

So too if lodgings are engaged for, say 15s. per week. At the week's end your bill reads,

Lodgings.....15s. 0d.
Service..... 1 6d.

Total.....16 6d.

Remonstrances and reiterated demands for the meaning of the second item only elicit the reply, "Its the custom;" which is enthusiastically echoed by the bleary-eyed maid and grimy "boots" who compose the rear guard of "misses" and who may at any time put in a little private account of their own.

Everywhere you are pursued by this odious custom—on the train, in the street, at your lodgings or hotel, and even at church, when you are almost sure to encounter the pew-opener, as you make your way out after service, and hear her say in her most winning tones "Ope you had a comfortable seat, sir."

In America you can travel hundreds of miles without a cent more than is necessary to purchase tickets and food, but in England you cannot, unless resolved to bear the snubs, and derision, and jeers of the meanest railway employee, and to bury yourself in the dirt and obscurity of a third class "carriage."

J. R. H.

London, Nov. 1st, 1881.

For the Christian Messenger.
Yarmouth County Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

YARMOUTH, Nov. 14th, 1881.

The thirteenth semi-annual session of the Yarmouth County Baptist Sabbath School Convention was held with the Ohio Sabbath School on the 8th of November. Fifteen schools were represented by 38 delegates. Number of scholars, 1,471.

There were three sittings,—morning, afternoon, and evening. The morning was occupied with receiving reports, and the election of officers. J. B. Kinney, Esq., Superintendent of the Temple Sabbath School, was elected President.

The following subjects were discussed: 1. The constituent elements of the Sabbath School, by Rev. A. H. Lavers. 2. The Teachers' Helps, by Rev. J. Clark. 3. Difficulties and discouragements of Teachers and Superintendents stated and answered. 4. The best method of managing and teaching primary or infant classes, by Rev. J. A. Gordon. 6. Sunday School Library, by Rev. G. B. Titus. 6. Incentives to Sabbath School work, by Rev. C. Goodspeed.

This was one of the most interesting and profitable meetings held, and all parted, seemingly encouraged and instructed.

Rev. A. H. Lavers being about to leave this section of the country, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, This Convention has learned that the Rev. A. H. Lavers expects shortly to leave this county;

Therefore resolved, That we place on record our high appreciation of our brother's labours in connection with the work of this Convention.

W. E. HUSTON, Sec'y.

For the Christian Messenger.
Why don't you pay your Minister?

Did you not promise? Then why not do so? Paul saith, and God has endorsed it or it would be in the Bible, 'the labourer is worthy of his hire,' if your minister is not, then honestly break the contract; 'Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, where in have ye robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.' Note the next verse Mal. iii. 9. if the minister used such language upon this subject you would consider it a matter for discipline.

My heart is often grieved for some of our country ministers, when I hear how men are greatly wronged. Why should a minister be thus worried, and robbed of his true manhood? Is it for Christ's sake? Verily Nay! I write thus, not having offered myself, (never knew what it was to wait over a month), but in the behalf of some who do suffer grievously in this respect.

Where churches can pay and won't, the Lord's curse will be upon them; if the neighbourhood and circumstances are such that money and means are not available, then the minister can live by faith, and the Lord will provide, not otherwise.

There is a story told of Christmas Evans. His biographer, himself a Welsh

man, says it must be remembered as among the anomalies of Welsh religious life, that it combines an insatiable appetite for sermons, with a marvellous disregard for the temporal comfort of the preacher. On one occasion a woman said to Mr. Evans, as he came out of the pulpit: "Well, Christmas Evans, we are back with your stipend; but I hope you will be paid at the resurrection. You have given us a wonderful sermon." "Yes, yes," was his quick reply; "no doubt of that: but what am I to do till I get there? And there is the old white mare that carries me—what will she do? For her there will be no resurrection. But what will you do? What reward will you get for your unfaithfulness at the resurrection? It's hard, but I shall get on at the resurrection; but you who get on so well in this world, may change places with me at the resurrection."

J. F. AVERY, Halifax.

For the Christian Messenger.

Address to Rev. E. N. Archibald, B. A.

Dear Brother,—

It is with deep regret that we have learned of your decision to remove from our community to another field of labor. We cannot let you depart without giving some expression of our regard and esteem.

