

The Christian Messenger.

Ballian, N.S., December 20, 1882.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The great subject of the present esson is the humanity of our Lord and Saviour. Whilst contemplating Him in his birth, a child, we see his entire sympathy with homan nature. When on one occassion, Robert Hall was walking with his friend John Foster they came to a busy ant bill and the latter proposed a question as to how he might be able to do some good to the auts, and communicate to them some thing that would promote their happinems. After some consideration the reply came that it would in the first place be necessary to become bimself an ant so that he would meet them on ground common to both. By this means was the great preacher led to discard all the Accinian views he had barely escaped, and restored to the full ciety." evangelical truth of Christ the divine man and the only and Almighty Saviour. He-our Lord and Master-it was who wished to do us good, and for this purpose he became a babe, he grew up to be a boy of "twelve years," continuing in comparative obscurity, laboring as other men, till "he began to be about thirty years of age." The songs of the angels at his birth, sighteen centuries ago, are now being celebrated, and the " peace on earth" is declared and perhaps more fully understood than ever, whilst the " good-will to men" is remembered in words and deeds-in presents and acceptable gifts -at this season, making an increase of joy and happiness in families, and amongst friends. Greetings are indulged in without stint. Old and young enjoy the luxury of giving, and so of feeling the truth of its being "mor blessed to give than to receive," " The impliments of the season " when ac companied by a kind gift, although ever so small, becomes the complement o happiness in the family circle. In the endeavor to secure the happines others there must be a certain amount et self abnegation, and in this way we may have the joy return to our own earts in the act of blessing others, and shus secure true joy and blessedness for ourselves To our thousands of readers we offer in our present issue a rich collection of Christmas reading, which, will we doubt not, be relished by young and old. With this we covet a place in every bearth and home and would come wishing on this auspicious 25th day of De-

apparent aspect of the two parties.

THE letter of " Harrington," from Chicago, on another page, will be read with interest. Our readers will be glad to learn that we are to have two more letters from the same pen, to follow in the two weeks' issues after the

cept our thanks for a copy of his sermon delivered on Sunday before last in mmanuel Church, Chicago, on " The progress of Seciety." It is the first of a series Dr. L. is preaching on "So-

RAPID CITY ITEMS,-The editor the R. C. Standard says what we ca well believe is true, " A few loads good wood would be acceptable from country subscribers." Rapid City can now boast of three

literary organizations, viz. : the R. C. Mutual Improvement, the R. C. Acad- Lord; they cast about for a man of in- loss which must follow. We might emy, and the Prairie College Societic Probably we should add a fourth, as the Anti-Slang Society has evidently a good literary aim. The Anti-Slang Society, composed of oupils of the Public Schools held very successful meeting and concert on Monday evening last. Judging from the name of the Society it deserved to cover the same use of former of

MANITOBA is in the throes of a worthy of some consideration, and the General Election of representatives to young should not be deprived of what its Local Parliament. The great ques- the New Testament teaches on this tion with them is whether they shall be subject as well as on all others affecting permitted to build railroads in the Pro- "a confession of Christ." If it were vince, or be wholly dependent on the only said Baptism requires an immer-Canada Pacific Railway Company to sion in water, how much more forcible build them. That, at least, is the most would the above notes become,

Concerning John Johnson.

Let it be supposed that John John-on, of Charlotte, North Carolina, is loved by the preaching of Rev. Billy Bell, becomes interested in religion eaks in meeting, and unites with the Tale Street Baptist Church. While looking over the advertisements of Sunday School paper, he observes that the seal and codfisheries-but more REV. DR. LORIMER will please ac- especially the cord wood trade, are good in the East. He therefore resolves to seek his fortune, nearer the ising sun, and takes the train Hard Scrabble Station in the Provin of N. S. He is of an ardent mind and has not yet lost the fervour of his first love, nor does he lose any time in sending for his dismission, and be a member of the only Baptist Church in the growing town of Hard Scrabble And he enters, at once, into the busi-

ness of making money, and developes into a notorious smuggler. But he is earnest and loud in his appeals, in the interests of righteousness and honesty in particular. The Brethren need

We have sent off a large number of is the old established Christian news-Dr. Kendall's Treatise on the Horse and his diseases," to those who have

sent their subscription for the Christian Messenger for 1883, but we have some of these yet to send, and are doing so fast as we can get them entered on our books. We have still a good supply of the books, and have concluded to Ex-TEND OUR PROPOSAL, and to send the book to any other persons who forward all arrears, if any, and their advance payment for 1883, before the 25th Dec., and who express a wish to have i THE SAME TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS UP TO THAT DATE!

