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News from the Churches.

WATERVILLE, HANTS Co., N. S .-On March the 1st, we began some special meetings, and God has richly rewarded our efforts, by reclaiming wanderers, are awaiting the ordinance. and converting sinners. Sunday, May 6th, Bro. Weeks from Chester, administered the ordinance of Baptism to them into the fellowship of the Church. A. WHITMAN.

PORT LORNE .- Dear Editor, - Bro. Young remained with us until last week. His labors here have been greatly blessed. On Lord's day, May 21st, sixteen more were buried with Christ in baptism, making seventyseven baptized, and eighty-three added to the Christian Church, since the good work commenced in this place. Three others are awaiting baptism, and " still there are more to follow."

Yours, &c., E. H. SWEET. May 24th, 1882.

LOWER GRANVILLE .- Dear Bro .. -We are still greatly cheered and encouraged by continued manifestations of God's love and power among us. Last Lord's Day I had the pleasure of baptizing five more happy converts at Old Stoney Beach, four of them heads of families; and on Sabbath, the 14th inst., three others at the Island, making forty-three since the commencement of this gracious revival, And still others are looking Zionward.

> Yours truly, ISI, WALLACE.

May 22, 1882.

P. S .- I received the following note few days since from Rev. E. M. Keirstead, A. M., Secretary of the Hants Co. Auxiliary Home Mission Board, which it may not be amiss to give you :

Dear Brother,-At the last County Meeting of our Pastors and Laymen the following resolution was moved by Rev. E. Whitman, and seconded by Bro. A. P. Shand, and passed unanimously, viz :

"Whereas, Rev. Isa. Wallace has remeved from the County and settled in

" Resolved. That this Board records

our appreciation of his faithful labours in the County which were largely blessed, and that we send him this expression of our confidence, and our desires for his future presperity."

I would only add that I review with heartfelt pleasure my associations with the members of the above Board, and regard them as a band of excellent brethren and doing a good work for the progress of truth in Hants Co. May success continue to attend their efforts.

We have since learned that two more were baptised into the fellowship of the Lower Granville Baptist Church last Lord's Day, May 28th, by Rev. Isaiah Wallace.-ED. C. M.

Hutchinson sends us a line in a private note, dated April 11th, "We are all in good health here, and there are indications of showers-both of rain and grace.

MONOTON N. B.-The Mission Band Entertainment and sale in the Baptist Vestry, was very successful, a large ment was very interesting and reflected great credit on the soung folks who took fancy goods was spirited, and there is every reason for believing that a large sum was realized for Missions.—Times.

CHATHAM, ONT .- May 7th, Pastor Best baptized five converts, three of them being from the Sabbath School. Seven new members were received by letter. and one by experience, with more to follow. The Lord is blessing Bro. Best's doubtless be better than the present labors and the church has much to be thankful for and can say, the Lord is

good. Claremont. - The church in Clarement continues to prosper under the faithful and efficient labors of pastor T. Booker. Two have been baptised since hast report, and the outlook is hopeful.

Dresden .. - Our special meetings are growing in power and many are finding the Saviour. Although the weather for the last week has been very unfavorable the chapel has been filled almost every evening with an attentive congre gation. Thirteen were baptized on Lord's day evening, and several more

Plattsville.-Pastor Jesse Gibson after preaching had the pleasure on May 7th of burying with Christ in baptism in the river Nith, four rejoicing believers, two eleven believers in Christ, and received husbands and their wives, in the pres ence of one of the largest crowds even assempled in Plattsville.

> The Bantist Association of Eastern China has thirteen churches; total membership 496; 29 native preachers: 24 chapels; 9 Bible-women; 5 colporters; and reports 36 baptized in 1881, and \$549 contributed.

The Maori Christians of New Zealand are very active in supplying churches for themselves. Six new churches, all built at their own expense, were opened in different districts last year, and three or four others are in progress.

The church at Charlton, Iowa, has had 192 additions since the beginning of the

Rev. Dr. Armitage, of New York for several weeks has been laid aside from active pulpit service by repeated attacks

The Baptist church in Ogden, Utah has now twenty-eight members. Work upon a church edifice will begin next August, the pastor, Rev Mr. Spencer, having raised \$5,000 towards this object.

