

THE COMPLETE COMMENTARY ON THE NEW TESTAMENT, Edited by Alvah Hovey, D. D., American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

The first volume of this valuable work has just made its appearance in the COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK, by W. N. Clarke, D. D.

Dr. Hovey gives in the General Introduction a learned treatise on the Canon of the New Testament, and shows how at the first it was established, and gives a number of very substantial reasons why the canon we have should be accepted as trustworthy.

In this introduction Dr. H. gives the uniform testimony of writers on the subject from the earliest days, and shews the estimation in which each book has been held, and how the early Christians laboured to discover the pure Word of God, and then to ascertain the precise meaning of that Word.

Dr. Hovey has this complete commentary placed in his charge, not to furnish the commentary itself, but he is responsible for the selection of the writers who are to prepare the Commentary, and for the general character of the work, although not for the details of the interpretation given to the particular passages. In his editorial capacity however, he in a few instances has inserted brief notes with his initials (A. H.) attached.

The Revised Version (1881) is given at the head of each page side by side with the Common Version (1611), as the former is regarded as co-ordinate with the latter, seeing that it represents in perspicuous English, a remarkably pure text of the original; and it is likely to be in the hands of a vast majority of Bible readers.

This first pioneer volume is a splendid beginning, and we are glad to learn from Dr. Hovey that the work on many of the other books is far advanced, and it is confidently expected that two or more volumes will be published yearly, until the series—probably consisting of twelve volumes—is complete.

Dr. Clarke's work on Mark will commend itself to every Bible student and reader, and will, we doubt not, find a place in the hands of a large number of teachers and others who use the International Series for 1882, which consists of lessons taken from the gospel by Mark.

The work is got up in the superior style of the Publication Society's best works, on fine paper, and will prove a valuable and reliable aid to a better acquaintance with this portion of God's Word.

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 following choice extracts from "Lectures on Modern Atheism," by Ernest Naville, will repay for more than one reading:

"He who has made the heavens with their immensity, is He who makes the corn to spring forth for your sustenance, who clothes the fields with the flowers which rejoice your sight, who gives you the fresh breath of morning, and the calm of a lovely evening; it is He without whose permission nothing occurs, who watcheth over you and over those you love. Possess yourselves thoroughly with this thought of love, then lift once more your eyes to the sky, and from every star, and from the worlds which are lost in the farthest depths of space, shall fall upon your brow, no longer clouded, a ray of love and of peace. Then with a feeling of sweet affiance you will adopt as your own those words of an ancient prophet: 'Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit, or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?' &c., Psa. cxxxix. 7-10. Then you will understand those grand and sweet words of St. Augustine, some of the most beautiful that ever fell from the lips of a man: 'Are you afraid of God? Run to His arms!' Thus our idea of God is completed,—the idea of Him whom, in a feeling of filial confidence, we name the Father, and whom we call the Heavenly Father, while we adore that absolute holiness of which the pure brightness of the firmament is for us the visible and magnificent symbol. Goodness is the secret of the universe. Goodness it is which has directed power, and placed wisdom at its service."

REV. JOHN McLAURIN is expected to be in the Parish on Saturday next from Boston, on his way to T-luga land. We hope to see him and Mrs. McLaurin during their stay in Halifax.

REV. J. E. CRACKNELL is expecting to return to England by the same steamer. They will be good company for each other. We wish them a safe and pleasant passage.

DR. SCHURMAN ON REV. DR. CRAMP.—On Thursday, Dec. 8th, Dr. Schurman, of Acadia College, was at Yarmouth delivering, before the Lecture Association, his lecture on "Carlyle the Seer," a good report of which appears in the Yarmouth Herald, of the 15th. Dr. Schurman made the following allusion to the late Rev. Dr. Cramp:

"Carlyle had lived four score years and five; the year of his birth and the year of his death corresponding, within a few months, with those of the man less illustrious, though not less noble and true, whose ashes were to-day laid by the moaning shore of the Basin of Minas, amid the sorrow and the tears of all who admire unflinching energy and activity devoted to high purposes, or who love truth, righteousness and genuine manliness as the highest aspiration of the human race."

ONE DOLLAR EDITION OF THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

Some of our brethren, who are warm friends of the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, and who are also in hearty sympathy with us in the desire that it shall reach not only every Baptist family, but all other families as well, without distinction, assure us that in addition to its present patrons and those who may be added to our present list of the enlarged Messenger at \$2, there are yet thousands of others who would without hesitation become subscribers to a

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We propose therefore at the commencement of the New Year to get out such an edition every Wednesday, so as to meet the necessities of all, by providing a Weekly Newspaper of 24 columns, which shall contain all the Religious Intelligence, General News and other valuable information in Agriculture, Education, Science, Domestic Economy, Health Hints, Suggestions for improvement in the House and Farm, and advancement in all the Arts of life, as well as giving a large amount of Christian and General Reading.

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Notices.

NOTICE.

Clerks of Churches who do not receive copies of the Year Book of Maritime Provinces for 1881 within a few days, should communicate with the Publication Committee.

