

King, having made the needful examination, wrote as follows:—

Dear Sir,—I have this day at your request, made a careful examination, and I take pleasure in stating that I find your kidneys in a healthy state.

This certifies that I have examined pretty thoroughly into the physical condition of Rev. W. B. Boggs. As a result of my examination I have no hesitation in saying that I consider him in as nearly a perfect state of health as it is possible to find one person in a thousand.

Those interested will notice the dates of the above certificates, and will thereby see that they were given after the question of my return was no longer before the Board or the Denomination.

Another statement is made in the Visitor of July 20th which is entirely misleading. In speaking of my application to the American Baptist Missionary Union, it is stated that at first there was hesitation, "but subsequently a generous Baptist, full of faith, offered \$1000 to send him out, and he was sent."

That "generous Baptist" had offered \$1000 to send a missionary to Ongole, and the Missionary Union was looking for some one to go. Therefore it is utterly misleading to say that while they were hesitating about sending me, a generous man, full of faith, came forward and offered \$1000 if they would send me out, and that therefore the Missionary Union was willing to run the risk.

I have no desire whatever to enter into the question of my former relation with the Provincial Board, or the circumstances under which that relation terminated. That page is turned and so let it remain. I write simply to correct erroneous statements.

Yours faithfully, W. B. Boggs. Ramapatam, Aug. 27, 1881.

The Christian Messenger.

Hallfax, N. S., October 26, 1881.

CONVENTION AGENCY.

We were informed by telegram from St. John last week, but some time after we had gone to press with our last issue, that the Finance Committee of the Convention "had appointed Rev. W. H. WARREN, the Financial Agent—for the time being—and that he will enter on his joint work at once."

We are glad to know that the Committee have at length been so successful in carrying out the resolution of the Convention. We hope the churches which our brother may visit in his effort to develop the Convention Scheme so called, may give him their hearty cooperation, and not only see the value of the system on which it is based, but that they may heartily adopt the whole scheme, and let it be efficiently worked out so as to produce the great results it is intended, and expected to accomplish. Many churches could easily raise in a year more than an average of \$1 per member. Whilst this plan of raising means for sustaining the benevolent operations of the churches is being impressed on the minds and hearts of the brethren more effectually, and the pastors of the churches are co-operating with him in working it out, it must be borne in mind that the work of Higher Education has claims most pressing. Whether our brother Warren will be able to overtake the work and do as the Convention directs, as fully as the necessities of the case require, remains to be seen.

We again publish the resolution of the Convention, so that the churches

may see exactly what our brother will have laid upon him:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Convention that the Finance Committee procure an Agent for the ensuing year, to secure the successful working of the Convention plan of raising funds for our respective Boards, and inasmuch as Acadia College is in special need of financial assistance, the said Agent be instructed to make special efforts on behalf of that institution, and furthermore as the Board of Governors propose to pay one-half of an Agent's salary, that said Agent be under the control and direction of said Board in making the special effort for the College.

The appointment of Brother Warren we regard as a good one. His hearty sympathies in Home Mission work were proved by his efficiently filling the Secretaryship of the Board for several years gratuitously while pastor of the Temple Church, at Yarmouth. His deep interest in Foreign Missions has been well known by all who have had the opportunity of his acquaintance. His relation to Acadia College is such that he will be able to intelligently advocate its interests and present its strong claims on the denomination in all their fullness, and with all the force that its present position requires. These were largely passed by at the late Convention, in consequence of the Foreign Mission difficulties overshadowing all the other objects belonging to the body. Time has been lost in reference to the Endowment Fund of Acadia College, and the deficiency has been allowed to accumulate by the Governors being restrained from offering any appeal, or making any appointment of Agency for that special object. We trust that the vigilance, which will now be brought into this "joint work" will make up for the past, and be effective in realizing what is now so imperative on all its friends.

Combined effort is the thing now required, and we trust it will be given in connection with this appointment. It is doubtless wise that it is made, "for the time being." The Bridgetown Church of which Brother Warren is the beloved pastor has, we learn, given him leave of absence for two months, so that he may give himself wholly to this Agency temporarily. Let there be no holding back by pastors or people, and we doubt not the results will shew the wisdom of the resolution of the Convention; and whether Bro. Warren continues the work, or it is taken in hand by another, the Agency will not be labor in vain.

