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Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. Drowning at Isaac's Harbor.

Dear Editor,—
A sad accident occurred here last Wednesday night, Mr. Simon Holey was working on a pontoon belonging to the steamer *Relief* at the wrecked steamer *Acadale*, in the mouth of the harbor. A crowbar was called for from one end of the pontoon, and he went for it, when he fell into the water, and must have sunk immediately, as he was not again seen. Next morning a diver found the body a few feet from the pontoon. Deceased was 28 years of age and leaves a widow, four children, and other relatives to mourn their loss.
The call for preparation is loud. Simon a few years ago seemed interested in the salvation of his soul. Without warning he was summoned into the eternal world. How unwise to postpone a matter of such moment till the hour of death. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." The community feels the blow. May this sad and sudden death bring to many life—eternal life!

Yours, &c.,
L. M. WEEKS
Isaac's Harbor, Nov. 18, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger. An Appeal from Lunenburg.

TO OUR BAPTIST CHURCHES AND FRIENDS:
There are a few Baptist families in and around this town, all earnest Christian workers, yet not blest with much of this world's goods. These families not being in a position to build themselves a place of worship, do now appeal to their brethren to aid in the erection of a suitable building, that they may no longer be obliged to scatter among other denominations, thus being deprived of the blessed privileges others enjoy. Having no Sabbath School, the children are in danger of being drawn into other denominations instead of adding to our own numbers. They have therefore decided in the Master's name to go forward and build, first a comfortable vestry, and sustain Sabbath and weekly prayer meetings for themselves and such as they can get to unite with them.
They also propose to organize a church, and eventually make this shire town the centre of Baptist work in the county. The position is indeed an important one, as is well known to many. We respectfully ask you to aid us by announcing a collection at a time not interfering with your usual work, thus affording those who may desire to aid this good work an opportunity to do so. All sums thus given will be duly acknowledged and thankfully accepted in the Master's name, and we trust will secure its own reward.
Amount already subscribed, \$140.00; amount wanted, \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 more.

CALEB SPIDLE, Chairman,
ISAAC GATES, Treasurer,
GEO. A. PARKER, Sec'y.

We, the undersigned, approve of the proposal to build a place of worship for Lunenburg Town.

L. B. GATES, pastor Baptist Church, Lunenburg.

STEPHEN MARON, pastor Baptist Ch., Bridgewater.

W. J. GATES, Manager Gates' Organ and Piano Co., Truro.

W. A. C. RANDALL, M. D., Yarmouth.

For the Christian Messenger. A Sad Accident.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 20, 1882.
To the Editor of the *Chris. Messenger*:
DEAR SIR,—While waiting for the train at Thomson Station, I. C. R., on Friday, the 17th, my attention was drawn to the sad accident which had befallen Mr. Ronald MacPherson, from Caledonia, Lot 61, P. E. I.
Mr. MacPherson, with a number of his neighbors, came from the island to work on the Short Line railway running to Pugwash, and while in the act of leaving the train the cars suddenly backed, and he was thrown from the step under the car, the wheels passing

over one foot. With a desperate effort he had drawn his body from the rail. Dr. McDougall was standing on the platform and saw the accident, and telegraphed for Dr. D. Muir, when the mangled part of the foot was removed. The poor man leaves a wife and nine helpless children, on the island, for whom he expected to toil through the winter. Allow me, my dear sir, to say, through your widely read paper, to the members of the Royal Orange Association that the brother is a member of "Key Lodge," on the island, and we trust the Lodge there and in this Province will not forget him and his large family of helpless ones in their affliction. Any money sent him can be forwarded to Mr. Angus MacPherson, Deputy G. M., Thomson Station, I. C. R. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

EDWIN CLAY,
Grand Master L. O. A.

For the Christian Messenger. From Germany.

BERLIN, Oct. 30th, 1882.
Prince Bismarck has to-day completed his twentieth year of his leadership of the Prussian Ministry. The Emperor intends to show him special honor, and all through Germany and wherever German people are congregated, there appears to be a desire to show the famous Chancellor some mark of respect. It is especially significant and the Russians will not like it—that the German residents of Odessa have sent him a splendid present of plate, manufactured by the most famous goldsmith of Moscow. It is merely inscribed with Prince Bismarck's initials and the date of his commencing his career as the German Chancellor. He is a great figure in the history of the time, and the most prominent of all in the records of the German Empire he has done so much to revive. There will be great glorification all over the Fatherland at the twenty years of his official career, but there are some incidents in it which even Prince Bismarck himself would be only too glad to forget.

This capital is the city par excellence for associations of every kind and variety. For the promotion of science, art, education, charity, social intercourse, politics, religion, trade, agriculture, and innumerable other useful and agreeable subjects. There are no less than 198 scientific, art, and educational societies, 391 associations for charitable, social, and useful public purposes, 135 for the promotion of commerce, trade, and agriculture, making a total of 724 societies and associations, exclusive, of course, of trading-shares and insurance companies.

