

The Christian Messenger

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The great subject of the present season is the humanity of our Lord and Saviour. Whilst contemplating Him in his birth, a child, we see his entire sympathy with human nature.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER, 1883.

We published the programme of the Evangelical Alliance several weeks since. Arrangements have been made for holding meetings for Prayer in the several churches in Halifax, commencing on Sunday the 7th of January.

Monday, Granville St. Baptist and North Baptist Churches. Tuesday, Fort Massey and Brunswick St. Methodist Churches.

The good work is being continued in the North Baptist Church. On Sunday evening the pastor Rev. J. W. Manning baptized six persons on a profession of faith in Christ.

MANITOWA is in the throes of a General Election of representatives to its Local Parliament. The great question with them is whether they shall be permitted to build railroads in the Province, or be wholly dependent on the Canada Pacific Railway Company to build them.

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 present.

REV. DR. LORIMER will please accept our thanks for a copy of his sermon delivered on Sunday before last in Immanuel Church, Chicago, on "The progress of Society." It is the first of a series Dr. L. is preaching on "Society."

RAPID CITY ITEMS.—The editor of the R. C. Standard says what we can well believe is true, "A few loads of 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. Academy, and the Prairie College Societies.

The Anti-Slang Society, composed of pupils of the Public Schools held a very successful meeting and concert on Monday evening last.

The County of Annapolis has received a thrill in connection with temperance work through the recent visit of Grand Worthy Pastarch Barrell and Mr. J. M. Lewis lecturers and agent of the Grand Division.

During his addresses Mr. L. frequently made favorable mention of the press as a powerful auxiliary in promoting the good work.

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.

Monday, Granville St. Baptist and North Baptist Churches. Tuesday, Fort Massey and Brunswick St. Methodist Churches.

Wednesday, all the churches represented in the Alliance. Thursday, Grafton St. St. John's (Presbyterian) and Charles Street Churches.

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

The annual meeting of the Evangelical Alliance will be held after the meeting on Saturday in St. Matthew's Church.

worthy of some consideration, and the young should not be deprived of what the New Testament teaches on this subject as well as on all others affecting "a confession of Christ."

Concerning John Johnson.

Let it be supposed that John Johnson, of Charlotte, North Carolina, is moved by the preaching of Rev. Billy Bell, becomes interested in religion; speaks in meeting, and unites with the Vale Street Baptist Church.

Suppose again that all this is not the kind of stuff which dreams are made. But rather, let it be imagined that the smuggling is too apparent, and that strange tricks, false oaths, and the payment of heavy fines are inseparable from this imaginary case.

Once more, and once for all, let it be assumed 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 John Johnson of North Carolina the Baptist Deacon is not only a noted smuggler but very remiss in "DUTY."

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).

Very respectfully yours, J. A. McLEAN.

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

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.

We cannot allow the suggestion to go forth that our Central Association would adopt the course intimated by our brother, without affirming that we are of a contrary opinion.

OBSERVE!

We have sent off a large number of "Dr. Kendall's Treatise on the Horse and his diseases," to those who have sent their subscription for the Christian Messenger for 1883.

SOME of our contemporaries have on some desperate emergency, or for the purpose of securing some temporary advantage made, offers of a diminution of price in their subscriptions, even below the actual cost of their papers.

Far better to be without such increased patronage and avoid the humiliation and loss which must follow. We might 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.

"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 to state that it answered no good purpose.

"The clubbing plan was adopted in deference to a widely expressed wish that THE PRESBYTERIAN should be placed within the reach of our people at \$1.50, in the expectation that this circulation would thus be largely increased.

REV. I. C. ARCHBOLD, a postal card informs us that our brother reached Malia on the 29th of November, 93 days from Liverpool. They experienced a gale in the Bay of Biscay. He says:—

REV. A. A. NEWHALL, Rev. O. H. D. Fisher and wife, missionaries of Am. Baptist Missionary Union to the Teologos, are fellow passengers. Bro. N. being a returned missionary, has a knowledge of the Teologos, and is giving us lessons. Will write more fully from Port Said.

