

earth, what cause have we all to feel thankful gratification. The earth and the fullness thereof are the Lord's who crowneth the year with his goodness; and the feeling expressed by the poet Thompson may well be widely cherished in this favoured land—
 "Think—O grateful think—
 How good the God of harvests is to you."

The autumn of human life too, may be a season of gratification. They who in youth sow to the Spirit, and in whose moral nature is first the blade, then the ear, and then the full or filling corn in the ear, may anticipate true gratification in the autumn of life from grateful recollections, from ripening fruits of the Spirit, and from the well-grounded character of their hope of glory everlasting. In view of all this, how blessed is early piety! Should the eyes of any one in the freshness of early life fall on these pages, let such feel assured that whatever else may be matter of regret some future day, or of lamentation in eternity, there is no danger of any one ever being sorry for feeling like Obadiah—I Kings, 18: 12—"I fear the Lord from my youth." "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son"—Prov. 10: 5—but, if you would do so, you must sow in spring; and "If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself," Prov. 9: 12.

2. Of Lamentations.

It was so in Judah and Jerusalem when the lamentation was uttered, Jer. 8: 20—"The harvest is past; the summer is ended; and we are not saved." Jehozab had said "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place;" but "no man repented of the wickedness, saying, what have I done?" Persisting in sin, they brought judgment on themselves; and, with infatuation like that of holding up conductors to thunder clouds, they added sin to sin; till at length—"the snoring of horses was heard from Dan"—the Chaldean cavalry were approaching—"the whole land trembled." Then came the lamentation—mainly, however, on account of what was threatening from without—little, if at all, over their own conduct.

How much of similar lamentation in the experience of many in the autumn of life! But, as such lamentation was then of no avail in Judah, neither is it now unless in so far as it becomes lamentation over sins. Those in the autumn of life who are yet "without God in the world" should consider how much they might have had of blessing now wholly beyond their reach. How much they have lost is known only to Him who proclaims "O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments, then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea!" But they should also consider what gratitude they owe to God for sparing mercy. Though not saved they are not yet "without remedy." God is long suffering and hath "no pleasure in the death of the wicked;" and to those that have long sinned his offered mercy He still proclaims in his great forbearance, Isaiah 1—"Put away away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do well. Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool."

3. Of Beauties.

Whilst spring is beautiful with promise and summer with divine bounty autumn has its beauties also. The richness of hue, the exquisite variety of tint and shade, the mellow fruit on the bending branches, and much else on the face of nature in autumn presents a mature expression of real beauty. Now, there is a moral beauty analogous to this, observable more or less frequently in the autumn of the life of those who are trees of the Lord's right hand planting. When their Christian character becomes more and more enriched in its different branches by the ripening "fruits of righteousness," what observer can fail to discern that, amid the signs of bodily decay, they are becoming beautified with salvation, and prepared to be transplanted to "the paradise of God." Not a few instances of such moral beauty are now observable, but under divine grace, they will yet appear far more abundantly in the Church, the garden of the Lord. Let such as rejoice in believing that they have become "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified," consider this matter, and do so in connection with earnest reference to the words of Jesus—Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.

4. Of Mementos.

Viewed in that particular light, moralists and poets have from age to age extracted from it pleasing and profitable thought. But, let it specially be noted that the God of nature and of all grace led one and another of his inspired servants to refer to autumn as a season of mementos—presenting to view much that may profitably remind us that we too are changing and in a transition state. Many in all grades of society would do well to take heed to the faithful but withering words of the Divine proclamation "Woe to the crown of pride, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower;" and they that have weathered many a storm and are yet fresh and vigorous, should never allow an autumn season to pass away without

laying to heart the words of Isaiah, "Ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth"—and the strong and the weak, the high and the low, the old and the young, are all taught to feel "we all do fade as a leaf."
 How precious the truth that there is much in this changing world that is unfading. Of the godly we read "His leaf also shall not wither;" and "they that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, they shall be fat and flourish;" and after being lifted up forever, the "inheritance," the crown of glory; the "beauty of holiness," will "never fade away."

LATEST SELECTIONS FOR AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS. Toronto: Wm. Warwick & Son, pp. 80.

This book of extracts from poets will save a great deal of trouble for those who wish to make a choice poetic contribution to their friend's album.

THE DUTY OF BAPTISTS TO TEACH THEIR DISTINCTIVE VIEWS; by John A. Broadus, D. D., American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, price 8 cents, pp. 35.

This discourse is a clear and sound exposition of a duty that is but little appreciated by large portions of the Baptist community.