Mr. Warren wrote us on the 22nd, by postal card, that, at the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of Acadia College he purposes to meet the Committee on Wednesday, (this evening), to arrange as to places and methods of operating in connection with the Financial Agency, and will give us an outline of the proposed tour in time for our next issue.

The late difficulty between the American Baptist Publication Society and the American and Foreign Bible Society is fully developed in the following extract we make from an article in the N. Y. Examiner and Chronicle. "In the year 1874, Mr. Gardner Chilson, a business layman of Boston, who undoubtedly knew all about the exciting meetings of 1869 in that city, left by his will \$25,000 to the "American Baptist Bible and Publication Society, located in Philadelphia," for Bible uses. The money is and has been in the hands of the executor, Mr. Eustace C. Fitts, of Boston, to be paid over to the Baptist Publication Society; but the Managers of the Nassau street Bible Society have begun a suit in the Supreme Court of Massachusetts to compel Mr. Fitts to pay the \$25,000 over to the Treasurer of the American and Foreign Bible Society! In the event of the Court not awarding the whole amount to their Society, the Managers ask for one-half of it! These are the facts. By what hypocritical Managers could have persuaded themselves that their Society has the shadow of a claim upon the whole or any part of a legacy left as herein stated baffles our comprehension. Mr. Chilson, without pretending to be deeply versed in the minute history of Society operations, knew, from the exciting meetings held in his own city a few years before, that it had been agreed to have one Society made out of the two, and he undoubtedly supposed it had been done. Is it possible to make this attempt to break his will accord with the Bible Union's rendering of Rom. 12; 17, "Provide things honorable in the sight of all men."

A curiosity in the shape of an "Infallible" edition of the Revised New Testament" has been published by Leggo Brothers & Co. It is a complete reproduction in miniature of the Oxford edition, the type-work on each page measuring 1 by 1 1/2 inches. The book contains 446 pages, and a single sheet of superfine paper 24 by 38 inches is enough for a single copy. But who will ever care to read a page of it!

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We beg respectfully to suggest to those of our Subscribers from whom we have not as yet heard this year, that we are very anxious to hear from them. Our necessities are great and pressing. It would be esteemed a special favor if they would send on without further delay, as we are desirous of meeting the obligations incurred to furnish them with their weekly supply of Christian literature.

PERSONAL.—Rev. H. Charlton and wife are now visiting their relatives and numerous friends at Onslow, after an absence of about fifteen years. He preached two excellent sermons on Sunday last at Onslow, and will supply the pulpit at Central Onslow during the absence of the pastor for two Sundays.

THE ANNAPOLIS COUNTY MINISTERS held their Conference at Bridgetown on Tuesday the 11 inst. The attendance was not so large as it has sometimes been. Rev. T. A. Higgins read a well prepared paper on "the value of a religious newspaper in the family." He described the benefits which flow to a family from receiving the weekly visits of a well conducted newspaper, improving the intellect of all its members, and the heart as well as the morals and manners of young and old. An excellent paper on "Pastoral visiting—its use and abuse" was read by Rev. J. D. Skinner showing how it may be made more profitable and useful to pastor and people.

Rev. W. H. Warren presented an Essay on "Churchless Members" and showed the losses to which many churches are subjected by members removing from one place to another without removing their membership by letters of dismission to the church nearest to their residence.

The column of "non-resident members" in our statistics would be greatly diminished by a serious consideration of the evils flowing from this neglect.

Rev. J. H. Robbins preached on the fulfilment of prophecy in reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus. In doing this he threw light on several passages which are not fully understood by many superficial readers.

In the course of the sitting of the conference a telegram was forwarded to the Ministers' Conference of Kings county at their sitting at Aylesford, proposing a joint meeting of the two bodies at Melvern square in January next. The proposal was readily agreed to, and will doubtless be a season of much interest.

TAKE NOTICE.—NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Three copies of the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER to one address for Five Dollars; six copies to one address for Ten Dollars; and so on for one year.