E. M. KEIRSTEAD, } Committee. G. O. GATES, } J. W. MANNING. }

Rev. Isaiah Wallace has accepted the call of the Lower Granville Baptist church, and desires his correspondence directed to Granville Ferry. Dec. 15th, 1881.

P. E. L. S. S. CONVENTION.

The Fifth Annual Session of the P. E. L. S. S. Convention will be held at Dundas, beginning on the last Tuesday of 1881, at 10 o'clock a. m.

N. J. McDONALD, Secretary. Montague Bridge, Dec. 3rd., 1881.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

- Milton, Queens.—Mrs. E. G. Freeman.....\$11 00 Wolfville.—Miss Barss..... 28 50 Gideon Fleck, Holland's Harbor... 1 00 Liverpool.—Mrs. S. R. Jackson... 10 50 New Germany.—Miss Ella I. Barss 29 00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, Dec. 19th, 1881.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

The ladies of the South Rawdon Sewing Circle, intend holding a Christmas Tree in the Temperance Hall at that place, on Thursday, Dec. 22nd.

Doors open at 3 P. M. Tea at 4.30. Admission 10c. children under 12, half price, Tea 25 cents. A variety of useful and fancy articles will be offered.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Alex. McArthur. 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. Rev. H. H. Johnson, Pastor. CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED. G. E. DAY. Yarmouth, Dec. 3, 1881.

Moneys Received.

- Jas. Desbrisay, \$8; Mrs. W. Phillips, \$2; J. Shankel, \$21 Mrs. M. Minard, \$2; Josiah Soley, \$5; L. H. Marsters, \$2; B. L. Telfer, \$2; Rev. G. N. Ballentine, \$2; G. E. DeWitt, E. q. M. D., \$4 50; W. H. Knowles, \$16.50; H. Porter, \$5; R. W. Spicer, \$10; Rev. F. A. Kidson, \$4; P. C. Gold, \$2; W. F. Cullen, E. q., \$10; Mrs. H. H. Hill, \$2 25; J. Wheelock, \$2; Dr. L. Tremaine, \$12.

Miscellaneous.

A HINT TO THE GIRLS.—Girls who are ambitious to excel in housekeeping—if there is such an ambition extant—should begin early to prepare meals all of themselves; take the entire management from their mothers occasionally for a day or a week, and so become accustomed to the guess work that will fall to their lots after they have been enticed away from the parental roof. If this plan is adopted they will be far less likely to have that familiar air, "mother's good cooking," sounding in their ears after they are married.

"To insure modesty," says Richter, "I would advise the education of the sexes together; for two boys will preserve twelve girls, or two girls twelve boys innocent, amid winks, jokes, and improprieties, merely by that instinctive sense which is the fore-runner of natural modesty. But I will guarantee nothing in a school where girls are alone together, and still less where boys are."

Golden weddings, after fifty years of married life, are apt to be sad. It is not well for the old to keep anniversaries; too many guests come to the feast. Still, if people are happy enough to wish to do so, there can be no harm in it. Their surroundings may possibly surpass their fondest dreams, but as it regards themselves, the contrast is painful. They have little in common with the bridal joy, and unless it is the wish of some irrepressible descendant, few old couples care to celebrate the golden weddings save in their hearts. If they have started at the foot of the ladder and have risen they may not wish to remember their early struggles; if they have started high, and have gradually sunk into poverty and ill-health, they certainly do not wish to photograph those better days by the fierce light of an anniversary. It is only the exceptionally good, happy, and serene people who can afford to celebrate a golden wedding, one would think.

An enterprising Frenchman has hit upon a plan for utilizing an immense tract of waste land in southern Algeria. He proposes making use of it as a lion and panther pasture, if the term may be allowed, for the benefit of sportsmen. The wild beasts will be enticed into the neighbourhood by old horses, mules and asses, which have got past service. A spacious hotel is to be erected for the accommodation of visitors, and barricades erected for sheltering the timid in their pursuit of game.



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DEAR SIR,—I am happy to say I am after 12 years of suffering, quite well, and enjoying good health. Before I came to you I was given up by the doctors who attended me, all of whom knew my case well, and did their best for me, which had no effect on my disease. I believe mine is one of the first cases of Bright's Disease of the Kidneys ever known to have been cured. Your treatment was recommended to many other sufferers who had tried it with good effect.

The action of my heart, which was terrific, and which was said to be organic disease, but which you denied, is perfectly right now. Indeed, everything in my case turned out exactly as you said it would.

I remain, Yours very truly, W. S. WILSON, Late of 81 Barrington St.

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The following is a summary of the leading features of the new series for the year:

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One or two papers on "The Adventures of the Tile Club," and an original Life of Bewick, the engraver, by Austin Dobson, are among other features to be later announced.

THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENTS throughout will be unusually complete, and "The World's Work" will be considerably enlarged.

The price of THE CENTURY MAGAZINE will remain at \$4.00 per year (35 cents a number). The portrait (size 21 x 27) of the late Dr. Holland, issued just before his death, photographed from a life-size drawing by Wyatt Eaton, will possess a new interest to the readers of this magazine. It is offered at \$5.00 retail, or together with THE CENTURY MAGAZINE for \$6.50. Subscriptions are taken by the publishers, and by book-sellers and news-dealers everywhere.

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