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of a nere interes that Some of our contemporaries have on some desperate emergency, or for the purpose of securing some temporary advantage made, offers of a dimin of price in their subscriptions, even below the actual cost of their papers, but, in several cases we have afterwards learned, much to their subsequently disadvantage and regret, and thus have had to return to the ordinary price, or give up altogether. We see no good in such a course of proceeding Far better to be without such increased deacon to serve in the ways of the patronage and avoid the humiliation and

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paper of these provinces-the father of them all. A good religious newspaper has much to do with the happiness of every family into which it comes. It becomes a centre of interest and intelligence which cannot be otherwise enjoyed. It is the medium of communication between the ministers and members of churches such as cannot be secured in the any other way. It awakens and sustains the sympathy and co-operation of the churches in their benevolent enterprizes. No Christian man can despise the fraternal relationship of churches of like taith and practice without injuring himself in all his relations. 10

If the churches would have the full benefit of their religious weekly, the members who already take it should seek to induce all their brethreu who are able to do so to become subscriber We believe there are

Thousands of Families who would be benefitted in every respect, and that to a very large extent, by becoming subscribers to the MES-SENGER, who are now depriving them selves and their families of what they should know as well as those who are already subscribers. EVERY NEW SUBSCRIBER WHO

DECEMBER 20, 1882.

FORBIGN MISSION FUNDS. eceived from A. Nichols, Clerk Hill Grove, Digby, Baptist Ch., special collection taken Oct.29.92 51 J. MARCH, Secy. For Miss. Board. St. John, N. B., Dec. 11, 1882. CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED. Oct. 2-Church at Lot 16, per) Rev. J. B. Woodland, for

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Convention funds. Fairview, per Rev. J. B. Woodland, A. H. LAVERS, Fin. Com. for P. E. T. Summerside, P. E. I., Dec. 1882. P. S.- "Belmount " or Lot 16 was

the first Church to respond to the ap peal of the Fin. Com. in behalf of Foreign Missions. A. H. L.

Moneys Received.

W. C. Bill, Esq., \$2; A. A. Pineo \$12; Dimock Whitman, \$2; Rev. W. J. Swaffield, \$3; G. W. Wilson, \$5; L. Eaton, \$2; I. McNayr, \$5; H. H. Chute, \$2; Isaac Shaw, \$2; J. F. Morrow, \$5; C.W.Sanders, \$3.60; J. Baker, \$2; W. Hunter, \$2; J. T. Langley, \$2; J. W. Churchill, \$2.50; C. B. Cunning-ham, \$2; T. Griffen, \$2.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER, 1883.

Evangelical Alliance several weeks since. for holding meetings for Prayer in the several churches in Halitax, commenceing on Sunday the 7th of January, in the manners and customs of the peop each morning in the Y. M. C. A. Hall respecting the first act of obedience in John Johnson of North Carolina. at } past 9 o'clock, and in the evenings the Christian life, it is left for the child of each day as tollows :----Monday, Granville St. Baptist and North Baptist Churches.

THE County of Annapolis has re ceived a thrill in connection with tem perance work through the recent of Grand Worthy Patriarch Burrell and the Grand Division. Directly and indirectly some six or eight Divisions of the Order were either instituted or revived.

Daring his addresses Mr. L frequently made favorable mention of the press as a pow-rful auxillary in promoting the good work ; and made special mention of the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, Wesleyan and Watchman, as being to the front in our own Pro-

It is somewhat strange that the subject of Christian Baptism, as taught in the Sacred Scriptures, is so quietly passed over, almost or quite ignored, by Pedobaptists in their Sunday School teaching. Whenever it comes before them in the course of the International Series of Lessons, it is as lightly touched We published the programme of the as possible, and no appeal is made to the Scriptures in support of their practice. Arrangements have been made The Notes and Explanations go into the most minute particulars in the examination of the buildings, the dress and M. C. A. Hall in the after- in Bible times, but when coming to There will be Prayer meetings the plain command given by our Lord

Very respectfully yours, different Partsboro.

tence; choose, and ordain John Johnson, of North Carolina. He fills the boly office ; makes the sanctuary ring with exhortation ; accumulates wealth by the ordinary ways of trade, and resorts to smuggling as opportunity

se again that all this, is no the kind of stuff of which dreams are made. But rather, let it be imagined that the smuggling is too apparent, and that strange tricks, talse oaths, and the payment of heavy fines are inseparable from this imaginary case.