During the three years you have ministered to us we can witness to your faithfulness in the pulpit in the family and in the community. Your efforts to promote the cause of truth and righteousness among us have been constant and unflinching. You have been highly esteemed as a Christian gentleman, and for your work's sake by the church and congregation, and the community at large, our regard for you has not diminished, but increased with your continued stay in our vicinity. We realize we are losing a pastor indeed, and deplore it profoundly. But we recognize that you are a servant of God; and if he has called you elsewhere, we wish to acquiesce in the divine will and pray that you may be guided and upheld by the heavenly presence so that you may be made a power for good.

We cannot close this short address without words of high appreciation for your partner. We shall especially miss her in the Sunday School where she has endeared herself to the young people and children. She is beloved by us all; and kindly remembrances of her will ever keep fresh our regard.

We wish you all the blessings that fall to the lot of a true minister of Christ.

In behalf of church and congregation,

JOSEPH SCHURMAN, JOHN A. CRAWFORD, ALBERT J. SCHURMAN, D. A. MACLEAN, COLIN J. SCHURMAN, BOWDEN G. GARDINER, J. D. SUTHERLAND, M. D.

Bedeque, P. E. I., Nov. 1st, 1881.

REPLY.

Beloved Brethren and Friends,—

Your address is most unexpected, and your expressions of regard I acknowledge myself most unworthy to receive, I have enjoyed my labor among you much, but at an hour like this, all its imperfections loom up before me. May the blessed Saviour forgive and bless the work still for your sake.

Never have I labored with a church that has been more prompt in payment and more liberal in donating. This year counting your parting gift of \$30, I have received in this form \$130. Though the hand of Providence seems to point to another field of blessed hard toil for the Master, it is no small comfort to me, that it was your wish that I should remain your pastor. For myself I most heartily thank you and on behalf of my beloved partner for your words of high appreciation of her and her work, while we have dwelt among you. In saying farewell we will once more pray together, and continue to pray when far separated, that the gospel we have proclaimed may be mighty in winning you all to Christ and in consoling our hearts till we reach that beautiful land where all tears shall be wiped away.

E. N. ARCHIBALD,

We are glad to learn from Rev. P. R. Foster that his health is improving fast, and is hoping to see a gracious day in his field. We have a very fine meeting house.

In Memoriam.

DEACON PELEG MURRAY.

The Brookfield Church has sustained a more than ordinary loss in the death of their senior deacon Peleg Murray. On Saturday the 15th inst., he attended the monthly Conference, took his part in the meeting, and appeared in his usual health. Soon after his return home he was stricken down, it is supposed, by paralysis, and lingered until Wednesday evening when he calmly fell asleep, at the ripe age of 82 years. About 60 years ago he made a public profession of religion among the Free Baptists. At the organization of the Brookfield Church, during a visit of the Rev. Thomas Ansel to Brookfield, he found that his views of religious truth more nearly agreed with the Baptists. He connected himself with the new church, and was set apart to the office of deacon. This office he used well for over 50 years, and in the language of Scripture, "Purchased to himself a good degree and great boldness in the faith." He was especially noted for his consistent and prudent walk, his clear strong grasp of religious truth, and his more than ordinary gift in exhortation and prayer. He retained, even in advanced life to a remarkable degree, the energy and power that characterized his early communications, and of him it may appropriately be said, "He walked with God and he was not, for God took him." His aged partner still survives him. He has one son in the ministry Rev. Jos. Murray, of Falmouth, who no doubt feels the death of his aged father deeply. His Brother the Rev. P. F. Murray was with him in his last hours, and although somewhat cast down by the death of his aged brother is nevertheless cheered with the hope of meeting him in the upper and better world.—Com. by Rev. Jas. I. DeWolfe.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Jottings from Queens County.

Dear Editor,—

No county in the province has suffered so severely from financial failures, forest fires, and business depression as Queens, but there is evidently some improvement in business circles, and we trust that ere long so many of our people will not be forced to seek a livelihood in other lands.

In religious matters there is nothing special to report, though there have been some changes during the year. The Liverpool church, though much reduced in membership and financial ability, are nevertheless nobly endeavoring to sustain the means of grace. Their pastor, the Rev. S. McC. Black, who came to them over a year ago, is evidently growing in the esteem and affection of his people, and they are learning more and more to appreciate his faithful labors and solid worth. There are some hopeful indications in this field especially at Brooklyn, a prosperous outstation.

