

The Christian Messenger.

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PROFESSOR KIERSTED has entered upon his work at Acadia College, in Logic and English Literature. We are glad to learn that he is gaining the esteem and respect of the students, and will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to the professorial staff.

The Hill at Wolfville is now a lively place with the large increase in the Seminary, and the large body of earnest devoted young men—the students in Academy and College.

THE Acadia College students are to be found in almost all the best Baptist Colleges in the United States. We learn that one, Mr. C. E. Baker, has gone to MacMaster Hall, Toronto. Some, after taking the course of study, or part of the course, at Newton, remove further west. Harvard has several pursuing professional studies. It is pleasing to learn that the Nova Scotia students there stand equal to the best.

SOME over scrupulous people have a great reluctance to use the term Sunday for the first day of the week, on account of its heathen origin, and think Sabbath the more appropriate. Strangely, they have no disinclination to Monday, Tuesday, &c., although no less heathen in their origin. Sabbath as a name, originally belonged to the seventh day, which of course now would be altogether inappropriate except to the Jews. The first day is observed by Christians as a Sabbath, but that is not more appropriate, as a name, than Sunday. The Lord's Day is the more scriptural if we would adopt the language of the inspired writer, but we think either name is perfectly proper, and may be used in relation to the different acts of which we may be speaking on the day.

THE Rev. Gideon Draper, D. D., of New York, spent several weeks in Halifax this summer. We had two or three very pleasant interviews with him. He writes the N. Y. Observer, some of the impressions he received while staying in our good city. After mentioning a number of matters of history and the ordinary descriptions of the place and of other localities of interest he visited in the province, he says:

Driven from the great city by the heat, and by need of rest, I sought a new world to conquer in sight-seeing, and found it in Nova Scotia.

Of Halifax, he writes:

The harbor is one of the finest on the entire American coast, and sufficiently large to float all the navies of the world. The capital has a population of 36,000, and is the chief naval station of the British empire on the western hemisphere. I have seen no city like it in other lands, and there is none like it in this land. Many public buildings are worthy of notice. The Parliament House, of gray stone, erected in 1830, was then declared to be the finest building on the American continent, but the States have far outstripped it since. There are endless varieties of architecture; ancient and modern, pretentious and plain, are all jumbled together, oftentimes in close proximity. All wooden buildings have shingled sides, are dingy in color, and usually with porches filled with blooming flowers, reminding one of the characteristic villages of Norway. Halifax has been depreciated by the hasty traveller. If one will tarry and seek for them, he will find many things to interest and attract.

The Public Gardens are exceptionally fine. They are quite extensive, expensively and tastefully laid out, open to the public, and a place of great resort, especially on music days. In close proximity is the wide-extending common, and adjoining, the beautiful citadel grounds, commanding a view of sea and city quite unsurpassed. Beyond is the Driving Park. This also is unique. It is a natural forest, with trees and shrubbery untouched and perfect, macadamized roads winding around for many miles; now in dark ravines, anon on ridge and summit, amid ruins of old fortifications and upon the borders of the sea, commanding a variety of view of land and water. Halifax is exceedingly rich in its public grounds. The environs of the capital present the charm of variety. The wild is mingled with the beautiful; art with unspoiled nature. Charming excursions, by sea and land are numerous.

I have learned enough already of the Acadia capital to speak of it hereafter with respect. "Go to Halifax" will henceforth lose its profanity for my ears.

NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY has recently had the unpleasant duty to perform of accepting the resignation of one of its professors, on account of his departure from the faith. The institution, we are informed, has, for some time suffered from this departure from orthodoxy. The fact was made apparent recently in the examination of one of its graduates with a view to ordination. Rev. Ezra P. Gould, Professor of New Testament Interpretation occupied one of the most important chairs in the Seminary, and one which if allowed to go on is doctrinating young men in erroneous conclusions, must have exerted a wide-spread injury on the churches of the denomination.

The Puseyites as the high ritualists in the Church of England, some thirty or forty years ago were called, have lost their leader. Dr. Pusey, who died a week or two since was the author of a number of tracts which, from him—a leading professor in Oxford,—were the means of introducing the new order of belief with regard to ceremonial in the English Church. Perhaps no one ever did so much to put young clergymen on the way to Rome as Dr. Pusey. Whilst eating the bread of the English Church he effectually served the Roman Catholic. He was by many regarded as a Jesuit in disguise, but his later life dispelled that idea, and he was known to be as sincere as he was believed by good Protestants to be mistaken, in his views of the saving doctrines of the gospel.