Once more, and once for all, let it be ssumed that the thing done in the night has come to the light, and the public; the government, and the Baptist Church at the Station, know that Mr. J. M. Lewis lecturers and agent of John Johnson of North Carolina the Baptist Deacon is not only a noted smuggler but very remiss in " DUTY." Now then, and first of all what does the Christian Messenger think of John' morality? Will it do for membership and for deaconship? Is it the stuff for **Baptist Churches**?

But again, granting that the Hard Scrabble church was, and is now, well aware of John's predilections, and would sooner bury, or eject the twelve Apostles than exclude him (because he is richer than twenty-four Apostles) If this church-this imagioary church after all that has been imagined-applies for admission into the Central Association will she be received? If she comes with John Johns on in he erms, dandling him upon her knees kissing him with her lips, and saying "John is the ground and pillar of th Church "-will she be admitted? Or if she is already in the Association, and if the foregoing statements are urged and established will she be excluded -providing always that she regarde him as chief among the Brethren-or does the Baptist Body think that John Johnson is a necessity, and must be found " everywhere ?" This is a time when we are seeing much about our boasted " unity ;" let us have a chapter or two on our views of MORALITY. Let the Pulpit and the Press preach MORALITY OF CHRISTIANITY, OF JUSTI

name two or three of those with whom we exchange, who in former years have had some such experience either by their present or former proprietors, but for us to do so might awaken unpleasant reminiscences. We may however copy a paragraph or two from the

Canadian Presbyterian, published in Toronto of the experience they have had in reference to this matter. The editor BAYS:

"In answer to numerous inquiries we have to say that the clubbing arrangements some time in force is not to be continued. We are sorry to have it to state that it answered no good purpose. The circulation was not extended, although the price of the paper was reduced ONE FOURTH to clubs of twenty; while the net result was a heavy falling off in the receipts from sub-crip-

"The clubbing plan was adopted in deference to a widely expressed wish that THE PRESEVTERIAN should be placed within the reach of our people at \$1.50, in the expectation that the circulation would thus be largely ucreased. A fair trial of three years has demonstrated that our constituence is satisfied-in common with the Methodist, Anglican, and other denominations-to pay \$2.00 tora Church paper.

REV. I. C. ARCHIBALD, -A posta ard informs us that our brother reached falta on the 29th of November, 94 lays from Liverpool. They experinced a gale in the Bay of Biscay. He ays :- al golden gille will be the an

Rev. A. A. Newhall, Rev. C. H. D. isher and wife, missionaries of Am. aptist Missionary Union to the Teloo-oos, are fellow passengers. Bro. N. being a returned missionary, has knowledge of the Teloogoo, and is giving us lessons, Will write more fully from Port Said

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THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER FROM THE DATE OF OUR RECEIVING THE PAYMENT TILL DEC. 81, 1883. MAKING THE BEMAINDER OF CALL OUT THE PRESENT YEAR, FREE. Will the Ministers kindly announce parties concerned this to their congregations at some con venient time, and speak a word to encourage those who are not subscribers to become so at once. This is the best time to subscribe. Brethren, help

Review of Books.

MEYER'S CRITICAL, AND EXECTICAL COM-MENTERY ON THE ACTS OF THE APOS-TLES. Thoroughly edited especially for this edition, by William Ormiston D. D., L L D. Funk & Wagnalls, 10 12 Dey St., New York

This is a most learned and sugg tive commentary; a work that all preachers who lecture or preach on the Sunday school lessons, and all superintendents and all teachers who wish to get at the actual meanings of scriptur should have. Dr. T. W. Chambers, the well-known biblical scholar and member of the Bible Regision Committee, commends Meyer's works most highly, say. ing ; " He has justly been called the Prince of exegetes, being at once acute and learned' It is a work of great authority among scholars throughout Europe and in the United States.

ARTHUR BROOKS, D. D. of N. Y says : " Meyer's Acts is so useful for its large learning, wise judgment and conciseness of statement, that I am very glad to hear of its re-publication."