The Milton church are still able to retain the services of their pastor, and are praying and hoping for spiritual blessings during the coming year. One was added to the church by baptism a month ago. Through the help and encouragement of the Home Mission Board two of our vacant fields have been supplied during the past summer. The Rev. Raleigh Bishop has become pastor of the Mill Village and Port Medway churches, and brother Joseph Fletcher is laboring with the church at Kempt. As the Rev. J. F. Kempton has fully chronicled the doings of this church in the last MESSENGER, it is not necessary to add anything further, but only hope that the divine blessing may richly follow their praiseworthy efforts. Bro. Bishop reports large and very attentive congregations in the Port Medway section of his field, and is expecting and praying for a spiritual harvest from these hopeful indications.

But while two fields have been supplied with pastors, two others have been left vacant. Bro. Asaph Whitman closed a year of successful labor with the Greenfield and Middlefield churches in September. Twenty three were added by baptism during the year, and although the churches are weak these young converts should not be left without the watchful care and faithful training of a pastor.

The Rev. G. A. Cleaveland also, after a pastorate of nearly two years over the Caledonia and Brookfield churches, has

resigned, and gone to Newton Theological Seminary to better fit himself for his life-work. From what we know of him in the past we feel assured he will make good use of his opportunities there. This is an important field, and they should have a pastor at once to follow up the zealous and energetic labors of their late pastor.

We trust that what, at least, seems to be spiritual dearth during the past year, may lead both pastors and members to greater consecration in the Master's service, and that during the coming year there may be an advance all along the line.

Nov. 17th, 1881.

Notes from Yarmouth.

Dear Bro. Selden,—

Rev. A. H. Lavers has ceased his labors at Arcadia. He intends visiting P. E. Island. Bro. L. has done good work while here. He was deservedly popular, as was quite evident by the number of ministering as well as lay brethren who attended his Farewell Meeting. Any church wanting a good and faithful pastor will do well to correspond with him.

Rev. C. Goodspeed is busy in connection with the 1st Yarmouth church, and the prospects are quite encouraging.

In Milton we have many things to cheer us on our way. Our debt is completely under subjection. We hope ere this year closes to have it wiped out. Two were baptized two weeks since, one was received by letter, one more offered for baptism and received. We are expecting a good time for this church at no distant day. Our senior deacon, Zachariah Corning, has fallen asleep in Jesus. His place will not be easily filled, but we know that he who took a Moses gave a Joshua.

J. A. GORDON.

MONCTON, N. B.—The pastor of 1st Moncton Church, Rev. Geo. O. Gates, under-date of 14th inst., writes: "We are being encouraged in our work in this church on account of the manifest tokens of God's favor. Our meetings are well attended, and are increasing in interest. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, and the Pastor's Bible Class, with an average attendance of over fifty, is not the least marked feature of interest in the School. We have been anxiously looking for conversions, preaching the gospel with this end in view, and, though often discouraged, have tried to keep in mind 'we shall reap if we faint not.' Prayer is now being answered. Some have found peace in believing, and others are anxious in regard to their soul's welfare. On the 6th inst. two were baptized, and yesterday, 13th, two more. The ordinance to me never seemed more sacred, nor the privilege of administering the same greater."

ST. PETER'S BAY, CAPE BRETON.—On Saturday, 12th inst., Rev. Walter B. Hinson baptized six converts in St. Peter's Bay, and on Sunday 13th, four in Lower Grand River.

Items.

By a report of Governor Murray of the City Prison for 11 months to Sept. 30th, we learn that a large amount of labor has been performed in that establishment. One point noticed by Mr. Murray is deserving of more than a passing notice. He says: "There is one point to which I wish to call your attention, and that is the care of those of tender years for whom provision is not made elsewhere, as it should be. Among the prisoners admitted there were about thirty whose age ranged from eight to fourteen years. These it was impossible to look after except within the building, and their natural tendency to evil made constant attention to them during their working hours absolutely necessary. The officials of the institution, other than the governor and matron, are four under-keepers and a messenger. All these find their time fully occupied, one being in the building, one at the gate, one on the farm, and one in the stone shed, the messenger having to drive the prison van and also do most of the trucking. The children therefore had to be placed in the charge of a member of my own family, by whom they were taught for five hours daily as though they were at school. This was done by order of the Committee, and I trust, gave satisfaction. Other needful attention was given them, but I beg to point out that some other arrangement should be made, or at least some encouragement given to continue as at

present until such time as a juvenile reformatory is among the city institutions."