At the late exhibition at Kingston, Ont., the Globe reporter gave Dr. Honeydew as the Nova Scotia representative.

The Manitoba exhibits comprised cabbages of forty pounds weight. One of fifty-two and a half pounds was sent from Rock Lake, but the cook of the hotel where it was left took a fancy to it and served the guests with it for dinner. The exhibit of virgin soil is a new feature in the Manitoba exhibits. Formerly it was shown in small glass tubes. Here it was to be seen in sod a foot square, as taken from the ground. A large variety of wheats were shown, with the flour taken from them. Mr. Riddell states that the land is more adapted to wheat than corn growing. White Russian wheat was shown that had attained a height of five and a half feet, the straw of which is hardy and excellent and the berry plump and firm. Mr. Keith states it is the most popular in the Province. The exhibits of fruit are small and go to show that Manitoba can in no way compare with Ontario or any of the other Provinces in that line. The Montreal Exhibition had the additional attraction of a grand military review and a swimming tourney. Captain Webb the celebrated nator jumped from the yard-arm of an ocean ship, some sixty feet down into the water, and delighted some 20,000 spectators who were witnesses of his wonderful feats.

THE Dartmouth Agricultural Society's Exhibition last week was a most creditable display of what this township may be made to produce. The Warden in his opening address spoke warmly of the farmer and his profession as offering a wide scope for intelligent industry. He said:

"There are men selling tobacco and tea in the towns and villages of the province, eking out a scanty livelihood, who ought to be cultivating the waste acres lying almost within gunshot of them. There are lawyers and law students who are poring over Blackstone, but would be much more profitably employed at the grindstone and hayfield."

Only think of it, lawyers! And this from one of the profession!

It is well known that Methodist ministers use the Church of England service for Marriages and Burials. It appears that Rev. D. V. Lucas of the Canada Conference at the late Session, endeavoured to get a modification of the former service by omitting the words "obey" and "serve" from the question put to the woman: Will thou obey him and serve him? The Conference refused to make the alteration desired. We have not heard that the lady members of that or any other church have expressed any desire for the change.

IRELAND.

Rev. T. W. Medhurst has been making a month's missionary visit to Ireland where he has had a large tent in which to assemble the people, and to preach the gospel to them. We learn from the Baptist that during the month he gave thirty-nine Gospel addresses, which were listened to by large numbers of people of all creeds, and it is believed that great good was done. Rev. R. K. Eccles writes:—

At the last meeting of the tent, people of all the surrounding churches urged me to erect a wooden house. A gentleman who belonged to the congregation of the author of the above note offered me a site. I have got the money and erected a house to hold three hundred people. It is a more central place than our meeting-house, therefore I hold the Sunday evening meeting here. It has never been able to accommodate the numbers who come. The tent was bad on the clergy, but the wooden house is worse. That was an acute, this is a chronic evil. We are consequently denounced almost every Sunday from some neighboring pulpit, but praise the Lord. "The common people hear us gladly."

The same paper asks:—

Could not meetings of a similar kind, and on even a larger scale, be held throughout the whole of the country? Everything that is possible for the Legislature to do for the removal of political and social grievances has been done; and it seems to us that now is the time for our churches to take up in right earnest the evangelization of Ireland, so far as the men and means at their disposal will allow. The only cure for Ireland's sorrow is the Gospel; and without casting the shadow of a slight upon other denominations, we believe that our churches are freer from the trammels of sacerdotalism than any other; and are, therefore, the better fitted to preach the Gospel to the priest-ridden people of Ireland in its freeness and fulness with acceptance.

The editor of the Baptist adds:—

We thank God for what other churches have done, but our own churches should rightly interpret the meaning of the present open door, and rise to the full measure of their responsibility in regard to it. We have reason to believe that they will.

Rev. A. H. Lavers wishes to inform the friends of the Rev. Edward Dewart Island that his Post-office address is "Summerside P. E. I. not "Charlottetown" as printed in the appeal recently published. Let there be a ready and liberal response to the appeal on the Island as well as on the mainland.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE for September 23d and 30th contain Mrs. Fanny Kemble's Records of her life, and Medieval Hymns, Comets, A Voice from the Nile, The Palace of Urbino, Snake Anecdotes, Cetewayo's Meditations. The Vegetarian Animalcules of the Deep Sea, and on Reading Shakespeare through, Two Italian Geographers, &c., &c., from the best reviews; Also "The Little Pilgrim," which has attracted so much notice.