Notices.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION, to be held at Upper Aylesford, Kings County, Sept. 22nd. A. D., 1881:

Papers prepared and read at Convention by the following:

- 1. The qualification and work of the Superintendent—by J. W. Barss.
- 2. The qualification of the S. S. Teacher—Andrew Shaw.
- 3. The kind of literature should be used in the S. School—Dr. Margeson.
- 4. The duty of the S. School in reference to Temperance—Henry Lovett.
- 5. What interest should the church take in the S. School—W. A. Porter.
- 6. Should Pastors have anything to do with the S. School—J. F. L. Parsons.
- 7. Foundation and true estimate of christian character—Rev. S. B. Kemp-ton.

A number of interesting subjects for discussion will be presented by the Committee, and at the evening Public Session Dr. Welton will take the Assembly as a class, teaching the Lesson of the last Sabbath for 30 minutes. The Committee are doing all in their power to make this Convention one of the most interesting and instructive ever held in the Province, and trust every Baptist Sabbath School in the N. S. Baptist Central Association will be well represented—and that all the Pastors of the several churches in said Association will also be present. Invitations from many churches in the several counties comprising the Central Association—to hold the next Convention with them, are expected.

HENRY LOVETT,
Secretary S. S. Convention.

KINGS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

This body will meet with the Lower Aylesford Church, at North Kingston, on Tuesday, Sep. 13th., at 2 p. m. A large attendance of ministers and delegates is requested. Each church may send two or more delegates besides its Pastor. Papers will be read by different brethren and plans of sermons presented for criticism. Rev. Joseph Blakeney will preach in the evening, and a collection will be taken up for Home Missions.

D. M. Welton, Secretary.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Falmouth.—Miss Messenger..... \$12 00
 Amherst.—Miss R. J. Logan..... 25 00
 Mission Band, Canning, to support a little girl in Mrs. Sanford's school..... 12 00
 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer.
 Halifax, Sept. 6, 1881

NOTICE.

The Baptist people of Torbrook intend holding a Tea Meeting near the Baptist Church on Thursday, Sept. 8th, proceeds to be appropriated towards repairing their house of worship. Doors open at 2 o'clock. Tickets to tea 35 cts. There will also be a table of Confectionery, Fancy and Useful Articles. All are invited to attend.

JOHN B. BROWN,
JAMES L. BROWN,
FLETCHER WHEELOCK. } Committee.

P. S.—Should that day prove unfavorable the Tea will be given the first fine afternoon.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will be held at Upper Aylesford, Kings County on Thursday, the 22nd day of September next. Morning session opens at 10 o'clock, a. m. It is very desirable that members and delegates should be present at opening of morning session. If any of the Sabbath Schools in the Central Association have not received the Minutes of the last Convention and

Blank returns—they will please let me know at once, that I may forward them. A list of subjects, &c. will be printed in the MESSENGER at an early day.

HENRY LOVETT,
Sec'y S. S. Convention of the N. S. Central Baptist Association.
Kentville, July 16th, 1881.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. E. M. Saunders. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Bible studies on Friday evenings at 7.30.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Pastor Rev. E. J. Grant.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Moneys Received.

I. C. Archibald, \$1. Jas. M. Aymer, Esq., \$5. G. E. DeWitt, Esq., \$6. Rev. W. H. Porter, \$2. Geo. Davison, \$2.

News.

THE GRANVILLE STREET SABBATH SCHOOL will hold its annual Pic Nic on Friday next, at Hosterman's Grounds, N. W. Arm. The steamer *Mic-Mac* will leave Market wharf, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and 2 o'clock, P. M. Friends supplied with tickets for the steamer at 25 cents.

APPOINTMENTS.—Cumberland Co.,—To be Justice of the Peace,—Edmond H. Neville, of Southampton.

Halifax Co.—To be Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown for the County of Halifax,—Jonathan Parsons, Esq., of the City of Halifax, Barrister. To be Clerk of the County Court for District Number one,—Jonathan Parsons, Esq., of the City of Halifax, Barrister.

To be a member of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova Scotia,—George Whitman, Esq., of Round Hill, in the County of Annapolis.

The DOMINION Exhibition in Halifax is now calling forth the energies of all the parties concerned.

A large and excellent exhibit of horses is expected from P. E. Island.

The stables for horses are in the west square, and are four in number. Two of these, accommodating 80 horses, are closed in, and the other two are open.

It has been decided to hold a Dog show in connexion with the Exhibition.

About seven or eight hundred entries have been made up to the present time, many of which are large exhibits, and a rush of entries has now set in.