Great excitement prevails in all of our hotels in this city. The hotel keepers not content with having carried into execution their recent resolution regarding the inadmissibility of mousetached waiters in their establishments, have once more met in solemn conclave and decreed, that on and after November 1st, all the male house-servants employed in the Berlin hotels also have to sacrifice the capillary substance growing on their upper lips. A loud wail has gone up in consequence from all the hotels in the city. The threatened owners of that virile ornament, the moustache, pertinently ask, why the contemplated cruel measure be not with far more justice applied to the *chefs de cuisine* and their myrmidons? Whereupon these latter have held a meeting and agreed to stand firm and sacrifice their away at the flesh-pots rather than their moustaches. A grand strike of the male cooks is expected if the hotel keepers do not relinquish their tyrannical demands, while great rejoicing is being manifested in the ranks of the perfect female cooks, whom Dame Nature has denied the possession of the ostracized appendage.

Emigration to the United States from Pomerania, which had shown a marked decrease during the past few months, is once more assuming large proportions.
At the Universities of Berlin, Breslau and Bonn, courses of scientific lectures have been instituted for the special benefit of the higher railway officials, in which students, technical men, mining engineers, etc., may also participate. The subjects there treated are railway

laws, national economy, management of railroads and the administration of the Prussian State railways. There will be three lectures a week on each of the above subjects and the whole course is to be completed in six months.

For the Christian Messenger. Ordination at Hampton, N. B.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL.

An Ecclesiastical Council called by the Hampton Village and Norton Baptist Churches, convened to-day at three o'clock, in the Baptist Church edifice at Hampton. The Council was organized by choosing Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D., Moderator, and Rev. W. J. Stewart, Clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. Cross. The credentials of delegates were presented. The following churches were represented:

German Street, St. John—Rev. H. Cross, Deacons J. H. Harding, F. S. Simms.

Leinster Street, St. John—Brothers J. E. Masters, T. L. Hay.

Brussel Street, St. John—Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Dea. Parker, Brothers Elliott, and Spragg.

1st Springfield—Rev. W. T. Corey, Bro. Gilbert Titus.

Hampton—Rev. S. W. Keirstead, Bro. J. B. Scovill.

Norton—Deacons Joseph Pickle, A. B. Hays.

Portland—Rev. W. J. Stewart, Dea. Heathfield, Bro. James Andrews.

Hammond—Rev. R. Mutch, Deacon W. Fowler.

Sussex—Rev. H. Foshay, Bro. Noble Crandall.

1st St. Martins—Rev. J. E. Bill, D. D., Dea. G. Masters.

The following visiting brethren were invited to a seat in the Council: Rev. D. W. Crandall, Dea. C. F. Clinch, G. D. Davison, Bros. Wed-a Wetmore, George Ganong, and J. H. Grey. The clerk of the Hampton Village Church then read the minutes of a meeting, at which it was unanimously voted by the members of the Hampton Village and Norton Churches to call a Council, to consider the advisability of ordaining Brother W. F. Parker to the gospel ministry. A statement was made to the effect that satisfactory arrangement was made by the churches for Brother Parker's support.

Brother Parker was then called upon to make a statement to the Council of his conversion to God, call to the ministry, and views of Christian doctrine. Bro. Parker having stated his views very clearly, all of which were very satisfactory; it was unanimously resolved that the Council approve of Bro. Parker's statements concerning his conversion, call to the ministry, and views of Christian doctrine. It was then voted that the ordination be proceeded with, that Dr. Hopper preach the Ordination Sermon, Rev. H. Cross offer the Ordaining Prayer, Rev. H. Foshay deliver the charge to the candidate, Rev. Dr. Bill the charge to the church, and Rev. W. J. Stewart the head of ministerial fellowship. Adjourned to meet at 7 P. M.

7 P. M., meeting opened, Moderator in the chair, prayer was offered by Rev. W. J. Stewart, after singing by the choir, the Rev. H. Cross read the 2nd chapter of 2 Timothy, prayer being offered by Rev. H. Foshay, a faithful, earnest and practical sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Hopper, from 2 Cor. v. 18, 19—subject, "The ministry of reconciliation." After the sermon, Bro. Parker came forward, knelt on the platform and was solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands and by prayer. The charge to the candidate, the right hand of fellowship and the charge to the church were all given according to the previous arrangement. The meeting then closed after singing the doxology and benediction by the pastor.
W. J. STEWART, Clerk.

Review of Books.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE FOR 1883.