With the number for October 1st begins a new volume making this a good time to subscribe. Subscription price (\$8) is low, Littell & Co., Boston, publishers.

Harvest.

The earth is reaped. The harvest has been gathered. And notwithstanding the manifold fears expressed because of wind and rain and untimely cold, the ground has yielded its increase perhaps more abundantly than ever it has within living memory. Let not Christians be unmindful of the Providence through whose watch-care this great good has resulted to our country. We wish now, however, to speak of harvest in the spiritual sense and practically as it is related to church work; and we deem this the fitting time for such remarks, because the Bible illustration of God's methods and results is so manifestly before the attention of all. The reports of our denominational work are now all in. The Associations have met and the year's successes or the reverse have been tabulated. It will be little to the purpose now to grieve over what has passed. Certainly the year's showing is not what it ought to have been, certainly it is not what many anxious laborers expected. Few comparatively have been saved. Of all the godless who have come within the influence of our churches how few have been saved! Let it pass now. Mourning will not mend it. The future is before

us; and it is within our power under certain conditions, to make the showing of the coming year indicate grander success for God.

What are these conditions? The simple conditions that govern the harvest whose abundance we are just now rejoicing in, viz.: immediate labor, continued labor, and the exercise of the patience of hope. Let our churches learn a lesson from the farmer, who, as soon as the last sheaf is under cover of the barn, immediately starts his plow in preparation for the next harvest. Why do a great many of our churches wait until winter before they put forth their energy upon the field in which God has planted them? Why should there be the continual recurrence of this season of comparative inactivity? Is not God's word as powerful now? Are not perishing men in as great danger now—as in four months hence? We earnestly commend this practical teaching of the husbandman. Let the churches now awake from sleep and go heartily to their preparation for harvest.

We have seen a man stand debating with himself over a field apparently inter-killed, and frost-beaten wheat: could he plow it up or let it lie? Hope conquered, and he had patience till harvest, and he reaped a great crop. Every harvest of grain calls into exercise this grace. Why should churches be impatient, or discouraged, or suffer their hope to die? Our denomination depends largely upon the efforts of our weak churches; let them be strong at least in the patience of hope, and stick to the mission which God has given them, so long as his promises hold good. So if it be with all our churches, God who alone can make the labor of the husbandman tell for the harvest, will to visit our labor with the early and the latter rain that another year we shall be blessed more abundantly.—Canadian Baptist.

For the Christian Messenger.

Is Manitoba, Home?

Mr. Editor.

Two or three weeks since I observed in the Christian Messenger, a Home Missionary Board notice over the secretary's signature, as follows:—

"Rev. W. E. Hall, was appointed to Emerson, Manitoba."

It struck me as a singular announcement, and I expected we should soon see some enquiries as to what it meant. No time is mentioned and it would almost appear as if it were a permanent appointment—not even year by year like the ordinary Home appointments that are made. I have conversed with many of the brethren on the subject, and find in them the same want of information.

The enquiry is 1st. Is Manitoba "Home"?

It has been commonly understood that Home Missionary operations so far as our Maritime Convention is concerned were such as were carried on within the Maritime Provinces. If Manitoba is in our Home Missionary territory, is not Quebec and Ontario also? 2ndly. As to the length of time of the appointment? Is it for three months, six months, or twelve months, a year, or a series of years. With the statements made at Convention as to the cost of living in Manitoba, it would appear that a year's salary at Emerson would swallow up about one third of the income of our Board.

What does it mean then? Does the Home Missionary Board intend to sustain a minister for the Emer-on Church indefinitely?

I am concerned for our legitimate Home Mission work, and I also know that other contributors besides myself are wishing to know something more than the bare notice given in the MESSENGER.

ENQUIRER.

Foreign Missions.

The Finance Committee, in their Appeal published in the "Christian Messenger" on the 13th inst., requested the Pastors and Churches to take collections on behalf of Foreign Missions on some Sabbath in October, at all the services of the Churches. Let the Brethren bear this in mind, and doubtless a blessing will come to them.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

There is but little in the way of news of passing events in Halifax, some of our summer visitors are leaving. The universal testimony, they leave behind, is that our Public Gardens, surpass anything of the kind to be seen in the Dominion or the United States. The one great regret is that the labor bestowed upon them has but so short a time to be admired. If it were but six months instead of three it would seem to repay more fully for the toil.

