

ment of the North-West Territory from Battleford to some point on the line of the Canada Pacific Railway.

The Mini-ter of Railways Sir Charles Tupper with Mr. Schrieber are on a tour of inspection of the I. C. R. and the P. E. Island railway.

The Canada Gazette contains the following appointments:—As Queen's Counsel—E. Tilton Moseley, of Sydney, C. B.; G. T. Moore, of Liverpool, N. S.; T. C. Schrieve of Digby, N. S.; C. S. Harrington, Wallace Graham, N. H. Meagher, R. Sedgewick, and Hugh McD. Henry, all of Halifax.

England has been visited by heavy snow storms and gates over the country generally.

The Land Act is winning favour. The first decision was given last week, making a reduction of 50 shillings for 15 years. An application was made to the court at Dublin on the 1st inst., where the valuation was of £27, and the present rate £113.

In the Dublin corporation on Monday of last week a number of resignations of members of the council were received in consequence of the rejection of E. Dwyer Grey's recent motion to confer the freedom of the city upon Parnell and Dillon.

In the United States snow has fallen at some places in the Northern parts of New York to great depths.

Thursday, Nov. 24th, is appointed by President Arthur as the Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer.

The Finances of the country are in a very promising condition. The net revenues of the year are \$360,782,292.37; net expenditures, \$260,712,887.59; public debt reduced \$90,872,261.05; balance in Treasury, \$252,458,925.81, excess of assets over demand liabilities, \$146,443,491.77.

President Arthur has made the splendid contribution of eight months salary—\$33,000—to the Garfield fund. Great floods have prevailed on the continent of Europe, Austria and Servia have suffered greatly.

The first complete railway train carrying one hundred passengers, passed through St. Gothard tunnel on Tuesday of last week in fifty minutes.

A famiae is feared in Northern Russia because of the failure of the crops.

Five employes in the Czar's palace at Gatchina were arrested and one of them revealed a plot to repeat at Gatchina the winter Palace explosion.

Cuba has indications of a large crop of sugar.

SANCTIFIED COMMON SENSE.

Common Sense is a valuable ingredient in every man's character. He may be very learned and clever, and be able to perform a large amount of labor, and may even possess great wealth and influence, but if he lacks common sense with all his wealth and industry and mental acquirements, his path will be but like zigzag marks in the course he takes in this world, instead of a clear, straight line from youth to maturity, and from manhood to the close of life.

If common sense is so essential to the formation of a symmetrical useful character in the world, a valuable member of the community, when the man, woman, or child becomes a Christian it is no less important that the same characteristic should be taken into his profession of religion, to make his Christian course a straight one from the city of Destruction all the way up until he comes to the New Jerusalem above.

There is much of prejudice in the minds of men against the term "sanctified." It is often carelessly applied to a sanctimonious spirit,—the sham rather than the genuine article, the Pharisee rather than the true penitent, who has come to regard his real condition, and whose life is so charged as to accord harmoniously with his profession.

It is assumed by some censorious people that there is no common sense in a religious profession, whereas, it is the most sensible thing in the world for a person when he finds he is on the wrong path to turn about, and at once with the whole heart seek the right one, with a determined resolve to pursue that course at all hazards.

It is not only in a first profession of religion that we see the need of this valuable commodity. It is no less necessary in the religious life of men and women who are regarded as mature Christians, and on whom the church is depending for its character, its life, and its progress.

Preachers sometimes show a want of sanctified common sense, and, consequently, after laboring in the prepara-

tion of a sermon, and delivering it with much fervency, introduce some trifling remark or unsuitable illustration, and so spoil the good impression already produced on their hearers, and by that means dissipate a large amount of the good effects of their previous efforts.

Sanctified common sense in ordinary Christians will not expect good results however earnestly they pray for them, without using the appropriate means for bringing them about. While we do not object to yielding to impulses in a right direction, we regard it as a very senseless thing for a Christian to allow himself to be swayed wholly by surrounding influences at one time and then when away from those influences to go as far in the other direction. Like the Berean Christians men having sanctified common sense will make a careful examination of what they hear, and by comparing it with what is written have a foundation for the nobleness of character for which they were commended by the beloved physician.

This prime feature in the Christian character is very nearly akin to the Saviour's injunction, "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

Sanctified common sense will take the stumbling-blocks out of the way of unbelievers; will readily give their fair share of help in sustaining the public worship of God; will be at the prayer-meeting in good time, unless the weather be such as would keep them away from their business; will go forth to help the halting, confirm the wavering, strengthen the feeble, and, by all available means, relieve the distressed, so as to commend the gospel as the great panacea for all the sorrows and evils that are in this world of sin and death, as well as the ladder by which we ascend to the bright world above.

The Baptist Church at Fredericton, and the Rev. W. E. Hall, in our present issue, as well as other prominent brethren in private communications, have expressed their intelligent loyalty in reference to the founding of an additional Baptist Institution of learning, in N. B. This is praiseworthy under the circumstances; but the state of things should be such as not to require it. Why? The Convention is now thoroughly organized. Through these organizations all our Christian work should go on—the work of Missions and Education especially. Executives now exist at every important point. The Convention utters itself annually. Boards and their Executives guide and watch operations during the year.