THOMAS ARMITAGE, D. D., OF N Y. says : " Is of immense value."

The January issue of the Hown CIRCLE, is just come to hand filled with good things. The project of a (amil monthly magazine by the Am. Baptis Publication Society seems now to be fairly established. All the promises of matter and style are fully met, it has WE have more than jonce insisted a lively and interesting sketch by Mrs. a coal laden lighter belonging to Captain Panay's " Endless Chain " followed by Christian church demands contribution towards the general and benevolent old Peterborough Cathedral. Some of whose arches are called "the grandest and finest in all Europe." " Turkey in funds of said church. Every member young or old, rich or poor, should feel it a high privilege to present offerings feature of the Magazine during 1883. The paper by the Rev: Dr. MacArthur, Although the member may be removed of New York, on " The Christian Life to a distance, yet the obligation is not best vein; sound, sensible, practical. removed. So long as said member Mrs. Annie A. Preston gives a charmhas a name in connection with such ing story for Christmas, whose memories will be very fresh when the number is in the hands of the reader. Profes sor La Roy Griffin, on Curious Crys-tals, Egypt and its Pyramids form a source of intense interest to old and young. It well deserves liberal Samples 15 cents. Published by the AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SociETY, Philadelphia,

Beatices.

The next Annual Meeting of the P.

. I. S. S. Convention will be held with

rom the East will be met at Hunter River Station, from the West at Bread Ibin Station, if they notify Arthur Simpson of their intention.

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P. R. L. S. S. CONVENTION.

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I HE HIT I THE THE ATT AND IN THE The wreck of the sunken steamship Cedar Grove was much broken by the storms last week, A large portion o the cargo has been washed out, and is gone to sea. Another heavy gale will probably completely destroy what i left. The investigation is concluded, but very unsatisfactorily to some of the

The second officer Pearson was harged by Wm. H. Fairall, of St. John N. B., with being an opium-eater and with being asleep and stupid as the cause of the loss of the ship.

Five carloads of cotton have been received by the Windsor Cotton Company from the Southern States. It came a the way by rail. It is stated that it can be brought by rail cheaper than by ves-sel, and the cost by rail is nearly \$500 per carload, Asian

Don'T DIE IN THE HOUSE .- " Rough Rats." Clears, out rats, mice, roach bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, chipmunks,

gophers, 15c. and an uniterioute and Mas. ROBERT OXTORY, of Vrooman Ont., suffered several years with dyspe sis, without permanent relief, until friend recommended National Pills After taking one bez she recovered her health, and weighed twenty-five pound more than before taking them.

The, public schools at Pleasantvill and Ritcey's Cove, Lunenburg, also at Fishers' Grant, Pictou Co., have bee closed in consequence of the prevalence of diphtheria.

Daniel Ryan, of Sable River, shot four bears and one moose one day last AND BREAK AND

A Company at Spencers' Island is building a 2,000 ton ship. Over 16,000,000 feet of deals and deal ends were shipped from' Parrsboro this

Some 7,000 tons of plaster were ship-ped this season from Smoot & Co's quarries, Newport, About forty mer and thirty horses were employed, The Gloucester fishing schooner Cor-nna H. Bishop, eighty-one tons, with twenty five thousand fish, struck on Castern Point, at the entrance of Shelburne harbor, at siz o'clock on Saturday night and went to pieces Monday moraing. i Nothing was saved,

Tuesday. Fort Massey and Bruns-wick St. Methodist Churches.

Wednesday, all the churches represented in the Alliance.

Thursday, Grafton St., St. John's (Presbyterian) and Charles Street Churches, THITLE N. L. woll woll

Friday, St. Andrew's Church and the Tabernacle.

Saturday, St. Matthew's Church. The annual meeting of the Evan- of all the promises included in the gelical Alliance will be held after the meeting on Saturday in St. Matthew's Church.