The Starr Manufacturing Company purpose exhibiting some of their interesting machinery in motion, and are preparing a handsome exhibit of their manufactured goods.

The city furniture manufacturers are getting up some very handsome work.

One Montreal man will send down a \$1,000 drawing-room suite, upholstered in raw silk.

Up to the present time the Ontario people have sent in by far the larger number of entries, but it is known that numerous people in the Maritime Provinces are preparing exhibits, which they have not entered yet.

An Ontario carriage builder has entered a carriage valued at \$1,500.

One day last week Mr. W. C. Silver met with a serious accident in his warehouse. Part of the cellar steps can be removed to give ingress to another department. When the opening is thus made, the practice is to close the door at the head of the stairs and place a placard on it to prevent any one going down. At the time in question the steps were away, no gas lighted and the door open. Mr. Silver started to go down, and fell heavily through the opening to the cellar floor. Mr. Pickford, the bookkeeper, ran to see what was the matter, and he fell too, but escaped with a slight bruise. Mr. Silver seemed to be unconscious, and surgical examination showed that his left arm was fractured at the elbow, but he was not otherwise seriously injured.

The streets around the Province Building were made lively on Friday evening by the 63rd H. V. B. R. Band playing in the south area. Crowds around were enjoying the treat.

The brigantine *Rasche*, cleared on Tuesday last for London, with 9,506 cases of preserved lobsters, valued at about \$47,500, shipped by Mr. Isaac H. Mathers and others.

The Ketch Harbor Picnic on Tuesday, in aid of the Catholic Chapel fund, was attended by a large number of people.

The Henry Hoover, with a party of excursionists from that place, returning to the city at night, passed too near to George's Island and touched bottom; many of the passengers were badly scared.

During the picnic, a cash box containing \$50 was stolen from the committee.

THE LITTLE WESTERN with its crew of two men—George Thomas a Halifax man, and Fred Norman a Norwegian, on her return voyage from England, arrived in Halifax harbor on Friday morning. She shows the effects of the rough usage she has had from the weather. A large number of sight-seers have inspected her. The little craft was taken to Henderson's wharf, and remained there till yesterday, when she was to sail for New York. She is but 16 feet over all. She left London on the 14th of June last. They have been dismasted, carried away their stern, three times their mainboom, and lost drogue, cable, squaresail, yard end and fore hatch; b-sides their little craft has been leaking at the rate of four inches per hour. When she arrived at Point Michaud her bottom was covered with barnacles, and grass over a foot long.

The Graving Dock at Halifax seems to be now almost certain to go forward. A telegram from London on Wednesday last, says: "Regarding Turner's proposals for the Halifax dry dock, the Admiralty agree to give \$10,000 a year for twenty years, determinable when the dock pays six per cent. This involves the expenditure of \$750,000 in the Dominion.

On Friday last, three prisoners, Wm. Casey, Cornelius Ford and Wm. Hagan were being conveyed from the City Police court to Rockhead. When about half way there, they began to kick the door of the carriage "Black Maria"—in which they were being so comfortably carried. A policeman who had been sent to accompany the driver, threatened to brain the first man who came through the door. The driver too, showed his revolver, ready to meet them. This deterred them but it appears they had in some way concealed a knife with which they had cut a hole in the door. The policeman drove the horse the remainder of the way, and the driver followed behind with his revolver. On arriving at the prison, Ford jumped out and knocked the driver down. The other two attacked the police constable, but were beaten so that they were soon overcome and put into cells, not however, before they had defied Governor Murray, who soon taught them a better lesson.

A desperate attempt was made on Thursday last by a man named William Huggins, to shoot John Doull Esq. It appears that a little before, the man had been quarrelling with Mr. Doull respecting some property. He then went from Mr. Doull to Egan's gun-shop and purchased a revolver, getting it loaded in readiness, and stating that he was going away. He came along Hollis Street, and meeting Mr. Doull, attempted to shoot him. Mr. Doull seeing his motion, seized him by the wrist and prevented him from carrying his design into execution, and after a scuffle handed him over to the police. He was brought before the court next morning, but Mr. Doull refused to appear against him and he was discharged.

We regret to learn that the destructive weevil has attacked the wheat in many places, especially in Colchester county.

The Truro Post Office was broken into on Wednesday night last. Two dollars in small change, two dollars worth of stamps, some stamped envelopes and postal cards and all letters in the general delivery boxes were taken. Letters in private boxes were tossed over; the registered letters, money orders and cash were in the safe which was not disturbed.