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS on Monday last resulted as follows:

For Mayor: George Fraser, re-elected by acclamation.

For Aldermen: Ward 1—Ald. Mackintosh, re-elected by acclamation. Ward 2—Ald. Hessel. Ward 3—Mr. Alex. Stephen, Junr. Ward 4—Ald. O'Connor, re-elected by acclamation. Ward 5—Ald. Graham, re-elected by acclamation. Ward 6—Capt. E. O'Bryan.

We were sorry to learn that Mr. Naylor, last week lost a horse by his backing over the wharf near the new elevator.

BRIDGEWATER.—Sad.—As we drove into this town on the 27th ult. an unusual stir at the riverside was observed. We hastened to the scene to find a youth (young Wynot) just drawn from the water, who, about fifteen minutes before, was active at his work. Life was extinct. That mother's heart was sad as she tearfully gazed on her dear, dead boy, her oldest and chief help. How impressive the scene! What a loud call to bystanders to prepare for the great future into which persons are sometimes suddenly hurried. And yet: the "call" often goes unheeded. W. J. G.

The next Session of the Normal School at Truro will begin on the 1st November. Students will not be matriculated after the 8th. It is hoped that teachers who have never attended the Normal School will do so, and that candidates for the office of teacher will qualify themselves for their high and responsible office by graduating at the Normal School.

A great improvement is being made at the Richmond works. The cutting of rock for the double track is completed. The wall at North Street is being removed, and in a few weeks the track will be ready for the trains.

It has been reported that the Windsor Cotton Factory will commence operations this week. Four cars of machinery from ex-steamer "Scandinavian" was shipped over the Windsor and Annapolis on Wednesday last.

"ROUGH ON RATS."

Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers. 15c Druggists.

The exhibition to be held at Yarmouth on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 12th and 13th, is expected to surpass any previous exhibition held in that enterprising county. His Honor, Governor Archibald will deliver the opening address.

The district exhibition for the Counties of Antigonish and Guysboro, to be held at Antigonish on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of October, promises to be quite a success, a large number of entries having been made.

Bears abound in many places, some very large ones have been recently shot. The lobster factories have all closed for the season. The catch has been comparatively poor.

Mr. Tupper Davison, of Portauquie, had his thumb cut off and one finger badly cut in a circular in his saw mill a few days ago.

The Oxford woollen mills are being furnished with gas works to supply their own light.

While a pumping engine was being lowered into a slope at Spring Hill mines some of the tackle gave way, and a man named Charles Musgrave had a leg broken.

William Roach lost part of three fingers while working with the buzz planer in the Windsor Furniture Factory.

A big potato weighing 3 lbs. 9 oz., is reported by the Lunenburg paper as grown by Mr. C. Fritz.

Mr. James Morton, of Somerset, has raised this year off one-fifth of an acre of land 87 1/2 bushels of Early Rose potatoes, and has sold the same for sixty cents per bushel. This is equal to 437 1/2 bushels per acre, and the value \$262.50 per acre. Who says that farming does not pay in Nova Scotia?—Kentville Western Chronicle.

SILVER WEDDING.—An interesting event occurred in Wolfville on Wednesday evening in the celebration of the silver wedding of Prof. D. M. Welton, Ph. D., and wife. A brilliant assemblage of guests from different parts of Kings and Hants Counties, and from this city, was gathered at the Dr.'s handsome residence, where a most delightful evening was spent. The gifts presented were beautiful, and some of them unique—notably a vase presented by Dr. Schurman.—Herald.

TRURO makes money over its celebrations. The proceeds of the Truro Natal Day celebration over expenses were over \$100. It has been handed to the Mayor to be held in trust for "some other day."

The fishing station at Litchfield, Annapolis County, consisting of eight buildings, with all their contents, fish, fishing gear, oils, etc., was consumed by fire on the 22nd inst. Loss \$1,000; no insurance.

"BUCHUPAIBA."

Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists.