A state of things has now arisen, threatening complications and confusion. As early as it seemed to us expedient, attention was called to this matter. Light is asked for; an explanation is needed. We hold in abeyance the discussion of the merits of the question, except so far as it is necessary in asking for information. A movement is made to form another Institution of learning. We do not see how this can be done and faith kept. We ask particularly for official information. Churches and brethren express their views. We do not see how in the present condition of things any other views could be held.

It would almost appear that the Executive of the Governors and the Finance Committee, by the appointment they have since made, have given to the public a quasi endorsement of the new undertaking. They may understand the justice and expediency of this movement, but we do not. The public does not. We ask simply for light. We have a right to this light. The public has a right to it. The sooner this is given the better.

Many of our readers will have their tenderest sympathies awakened, on reading the following, received a few days since from Rev. George Churchill one of our beloved missionary brethren in India:

Suddenly, at Bobbili, Madras Presidency, India, Sept. 10th, of intermittent fever, ending in convulsions, coma, death,—Willie Chandler Church's, beloved and only son of Rev. George, and M. F. Churchill, aged 6 years and 7 months.

"Is it thy will, My Father I say, must this pet lamb be given? Oh! Thou hast many such, dear Lord, in Heaven, And a soft voice said: "Nobly hast thou striven," But—peace, be still!"

The Y. M. C. Associations will hold the week from Nov. 13th, to the 19th, as a season of special prayer for young men and Y. M. C. Associations.

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.

We copy the following from the Church Guardian of Thursday last:—"ARTHUR WENTWORTH EATON, late a Baptist minister, has applied to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Massachusetts."

We give our young brother our best wishes in this new relationship he seeks, and hope he may find it equal to his highest anticipations.

The Rev. E. M. Saunders preached twice last Sunday at Hammonds Plains. He also listened with great pleasure to Brother King (Lic.) in the evening. Mr. K. is doing a good work and is highly spoken of by the people. The two churches of Sackville and Hammonds Plains, to whom he preaches, are about to call a Council to advise with them in the matter of the ordination of their young pastor.

The Acadia Athenæum made its appearance last week again among our exchanges, with not only the usual change of management, but with a change in the office of publication to one nearer home. The subscription price is raised to \$1 00 a year. This will not be objected to by the graduates and friends of the students, so long as they find it maintaining its good character and doing credit to the institution it is intended to represent. The young men who undertake its management should not be left without substantial help being given them in their work. The other students and graduates might by slight efforts greatly aid in making it one of the best college monthlies of the Dominion.

The Chief Editors are.—E. A. COREY, '82, O. C. S. WALLACE, '83, Assistant Editors.—C. W. WILLIAMS, '83, F. M. KELLEY, '84, Managing Committee.—G. O. TUPPER, '83, SEC. TREAS. I. W. COREY, '83, T. S. ROGERS, '83.

The officers of the Athenæum for this term are:—

President.—F. L. Shaffner. Vice-President.—J. Wallace Corey. Rec. Secretary.—J. W. Tingley. Cor. Secretary.—F. B. King. Treasurer.—A. L. Powell. Ex. Committee.—R. W. Dodge; A. G. Troop; W. C. Goucher; H. B. Ellis; I. S. Balcom.

The following from the Acadia Athenæum, (October), indicates an encouraging state of things in our educational institutions at Wolfville:

Our educational machinery is all moving with its old time vigor. In the Seminary the teachers of last year are all back, reinforced by the addition of one to their number. Miss Gouley has entered upon her work with zeal, and is winning golden opinions. Mr. Armstrong is laboring diligently in the Academy. His position is a responsible one, but he is successfully meeting the demands made upon him. Although Prof. Tufts now escapes the heavy burden of care which the Principalship added to his college duties, he still gives instruction in some branches in the Academy. Dr. Blaikie, to whom the chair made vacant by Prof. Kennedy's retirement was offered, had been previously engaged. A committee is searching for a suitable man for this position. Meanwhile the Juniors receive instruction in Geology from Mr. Coldwell of the Academy.

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 Church Congress lately sitting at Newcastle-upon-Tyne has been a subject of interest to the Dissenters as well as to Churchmen. The example set by the Non-conformists at Leicester last year was thought by many to be worthy of a repetition, and they therefore met to consider the matter. There proved to be a great diversity of opinion, and it was therefore decided to leave the matter alone. However the Mayor in his official welcome said that as a Non-conformist, he on behalf of a large number of his brethren begged

to express their Christian affection and best wishes. With his usual hospitality and Christian kindness he placed the Mansion House at the service of the Bishop of the Diocese, of which they were not slow to avail themselves. One of the preliminary meetings of the Congress was that of the National Church Reform Union in favor of the abolition of purchase in the National Church. The subject is not popular with churchmen, the attendance was therefore small. The Rev. Marsden Gibbon said that 200 sales of livings took place in the country every year; and that in the one county of Essex £314,000 was invested in ecclesiastical patronage. There were 7,000 patrons in the country, all interested in the sale of livings. The Rev. H. S. Hicks said that, "at the present time, by the system of purchase, they had wealthy fools put into the Church because it was a respectable position, but if it was done away with, the poor man who was desirous of doing Christ's work would have a chance of getting into the Church."