This standard weekly magazine, now nearly forty years old, continues to afford the most convenient means of keeping informed in the best literature of the day, and abreast with the work of the most eminent writers. It gives an amount of reading unequalled by any other periodical, and is the only satisfactorily complete compilation of a current literature which embraces more and more every year the production of the ablest writers and thinkers in all departments of literary and scientific work. Hence its importance and value to American readers. It fills the place of many quarterly, monthly and weekly publications, and the reader is thus enabled, at a small expenditure of time and money, to keep pace with the best thought and literature of the time. The prospectus is worthy the attention of all who are selecting their periodicals for the new year. Reduced clubbing rates with other periodicals are given; and to new subscribers remitting now for the year 1883, the intervening numbers are sent gratis. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

THE ANABAPTISTS OF SWITZERLAND.

By Henry S. Burrage. 231 pp., 16mo. \$1.00.
Baptists have a history as well as a future. It is being brought out in these days of freedom and light. Our thanks are due to Dr. Burrage for this contribution to the good cause. We understand that he has made the records of the life, and labors of the Anabaptists of Switzerland a special study for some years. The work which he has here undertaken is to bring out clearly the lives, the principles, and the spirit of these early advocates of the truths, which the millions of Baptists of the Nineteenth Century hold. Greble, Mantz, Reublin, Blaurock, Hetzer, Habmeier, Stumpf, and their fellow-laborers, were persecuted, and many of them slain, for holding and teaching some of the distinctive truths which are now the common heritage of evangelical Christians. It was meet that their history should be written, and their services recognized; and the author has performed the task he undertook in a way to commend his work to those who wish to see how the Spirit of God fits men at special times for special services, and gives them special help thereon.

THE SUNLIGHT.—We have received an advance copy of this new issue of the American Baptist Publication Society. Like its companion, *The Young Reaper*, it appears in a generally attractive dress; with fine paper and good pictures. The literary matter is interesting, sound, and sensible. In addition to other matter, Mrs. M. E. Bradley begins a continued story, entitled "Little Foxes," and Dr. Blackall gives one of his "Talks on the Golden Texts." It is an admirable paper, and will undoubtedly attain immediately a very large circulation. Terms same as those of the *Reaper*—12 cents for the monthly, and 24 cents for the semi-monthly per year.

THE COMPLETE COMMENTARY.—THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

By Horatio B. Hackett, D. D. A new edition. Edited by Alvah Hovey, D. D., in consultation with Ezra Abbot, LL. D. American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.
Hackett's Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles, has for years been regarded as without a superior. The last edition from Dr. Hackett's own hands, was made in 1858. Since that time, much has been done in the realm of Biblical scholarship. The light thrown on the Sacred Text during the past twenty-five years, has been apparently the aim of the Publication Society, in issuing the present edition. For this the Society deserves the gratitude of the Christian world. The book seems to be now as near perfect as it can be made. Dr. Hackett's Notes stand precisely as he wrote them for his last edition. In addition to these, there are a great many critical, exegetical, historical, and homiletical notes from the careful pen of Dr. Hovey. There are also a number of useful illustrations scattered through the book,

and references to recent authorities. The type is good. The book is one of a series of Commentaries now being published by the Society, to be called "The Complete Commentary," in size and general appearance, like the Gospel of Mark, recently issued, under the editorship of Dr. Hovey. It hardly seems possible to improve Dr. Hackett's work, but certainly Drs. Hovey and Abbot have succeeded in doing this, and have added largely to its value. No man who desires to study the Acts of the Apostles can afford to be without this newest and best edition of an already incomparable work.

THE BAPTIST QUESTION BOOK FOR 1883, AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY, prepared by the Rev. J. W. Willmarth; is every complete, as usual. Following the list of Lessons for the year come two maps; an outline of the Book of Acts, which will be studied during the first half of the year; some points relative to the parts of the Old Testament studied during the last six months of 1883; and explanations of words and phrases. In the lessons we find the same general arrangement as heretofore; references with each verse of the text; the Golden Text; Daily Home Readings, &c. It is a very practical and handy little book. Price 15 cents.

GLENNANDALE.—By Mrs. M. A. DENISON.

16 mo., 320 pages. Price \$1.25. American Baptist Publication Society.
This interesting serial recently appeared in that admirable magazine, *The Home Circle*. The sketches of the different persons at Glennandale are well drawn, and the practical lessons which the narrative teaches are very important. Hannah and Metta, the two young ladies who figure prominently in the story, have their counterparts in almost every community. The course of Metta and her sad lot, are well fitted to warn other young ladies to avoid the rock on which her young life made shipwreck. The indefatigable Miss Di is a very amusing and interesting character. Many of the churches in other places would be gainers, had they such a plain-spoken and thorough going laborer as Mr. Burrowdale, to keep things moving. The book is a valuable addition to our Sunday-school literature.

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LESSONS FOR 1883.