We very much regret that our brethren, A. J. Denton, and Rev. Dr. Armstrong could not put their articles discussing the Convention question into smaller compass. We think that our readers have already had more than enough of said discussion, and we must therefore be excused from giving more at present on that subject.

The letter from Rev. T. H. Porter, on the proposal to erect and equip a Baptist Academy in St. John, might seem to be on a matter which especially concerned our brethren in that province—and that we should not therefore, interfere, yet when we consider that Horton Collegiate Academy as well as Acadia College is the property of the Baptists in New Brunswick, as well as those of Nova Scotia, and that this attempt to raise another Baptist Academy in St. John with the proceeds of the Fredericton Seminary would be a misappropriation of said funds, until the denomination in New Brunswick have so directed; and further that Brother Porter and others have written us from that province concerning this act of disloyalty to the Convention, we, consequently, dare not offer any obstruction to full inquiry on this matter.

We should be glad to know of the Minutes of our New Brunswick Associations are yet published. Will the brethren who have this matter in charge please inform us, or if published have the kindness to send us a copy of each.

The publication of the Reports of the Finance Committee of the Convention on another page will be very opportune just now that Bro. Warren is commencing his Agency work.

OBSERVE.—NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1882 will receive the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER from the date of our receiving the amount of subscription—two dollars—to the end of 1882.

THE BAPTIST REVIEW, Oct., Nov., and Dec., 1881 has some able articles on subjects of present interest. They are: I. Is it always Right to Obey the Dictates of Conscience? by J. M. Pendleton, D. D. II. A question of good conscience, by Prof. E. Adkins, D. D. III. The Plymouth Brethren, by Henry M. King, D. D. IV. The Position of Women among the Ancient Romans, by Jeremiah Chaplain, D. D. V. Mediæval Latin Poetry, by J. S. Tunison. VI. An Address, Baptists and Education, by E. Treshler, L. L. D. Books—Reviews and Notices.

The article on "the Plymouth Brethren is especially worthy of a careful reading. It gives a good analysis of this modern sect, or rather family of sects. The article on "The position of woman among the Ancient Romans" gives a most interesting insight into the domestic and social life of that great nation. Being somewhat connected with the times of the New Testament, some light is thrown on several passages of scripture, so that the reader will be amply rewarded by a perusal.

The Review is well worthy of enlarged patronage and support.

LITTEL'S LIVING AGE, for October 15, and October 22, contain "Four Centuries of English Letters," from Nineteenth Century; and the cream of the other Monthly and Fortnightly magazines; The Future of Islam. The Essayists, and Old English Clans; Mary Schonewald, a Study in Prophecy; Hints for an Autumnal Ramble, The late John Hill Burton, and Be-seigned in the Transvaal; Archæological Discoveries in Egypt, with the usual amount of poetry.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year), the subscription price (\$8) is low: while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston are the publishers.

ISMS OLD AND NEW.—Winter Sunday Evening Sermon Series for 1880-81, delivered in the First Baptist Church, Chicago, by the Pastor, George C. Lorimer. S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago. pp. 367; price \$1.50.

This new book of Dr. Lorimer's, just published, is full of instruction on the several subjects named. The titles of the several ISMS of which it treats will indicate somewhat the materials of which the Lectures are composed.—They are:

- 1. AGNOSTICISM, Or the Impregnability of Ignorance.
2. ATHEISM, Or the Superfluosity of Deity.
3. PANTHEISM, Or the Deification of the Universe.
4. MATERIALISM, Or the Theory of Mind less Mechanism.
5. NATURALISM, Or the World Without a Sovereign.
6. PESSIMISM, Or the Mystery of Human Suffering.
7. BUDDHISM, Or the light of Asia and the Light of the world.
8. UNITARIANISM, Or the Superhuman Manhood of Christ.
9. SPIRITUALISM, Or the modern Necromancy.
10. SKEPTICISM, Or the Unreasonableness of Doubt.
11. LIBERALISM, Or the Limits of thought-freedom.
12. FORMALISM, Or the Relation of Shadow to Substance.
13. DENOMINATIONALISM, Or Christian Unity in Diversity.
14. MAMMONISM, Or the Savageness of Money Greed.
15. PAUPERISM, Or the problem of Poverty.
16. ALTRUISM, Or the Law of Self Sacrifice.