The action of the New Brunswick Western Association and the Fredericton Church proclaims unmistakably the loyalty of these bodies to the Convention and its work.

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.

An article on the Canada Baptist Union, and communications from missionaries and others, which came to hand too late for this week, will appear in our next.

THE BOYS OWN ANNUAL.—A year's numbers of the Boys' Own Paper, bound in one volume. It is published at the Leisure Hour office, London, and is for sale at the Tract Depository, Halifax; price \$2 00. It is, as the boys would say, "just splendid." The stories, the travels, the amusements, the engravings, the colored prints, and everything about the volume is what boys, whether little or big, enjoy amazingly. It is of no use to try and say all we could about it. For a Christmas present nothing could be finer.

WHAT IS A BAPTIST CHURCH? and is such a Church to be found in the New Testament? by N. M. Williams, D.D., Lowell, Mass.

This is a neat, compact pamphlet of 62 pages, published by Howard Gannet, Boston. It is multum in parvo, and will be found most convenient for many young people who have no time for thorough investigation.

Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Canard—Mrs. S. B. Kempton.....\$3 00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, Nov. 8th, 1881.

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.

Moneys Received.

Geo. S. Vance, \$2; John Wheelock, \$11; C. Jost, \$10; R. v. Dr. Armstrong, \$2; Rev. A. W. Baras, \$2; C. W. Sanders, \$17; G. Arthur, \$2; G. W. Freeman, \$4; W. H. Halsey, \$2; Rev. W. E. Hall, \$4; Robert Read, \$4. \$57

In several corps of the Russian Army, dogs have been introduced in the place of men as sentries. The wolf dog of the Ural mountains has been found most serviceable for this purpose. It is wont to signify its disapproval of intruders by low growls instead of loud barking, which would incite all the other dogs in the camp to similar vocal exercises.

The Mennonites were the first in the Winnipeg market this year with their wheat.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE, (SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY), FOR THE COMING YEAR.

With the November number began the new series under the title of THE CENTURY MAGAZINE, which will be, in fact, a new, enlarged, and improved "SCRIBNER." The page is somewhat longer and wider, admitting pictures of a larger size, and increasing the reading matter about

Fourteen Additional Pages. The following is a summary of the leading features of the new series for the year:

A NEW NOVEL BY MRS. BURNETT (author of "That Lass o' Lowrie's," etc.), entitled "Through One Administration," a story of Washington life.

STUDIES OF THE LOUISIANA CREOLES. By Geo. W. Cable, author of "The Grandissimes," etc. A series of illustrated papers, on the traditions and romance of Creole life in Louisiana.

A NOVEL BY W. D. HOWELLS (author of "A Chance Acquaintance," etc.), dealing with characteristic features of American life.

ANCIENT AND MODERN SCULPTURE. A "History of Ancient Sculpture," by Mrs. Lucy M. Mitchell, to contain the finest series of engravings yet published of the masterpieces of sculpture. There will also be papers on "Living English Sculptors," and on the "Young Sculptors of America," fully illustrated.

THE OPERA IN NEW-YORK, by Richard Grant White. A popular and valuable series, to be illustrated with wonderful completeness and beauty.

ARCHITECTURE AND DECORATION IN AMERICA will be treated in a way to interest both householder and housewife; with many practical as well as beautiful illustrations from recent designs.

REPRESENTATIVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 19TH CENTURY. Biographical sketches, accompanied by portraits, of George Eliot, Robert Browning, Rev. Frederick W. Robertson (by the late Dean Stanley), Matthew Arnold, Christina Rossetti, and Cardinal Newman, and of the younger American authors, Wm. D. Howells, Henry James, Jr., and George W. Cable.

SCENES OF THACKERAY'S, HAWTHORNE'S, AND GEORGE ELIOT'S NOVELS. Succeding the illustrated series on the scenes of Dickens's novels.

THE REFORM OF THE CIVIL SERVICE. Arrangements have been made for a series of able papers on this pressing political question.

POETRY AND POETS IN AMERICA. There will be studies of Longfellow, Whittier, Emerson, Lowell, and others, by E. C. Stedman.

STORIES, SKETCHES, AND ESSAYS may be expected from Charles Dudley Warner, W. D. Howells, "Mark Twain," Edward Eggleston, Henry James, Jr., John Muir, Miss Gordon Cumming, "H. H.," George W. Cable, Joel Chandler Harris, A. C. Redwood, E. D. Millet, Noah Brooks, Frank R. Stockton, Constance F. Woolson, H. H. Boyesen, Albert Stickney, Washington Gladden, John Burroughs, Parke Godwin, Tommaso Salvini, Henry King, Ernest Ingersoll, E. L. Godkin, E. B. Washburne, and many others.

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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