Editor of Times:—The veterinary department in your valuable paper is always read by me with great interest, and I value the information received from it a hundred fold more than the small amount paid for the paper. One year ago you published a letter from Dr. John Bates, relating the wonderful success he had had in curing spavins and splints with Kendall's Spavin cure, and his allusion to using it now in his practise for several human ailments on account of the success he has always had with it. The above statements from so prominent a physician gave me great faith in its efficacy, and as I had been afflicted for years with rheumatism and hip-joint lameness so bad I could hardly walk at times, I procured a bottle and as it has completely cured me, I wish to proclaim it to the world, as the most wonderful discovery ever made for the benefit of afflicted men as well as for the poor horse, for which it was first used. As this remedy must be of incalculable value to the world, I write this letter to express my thankfulness to you for ever mentioning it in your columns, and to ask another favor in behalf of my fellow men who are afflicted in body that you continue to make known to the world, the great value of Kendall's Spavin Cure for man as well as beast. Respectfully yours, ARNOLD PARKER.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 1st, 1881.

Maitland has had an unusual experience that of a store being broken into by an Indian, in company with a Toronto man, giving his name as Thos. L. Smith. They were captured six or seven miles away with some of the stolen goods. They acknowledged that they had designs on the Merchants Bank Agency kept in the same store.

Prospecting for coal is going on in the neighbourhood of Truro.

James Kaddock, a somewhat eccentric farmer bachelor, died at Gay's River recently, leaving a will, in which he disposed of his property and effects. The executors of the will held an auction sale to dispose of stock, farming utensils, etc., etc., Among other things sold was a couple of barrels of buck-wheat. The purchaser of one barrel disputed the measurement of its contents and the buckwheat was measured. In the middle of the barrel was found a small tin kettle which, on being opened, was found to contain the sum of \$184 in cash. It need hardly be said that the purchaser felt somewhat chagrined that he had objected to his bargain. The discovery, however, led to a careful search of the premises, which resulted in finding about a hundred dollars in an old tea pot, and a considerable sum in a basket in the pantry, with some ounces. Over three hundred dollars was found banked after this peculiar fashion. After paying some small bequests, we understand, about eight hundred dollars will be left of his property, which is bequeathed to the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Halifax Protestant Orphan's Home.—Chronicle.

A handsome present arrived on Monday from Mr. F. Ratchford Starr, of Echo Farm, Litchfield, Connecticut, to the Nova Scotia Central Board of Agriculture,—a valuable young Jersey bull. This is a handsome present by a Nova Scotian to his native province. The bull is a great beauty, but two years old, and is now undergoing the necessary quarantine of ninety days at Dartmouth. The donor sent a man with the animal.

Rheumatism is the most painful and most troublesome disease that afflicts humanity. It comes when we least expect it and when we have no time to be interviewed by it. The only reliable remedy that we ever found is Johnson's Anodyne Liniment.

Nearly all diseases that afflict humanity originate in the stomach, liver or bowels, and might be prevented if people would use a little common sense; but they will not. They rather take Parsons' Purgative Pills because one is a dose.

SKINNY MEN. "Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility. \$1.

New Brunswick.

St. John has been afflicted by the presence there of a Rev. Edwin H. Ellis of Thomaston, Maine, with the wife of Mr. John E. Rose of the same place. They went to the Tremont house, Gar main Street and registered their names as "E. Emerson and wife, Philadelphia." It appears that he had been arrested in the pulpit of a church at Vinal Haven and taken to Thomaston where he was indicted on a charge of adultery but being admitted to bail before the time of trial in February last, and Mrs Rose following him shortly after. It seems he appeared at Berwick, N. S., Methodist camp meeting a few weeks since, and the reporter for the Morning Chronicle said of him:—

"Rev. Mr. Ellis is an Evangelist, who, we understand, will remain some months in the Maritime Provinces. He spoke in the morning from the question addressed by God to Adam—'Where art thou?'—applying to the Christian, to the backslider and to the unconverted. In the evening he preached from the familiar words of John iii., 16, using powerful illustrations. The religious public of Halifax will be greatly pleased when they hear him."

After this a detective was sent to Halifax, but failing to find the parties, proceeded to St. John and found them under the above assumed names. They were arrested on Thursday under a Provincial statute which makes the penalty either a fine of £100 or two years imprisonment. He was arraigned in the St. John Police office on Thursday, and without pleading to the charge was remanded for a week.

On Friday night last, the dwelling house, store and barn of Mr. J. M. Stevens, Harvey, was entirely destroyed by fire.

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