymn in Presby

terian Hymnal. 1411982 9th. Address by His Honor the Lieut.

Governor. 10th.

all Tears. 11th. Address by Dr. Patterson.

Syne." 13th. Address by Rev. Mr. Dimock.

14th. Music-" Angel Guardians." 15th. Volunteer Addresses.

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 The rev. gentleman comes of good parentage. His father, Rev. W. Ashley, during the thirty seven years of his ministry in Liverpool, Barrington and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, baptized 5,300 persons. One of B. F. Ashley's uncles was an Episcopalian minister, two others were Presbyterian. while one was at one time Lieut. Governor of South Carolina. Four of his Music-"God Shall Wipe Away brothers are Baptist ministers, while one is an Episcopalian minister. On Sabbath, 22nd ult., the Rev. gentleman 12th. Music-"Songs of Auld Lang preached an eloquent sermon in the by faith alone. This gentleman was not Presbyterian Church. Text, Luke iv. a very graceful speaker. He had a way 16, "And as his custom was He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." Theme-The power of habit in the form. ation of religious life."

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. He comes highly recommended by the press and public men of the neighbouring republic. The sub-NEW SUBSCRIBERS by sending jects and place will be announced in the morning papers. We copy the following from the Raleigh (N. C.) Rocorder (Baptist) January 19, 1876. Prof. Tripp has been in our city for the past few weeks delivering a course of lectures on French history since 1848. He has delivered the whole series before the Y. M. C. Association and the three female seminaries of this city. tended service was held in the Calvary Mr. Hapgood, of the Baptist Seminary, Baptist Church on Tuesday of the past | considers them unusually fine and found week. We find the following in the them very instructive to his pupils. CHEAP FAMILY READING. Postage paid. The CHRISTIAN MESSENGER to New Subscribers to 31st Dec., 1880, 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. The names of several are given who have left the province on this account. The following is the last paragraph of the Guardian editorial on the subject :---"It is high time that the laity aroused themselves to realize the serious consequences which must follow a continuance of their present illiberality in supporting their ministers. Unless a strong's reply was an eloquent tribute of change is speedily made, we shall have tainly THE BEST PRACTICAL ENGLISH DIO-TIONARY EXTANT." - London Quarterly Review. mouth Baptist Church, and on Monday Review. Brunswick Street. mouth Baptist Church, and on Monday Brunswick Street. mouth Baptist Church, and on Monday in the Tabernacle Church, Brunswick Street. Brunswick Street. define the splendid welcome extended to him. He spoke in forcible terms of the will be without pastoral care. Already abridge liberty."

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 hatters' association on an anti-convictlabor 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 prevously read a paper. The National Baptist gives the following summary of the debate on that question :---

Dr. Calderwood of Edinburg, 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 of rising 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. Breed 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

Prof. Mitchell of St. Andrew, Scotland,

said: "It is more important to make

the best use of our present system than

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 wor-

ship as well as our sermon. If we did,

there would be less complaint about

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

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