Dr. Lorimer's name will be sufficient guarantee to many that there is something substantial in his discussion of these matters. His style is of a very high character. Having sustained a congregation of several thousands in Boston, and now at Chicago, is some proof that his preaching and lectures are the productions of a master mind. Dr. Lorimer is very different from C. H. Spurgeon in person and style, and yet, both being Baptists and pulpit orators, they resemble each other in many particulars, especially in that they always attract a large congregation, and are immensely useful in bringing sinners to Christ Jesus.

In British America there have been admitted to the Church during the past twenty years no less than 13,000 Indians.

Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

From Missionary Link, per Miss Buchanan.....\$24 75 with the following note:—

YORKVILLE, ONT., Oct. 20, 1881.

Dear Mrs. Selden,— Mrs. Freeland and I have decided to divide one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the profits of the Missionary Link this year. I have tried to make the division amongst the different societies according to the number of subscribers from each. We have very great pleasure in enclosing to you this cheque for twenty four dollars and seventy five cents (\$24.75) being the proportion for Nova Scotia.

Yours very truly, JANE BUCHAN. M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, Oct. 25th, 1881.

NOTICE.

The Pastors' Meeting of Hants' Co., will hold its next session at Summerville, on Tuesday; Nov 1st, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and the Auxiliary Board will meet at 2 P. M. SECRETARY.

CASH RECEIVED FOR ACADIA COLLEGE. Endowment Fund.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Rev. F. A. Kidston, Sydney (\$10 00), B. N. Hughes, St. Mary's, York County (50 00), Asa Wyman, Onio, Yarmouth Co. (2 00), Robert Crosby (4 00). Total \$66 00.

Interest. Joseph Walley, Newport, Hants Co., per Rev. A. Cohoon..... \$1 25 X. Z. CHIPMAN, Treas. Wolfville, Oct. 22, 1881.

BAZAAR.

The ladies of the Baptist Church at Chester intend holding a Bazaar, on Wednesday, Nov 2nd, 1881. An attractive display of fancy goods may be expected. Admission 5 cents. Tea 30 cents. Contributions will be thankfully received by

MRS. J. W. WEEKS, " H. WALKER, " JAS. BEZANSON. Chester, Oct. 8th, 1881.

Treasurers of Baptist Funds.

- 1. HOME MISSION BOARD—Rev. J. A. Gordon, Yarmouth.
2. FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD—Rev. W. P. Everett, St. John, N. B.
3. ACADIA COLLEGE AND HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY—X. Z. Chipman, Esq., Wolfville.
4. INFIRM MINISTERS' RELIEF AND AID FUND—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Halifax, N. S.
5. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND—Jno. W. Bars, Esq., Wolfville.
6. NOVA SCOTIA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY—Mrs. M. R. Selden, Halifax.

Moneys Received.

Joseph D. Marsters, \$2; J. Barnes, \$2; J. F. Marsters, Esq., \$2; Mrs. J. P. Burns, \$2; W. H. Sahan, \$2; W. A. Morse, \$4; Isaiah Thurber, \$2; S. Sprowl, \$19; C. W. Saunders, \$12.



CONSUMPTION IS CURABLE BY THE USE OF GATES' LIFE OF MAN BITTERS AND Invigorating Syrup.

Messrs. C. Gates, Son & Co.: This is to certify that I have been troubled for four years with a bad cough, costiveness, and a great deal of the time unable to work by coughing and raising. Consulted several doctors and they pronounced me in the last stage of consumption, having pain and soreness of the lungs. I have tried several doctors, but with no success until I fell in with a friend, who advised me to try your medicine. After I had taken a few bottles of your

No. 1 Bitters and No. 2 Syrup, my cough stopped, appetite returned, bowels became regular, and now I feel quite well, and would recommend it to every person suffering, as I feel that it is your medicine and the blessing of God that I am now alive. Respectfully yours, P. B. DAWSON. Sworn to before me at Acadia Mines, this 7th day of July, 1879. J. M. CAMPBELL, J. P. Sold everywhere. March 21—d w