WE have more than once insisted that membership—or fellowship, in a Christian church demands contribution towards the general and benevolent funds of said church. Every member young or old, rich or poor, should feel it a high privilege to present offerings to the common funds of the body.

"A young laboring man, a Dane, converted at the meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association in that city—a short time a member of the church, who now resides at Portland, Maine;—requesting a letter of dismissal to a Baptist church there, enclosed ten dollars for the funds of the church.

THE next Annual Meeting of the E. I. S. Convention will be held with the Sabbath School at Cavendish, commencing with a sermon by Rev. A. H. Lavers, Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th, at 7 o'clock.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

is the old established Christian newspaper 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.

EVERY NEW SUBSCRIBER WHO SENDS ON HIS TWO DOLLARS WILL RECEIVE THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER FROM THE DATE OF OUR RECEIVING THE PAYMENT TILL DEC. 31, 1883.

THE PRESENT YEAR, FREE. Will the Ministers kindly announce this to their congregations at some convenient time, and speak a word to encourage those who are not subscribers to become so at once.

Review of Books.

MEYER'S CRITICAL AND EXEGETICAL COMMENTARY ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. Thoroughly edited especially for this edition, by William Ormiston, D. D., L. L. B. Funk & Wagnalls, 10 & 12 Dey St., New York.

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."

THE January issue of the HOME CIRCLE, is just come to hand filled with good things. The project of a family monthly magazine by the Am. Baptist Publication Society seems now to be fairly established.

THE first year of the new year's sales of that popular blood purifying tonic—Burdock Blood Bitter,—"was upwards of 50,000 bottles; the second year it exceeded 100,000 with rapid and constant increase."

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NOTICES.

CATARH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging irritation, inflammation, all Kidney and Urinary Complaints, cured by "Boob-o-pain." \$1.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUNDS.

Received from A. Nichols, Clerk Hill Grove, Digby, Baptist Ch., special collection taken Oct. 29, \$2 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 Foreign Missions, \$11 50. 8—Bedeque Church for F.M., 7 00. 4—Summerside, " 2 50.

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Moneys Received. W. C. Bill, Esq., \$2; A. A. Pinedo, \$12; Dimock Whitman, \$2; Rev. W. J. Swaffield, \$3; G. W. Wilson, \$5; L. Eaton, \$2; E. McNair, \$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. Churchhill, \$2.50; C. B. Cunningham, \$2; T. Griffin, \$2.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

The wreck of the sunken steamship Cedar Grove was much broken by the storm last week. A large portion of the cargo has been washed out, and is gone to sea.

Five carloads of cotton have been received by the Windsor Cotton Company from the Southern States.

Don't die in the house.—"Rough on Rats." Clears out rats, mice, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, chipmunks, gophers, &c.

Mrs. ROBERT OXBOW, of Yarmouth, Ont., suffered several years with dyspepsia, without permanent relief, until a friend recommended National Pills.

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

Daniel Ryan, of Sable River, shot four bears and one moose one day last week.

A Company at Spencer's Island is building a 2,000 ton ship.

Over 16,000,000 feet of deals and deal ends were shipped from Parraboro this season.

Some 7,000 tons of plaster were shipped this season from Smoot & Co's quarries, Newport. About forty men and thirty horses were employed.

The Gloucester fishing schooner Coninna H. Bishop, eighty-one tons, with twenty five thousand fish, struck on Eastern Point, at the entrance of Shelburne harbor, at six o'clock on Saturday night and went to pieces Monday morning. Nothing was saved.

During the storm on Friday night last a coal laden lighter belonging to Captain 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.

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A FACT WORTH MENTIONING.—Mrs. Ira Mulholland, of Oakville, was cured of dyspepsia and all occurring bilious headache, by the use of Burdock Blood Bitter, the great blood purifying system regulating tonic and matchless liver regulator.