The following is from the summary of statistics:

The tables showed that 282 males and 99 females had been imprisoned during the past eleven months, of whom 131 males and 54 females were for drunkenness, and the remainder for vagrancy, theft, &c. These cost:

Table with 2 columns: Males, Females. For clothing, &c., per head. \$25.20 \$14.60. For meals..... 45.62 32.85. Total..... \$70.82 \$47.45.

The total labor done was valued at \$3,099.99. The materials in the prison were valued at \$921.00.

Horses, trucks, &c..... \$776.60. Farming implements..... 29.40. Stone shed implements..... 30.50. Tools and materials in workshops..... 149.00.

The stock sold realized \$1,321.40. The comparative statement of expenditure was:

Table with 2 columns: 1879-80..... \$4,538.28. 1880-81..... 3,424.58. Decrease..... \$1,108.70.

Another sad disaster occurred off Halifax harbor on Tuesday of last week. Between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, the steamer Howards, Capt. Stephen Shotton, bound from Sydney, C. B., to Portland, Maine, with a cargo of 1,300 tons of coal, came into collision some twenty miles off Sambro with the brigantine Emma, Capt. Chas. Dowling, from Philadelphia, bound to this port with 223 tons of anthracite coal, and both vessels received such damage that the crews were compelled to abandon them and risk their lives in open boats until picked up, after daylight had broken, by the brigantine Henri Coipel, Capt. Deveau, from Meteghan, Digby County, for Pictou, which was fortunately in the vicinity. The Henri Coipel, after taking all on board and providing proper clothes for those who had escaped with only their under-clothing on, bore up towards Halifax and transferred them to pilot boat No. 3, the Rival, which arrived on Wednesday, the 16th inst., and landed them.

The Howards was a fine iron steamer of 696 tons, owned by G. F. Marshall, of Sunderland. She was valued at about \$80,000.

The Emma was a vessel of 167 tons, built in West Dublin, Lunenburg, in August, 1878. She was owned by Messrs. James Eisenhauer & Co., of Lunenburg. She was worth about \$8,000 and her cargo \$1,200.

The investigation of the case brought forth facts on which judgment was given against the steamer Howards, and from consideration of all the circumstances, Capt. Scott could not attach any blame to the master of the Emma, but deemed it his duty to suspend John Tracy's (second mate of the steamer) certificate of competency for a space of six months from date of the collision, as he does not appear to have taken such prompt measures on this occasion as the circumstances of the case required.

At Ottawa a few days since, by the mistake of a druggist, a young woman of that city took poison instead of medicine. Medical aid was summoned in time to save her life.

The New Brunswick Government have been doing quite a business in stock. They last week sold twelve newly-imported bulls. They brought good prices, from \$360 to \$100. Those remaining unsold, 25 in number, go to the Government Stock Farm.

Carleton, N. B., is charged with preferring darkness rather than light, from the public meeting held to consider the question of lighting the streets refusing to do so by a vote of 67 to 65.

A painful case of wife-murder has been before the courts in St. John several days last week.

Much serious sickness and suffering might be prevented by promptly correcting those slight derangements that, otherwise, often develop into settled disease. When a cold or other cause checks the operation of the secretive organs, their natural healthy action should be restored, and inflammatory material removed from the system. Ayer's Pills accomplish this quickly, safely and surely.

Many people make drug shops of their stomachs, in the attempt to relieve a simple attack of liver complaint, when with a dose or two of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil the complaint might be easily and pleasantly obviated. Colic, piles, hurts, corns, lame back and swelled neck, are also among the troubles which it cures.

J. H. Earl West Shefford, P. Q., writes:—"I have been troubled with Liver Complaint for several years, and have tried different medicines with little or no benefit, until I tried Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, which gave me immediate relief, and I would say that I have used it since with the best effect. No one should be without it. I have tried it on my horse in case of cuts, wounds, etc., and I think it equally as good for horse as for man."