Annapolis is developing quite a trade with Boston. The steamship Company intend putting the iron steamer "Secret" on the line in addition to the "Hunter." The "Secret" will have first-class accommodation for 200 passengers, and is expected to make the run from Annapolis to Boston in twenty eight hours. The Company's deep water pier is expected to be in readiness about the first of October, and will give the much needed accommodation for ocean steamers. The apple and potato export to London and the United States by these lines promises a large business, to say nothing of cattle and farm produce.

Comely? Attractive! Winning!—These expressive words are often and properly applied to the fair ladies of our favored land, who keep their hair abundant and natural in color and lustre by the timely use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. The Vigor is safe and agreeable; and its effects are very lasting, making it the most economical, and at the same time the most beneficial and elegant of toilet preparations.

Excellent reasons exist why Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil should be used by persons troubled with affections of the throat or lungs, sores upon the skin, rheumatic pain, corns, bunions, or external injuries. The reasons are, that it is speedy, pure and unobjectional, whether taken internally or applied outwardly.

O. Bortle, of Manchester, Ontario, Co., N. Y. writes:—"I obtained immediate relief from the use of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. I have had Asthma for eleven years. Have been obliged to sit up all night for ten or twelve nights in succession. I can now sleep soundly all night on a feather bed, which I had not been able to do previous to using the Oil."

THE HIGHEST AWARD.—That Puttner's Emulsion stands to-day higher and far ahead of any other compound of the kind, and is acknowledged by the profession to be the most reliable in the treatment of Wasting, Scrophulous, and Children's Diseases, and diseases of the Nervous System, where the brain is overworked, and the general system run down for the want of Phosphorus, which is the only Nerve Tonic.
 Jan. 19. 6m.

THE BLOOD AND NERVE TISSUES

Owe their healthy existence to Phosphorus and become disorganized when it is lessened in quantity. It is as necessary to the proper preservation of the functions of life as Electricity is to the Telegraph. The use of Phosphorus, combined with Cod Liver Oil, Lime, Soda &c., in PUTTNER'S EMULSION, by providing, in a palatable and perfectly digestible form, all the elements necessary to the healthy growth and vitality of the body, prevents and rapidly cures all diseases which are due to its being present in less quantity than nature demands. Hence its inestimable value in Brain diseases, Nervous debility, Wasting and other Lung troubles which, beginning in loss of flesh and vitality, with Coughs, Colds and BRONCHITIS, end in that fell destroyer of the human race—CONSUMPTION.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Resolution

Passed Unanimously by the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, at its last Annual Meeting, in Yarmouth, August 22nd, 1881.

"Whereas, A work on the history of the Baptist Denomination of the Maritime Provinces, by the Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D., referred to in a resolution passed by Convention last year, has been completed, and is now offered to the public for sale.

"Therefore Resolved, That we place upon record our conviction, that this work,—replete with information concerning our various denominational operations, and prepared by a brother, who has been intimately associated with the persons and the events of which he writes, for a period of more than Fifty years, must prove exceedingly valuable to our ministers and churches; and we would repeat the recommendation that the members of the churches should aid in the circulation of the work."

In accordance with the above resolution, permit me, dear brethren of the ministry, and of the churches, to solicit your kindly co-operation in placing this HISTORY in every Baptist family of these Provinces.

It is for sale at the store of the Publishers, Barnes & Co.; at the Colonial Book store; at the Christian Visitor Book Room, St. John. At Hall's Book Store, Fredericton. At the Christian Messenger Book Room, Halifax N. S.

The following agents are engaged in its sale, viz: Rev. H. J. Coy, Victoria, Carleton, York, Sunbury, and Queens Counties; Rev. A. Esterbrooks, in King's and Westmoreland Counties; Rev. W. E. Vickery, Charlotte County, and Anos T. Wilson, Albert County, N. B.

Our agents for Nova Scotia are, Mrs. L. M. Crosby, Yarmouth and Digby Counties; Dr. G. W. Gunter, M. D., Annapolis County; Deacon John G. Lantz, King's County; Dimock Archibald, Colporteur, Halifax County; N. S. Masters, Colporteur, Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne Counties; Rev. T. B. Layton, Colchester County; Rev. D. W. Crandall, Cumberland County, and P. E. Island.

Respectfully,
 I. E. BILL.

St. John, Aug. 29, 1881. 4 ins.



MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday 7th October, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, three times per week each way, between Middle Musquodoboit and Wyses Corner under a proposed contract for four years from the 1st January next. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Middle Musquodoboit and Wyses Corner or at the office of the subscriber.

CHARLES J. MACDONALD,
 P. O. Inspector.
 Post Office Inspector's Office,
 Halifax, Aug. 26th, 1881.
 Sept. 7. 3 ins.