Wilde & Co., Boston, Sold by MacGregor & Knight, Granville Street, Halifax. Price \$1.25.
This is probably the most extensive and exhaustive course of Notes on the International Series, explanatory, illustrative, practical and suggestive that is published. It is the 9th year of these notes appearing. This volume seems superior to any of its predecessors. The authors bring together the views of a large number of writers on the passages of Scripture, giving their names and so combined them together as to give a vast amount of information. One who gives the time to carefully read these notes must by that means become well prepared to teach the lessons.

PELOUBET'S SERIES OF QUESTION BOOKS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES OF BIBLE LESSONS FOR 1883.

FOR SALE BY MACGREGOR & KNIGHT GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX.
Here are three valuable little books graded as:—
1 Senior, 2 Intermediate, 3 Primary, and are well adapted to Older Scholars, Younger scholars and Youngest scholars, or little learners. They are got up in good style and are well calculated for extensive usefulness in Sabbath-school classes and must greatly help Sunday scholars in the preparation at home for their classes on Sunday.

"Did the primitive Christians partake of the Lord's Supper as a 'social meal'?"

It is supposed that the Lord's Supper was partaken of in connection with a social meal called a "love-feast." But the Lord's Supper was a distinct thing from the feast. The abuses that sprung up from this connection led to a severance of the Lord's Supper and its separate observance. Such is the interpretation usually put upon the few and indistinct allusions of the New Testament, and is supported by early ecclesiastical writers.—*N. Baptist.*

Design of the Lord's Supper.

BY GEORGE DANA BOARDMAN, D. D.

I. *Commemorative*: "This do in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. xi. 24, 25).
1. "In remembrance of me," the end.
2. "This do," the means.

II. *Representative*: "This is my body; this is my blood." (Mark xiv. 22, 24).

1. The bread, or Christ's body, represents his personality, or the incarnation.

2. The wine, or Christ's blood represents his work, or the atonement.

The bread and wine, the body and blood represent the incarnate career.

III. *Proclamative*: "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." (1 Cor. xi. 26)

The Lord's Supper an immortal witness to the crucifixion.

IV. *Covenantive*: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." Luke xxii. 20.

The engagement both divine and human.

Solemnity of the service: the covenant sealed with Christ's blood: fifty called a "sacrament."

V. *Communicative*: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of (participation in) the blood of Christ?" The loaf which we break, is it not a communion of (sharing in) the body of Christ? (1 Cor. x. 17).

John vi. 22-63, the best comment.

VI. *Associative*: "We, who are many, are one loaf, one body; for we all partake of the one loaf." (1 Cor. x. 17).

Personal membership in Christ is universal co-membership of Christ's people.

Communion with Him is inter-communion of those who are His.

VII. *Anticipative*: "I will not henceforth drink of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in the Kingdom of God my father." (Matt. xxvi. 29).

The dirge glides into the psalm.

Hint of the new heavens and new earth.

Bridegroom and bride at the same marriage-supper of the Lamb, (Rev. xix. 6-9).—*National Baptist.*

The late Dr. Colver had great originality and quaintness of speech, and always adapted his language to the capacity of his hearers. As he was lecturing to a class of coloured students of theology one day, on the composition of a sermon, in the presence of some white visitors, he said: "You should always be careful to have at least two mule's ears to every sermon." The white visitors looked at each other in blank surprise, not knowing what to make of such a strange remark; but the coloured students seemed to be in no such difficulty, and to enjoy it greatly, for as they were accustomed to ride mules without either saddle or bridle, they were compelled to hold on by the ears, and they knew the mule's ears were something to catch hold of and hold on by. We are sorry to say that a great many serious of white ministers do not have these mule's ears—there is no prominent feature in them—and it is hard for anybody to remember them, because there is nothing for the hand to catch hold of and hold on by. Moral: "Point your sermons."

SECOND SIGHT.—The Montreal Star gives a remarkable story concerning the death of their late attaché, Mr. Logan, of Amherst, N. S., whose brother was drowned at sea as he lay dying recently in the General Hospital in Montreal of typhoid fever. Speaking at intervals he said: "I have a brother at sea." "A storm is coming on." "Will the vessel be able to weather the storm?" "The waves are dashing over the ship." "Oh, that he were safe on land!" Mr. Logan wandered off to different matters, but again and again returned to the subject of his absent brother, often repeating one or the other sentences above quoted. His own great sufferings accounted to have been lost to him in the thought of the dire calamity that threatened his brother, and once or twice he started up and enquired anxiously of the nurse whether the storm was abating. It appeared as though he knew of the peril in which his brother was placed. This is the more remarkable from the fact that the brother was actually drowned within a very short time from that at which Mr. Logan in his hallucination fancied he saw the storm raging and his brother in peril. The above facts are vouched for by the nurse who attended Mr. Logan.