THE good work is being continue in the North Baptist Church- On not strong enough or true enough to Sunday evening the pastor Rev. J. W. save the soul. Baptism is (1) a Manning baptized six persons on profession of faith in Christ. These with the twenty-one previously haptized make twenty-seven. Two others symbol of the Baptism of the Holy our brother, without affirming that we church, who now resides at Portland, have been accepted by the church and are awaiting baptism. Others also have is --a Baptist--may be very clear and good, but to those who see nothing but offering themselves for baptism, and uniting with the church.

or the convert to find out, or not, as he may without any help from his teacher or his commentary, what is the act of baptism. Even Peloubet perhaps the best of them all, in giving his comments, merely says, on Acts ii. 38 "And be baptized. The additional outward requirement of baptism was

designed as an expression of their faith in Jesus as Messiah and Saviour, and of their open consecration to His service. On God's part it is his seal of his acceptance and of his fulfilment covenant of grace. Every one of you. There are no exceptions. It is Christ's command that whosoever be-lieves in him should publicly profess their faith by baptism. A faith that confession of Christ; (2) a symbol of We cannot allow the suggestion to the washing away of sin ; (3) a sym-

This, to one who knows what baptism good, but to those who see nothing but an infact sprinkled with a few drops The closing Evangelistic meeting of can it all mean ? If the sprinkling an Mr. Chubbuck's present visit to Hali- adult believer or as unconscious infax will be on Eriday evening in the fant be true baptism why is it not so before the church of which the is a stated. Surely the word of Christ is member.

Our good brother's questions answer themselves, so far as we are concerned. So long as we hear the Master saying "Render unto Casar the things that are Cæsar's," we do not perceive how John Johnson's despising his words can be sanctioned by any Christian church or people. intail add of story

Smuggling is neither more nor less than defrauding-stealing, except that whilst common stealing is from one person, smuggling is taking what belongs to the whole community. The Canadian Baptist has practical illus. sooner that particular ' John Johnson' finds out that " the powers that be " is not willing to confess the Lord is "bear not the sword in vain" the better for him and the public,

go forth that our Central Association Men's Christian Association in that bol of the purified risen life; (4) a would adopt the course intimated by city -a short time a member of the are of a contrary opinion. Having ap-pended his name to his communication missal to a Baptist obvice diswe do not besitate to give it publication We do however regret that such an church. Also another absent member, opinion should be held by any one, as a young man, had sent the pastor we think it is without loundation. cbeque for one bundred dollars-fift of water and that called baptism, What Effort should be put forth to rescue for the tunds of the church, and the John Johnson, the churches, and the balance to be divided between Home Association from such represent. The and Foreign Missions." Association from such reproach. The and Foreign Missions." harge should be made against J. J. We find here the essence of fello 1966, 11th, 1882.

funds of said church. Every member to the common funds of the body. church, and participates in its privileges so long should he, or she as the case may he, feel the obligation of aiding in its work. A brief note in the trations of this obligation being recognized in the case of two members of the Olivet Baptist Church at Mon-

treal ; on sail as the man in the care "A young laboring man, a Dane, converted at the meetings of the Young missal to a Baptist church there, eaclosed ten dollars for the tunds of the the Sabbath School at Cavendish, com mencing with a sermon by Rev A. H. Lavers, Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th, at 7 o'clock. Delegates coming by railway ship although the bodily pre-

ose members was in other p

that membership-or fellowship, in a George Dana Boardman, of the grand English, filled and sunk at Irving's wharf, Pictou.

THAT, HUSBAND OF MINE is three times the man he was before he began using "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists. and the state to way of A

FACTS AND FIGURES.—The first year's sales of that popular blood and liver purifying tonic-Burdock Blood Bitters, -was upwards of 50,000 bottles; the second year it exceeded 100,000 with rapid and constant increase. It is a meritorious medicine. On Monday last Capt. M. Wilson; of I the brigt. Albion, was accidentally shot in W. Robertson's hardward store, Water w Street, where he was on some business.

Street, where he was on some but Incas. A young man named John Wells came in at the same time for some cartridge and on the two going out together Wells playfully snapped the pistol at Capt. Wilson two or three times, and the third time the chamber of the pistol appears to have been loaded, and the ball struck Capt. W, in the neck, near the windpipe. Capt Wilson fell into the arms of those near him. Efforts were made to find the ball, but without another ball, but without success, but it is hope that the consequences may not be fatal. It is another lesson that firearms are not playthings. Wells gave simself up, but s out on bail,

CATAREN OF THE BLADDER, -Sting critation, inflammation, all Kidney and Urinary Complaints, cured by "B:

A FACT WORTH MENTIONING. -- Mrs. Ira fulbolland, of Oakville, was cured of dyspepsis and off occurring billious headache, by the use of Burdock Blood Bitters, the great blood purifying sys-tem regulating tonic, and matchless liver regulator.