A great revival is in progress in Burlington, Iowa. There have been more than two hundred converts, and inquirers are multiplying. Rev. Dr. Spinney, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is hold ing meetings nightly, assisted by the Rev. O. L. Leonard. The interest spreading all over the city. Prayerneetings have been started in the public schools, and recently in one schoolroom there were seventy-nine scholars assembled at the noon-day hour for such a meeting aresided over by one of their

There are 26,373 Baptist churches in the United States.

It is pleasant to feel impelled to continue one's work by growing conviction of its importance and value; more happy still to be constrained to go on by dear love of the service itself; but, best of all, to be so blessedly certain of the Lord's will and help in the matter that one dare not give up!-Mrs. C. H.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. Associational Reporting and Work

The letter of Bro. Cohoon on denominational printing revives some thoughts about Associational work, which it may be well to place, by your leave, before your readers. First thea

Associational Reporting.

Practical mea will agree with Bro. Cohoon in thinking that seven pages will suffice for a history of the annual doings of each Association. The present official "Minutes" are of worth only as history; their date of issue often gives them the value of ancient and now the question so long mooted, history. As news, interesting and informing the people at large, they are of the Maritime Provinces. There is worthless. Mest people expect to get but one opinion on the subject. The e number of returns have been LATE FROM INDIA .- Rev. J. R. each morning the record of the world's require that each week shall tell them the story of its predecessor. Neither class is hungry to read on the 20th of November that on the 20th of June previous, "The Association resumed session at 2 P. M.: Read 999 number being present. The entertain- hymn, prayer by Bro. A. Report on Temperance read, amended and part. The sale of refreshments and adopted;" neither class is greatly aroused or stimulated by this informa. tion. The appointment of one or two live reporters for each Association, to give the leading papers of the secular press, day by day, pithy, pointed reports of things said and done, would method and would cost little or nothing. The few facts of historical worth might

whether the Associations are, under present circumstances, doing ther best work in the best way, here preses to

The forces of centralization have for good or ill, placed the business of Mission Board. the associated Churches in the Convention. That body has become a legislature. The Associations continue to formulate and adopt reports, but the business is done in the Convention Whether the Associations should lose these functions as the representative business body of the churches is a question. Unquestionably they should not lose their vitality with their funcremains to do These words, from the Associations and Conventions are beis not patent reapers, to gather pecuniary harvests, but improved cultivators and fertilizers for one great field." As-ociations need to resist the present formal business tendency and bend their meet the object of the fathers in their writes, January soul son institution. May not this object be wo not think because I so seldom attained by the substitution of strong ing devotions for crude reports, and formal resolutions, and many minutiæ which are unduly dignified by the oame of the " Lord's business "?

New Business.

Reference may be made in closing to one or two other matters which appear to merit consideration by the coming Associations. The first is a New Hymn Book. Our present Hymnal, the "Psalmist" is costly and cumbrous, other denominations have Collections costing only twenty five cents. We are taxed three times that sum. Other Hymn Books are being, and will be, introduced, causing expense and confusion. Cannot the Associations initiate movement which shall result in the compilation and general acceptance of a hymnal, both good and cheap? A collection of 600, well winnowed, popular hymns, would be large enough for Sabbath services; a smaller concurrent collection of 800 would well suffice for social worship.

Perhaps it is not well to discuss here of having one paper for the Baptists difficulties are in connection with making lived. From these returns the folwork the day previous; and rural folk the general desire an accomplished ing encouraging facts are gathered. fact. Cannot the coming Associations so deal with the matter that difficulties hus far heard from have heartily which now beset union shall be put in sted the Convention Scheme.

the path of the present policy. Another thing, which demands more accepted the new plan have hesitathan a passing notice and calls for the to do so on account of a grave mis prayerful consideration of the associated ehension as to the real nature and churches is the Union of Canadian ning of this plan. They seem to Baptists in North West Home Mission | that the adoption of the Conven-Work. Notice has already been given Scheme is equivalent to the making that this question will be introduced into the Convention this autumn. It belongs, ull amount of one dollar per memprimarily, to the churches in Association. Though great burdens now rest on the a contract because they are not denomination, and grave questions the amount can be raised. But await discussion, yet this newly given a grand mistake. The Convenwork cannot be sately ignored. Five slan does not bind any church to new provinces with a population in- the full amount of one dollar per and to 6 fields in P. E. Island \$569,00. meanwhile be officially preserved in creasing quarterly by tens of thousands, per, but merely encourages them the "Year Book." Another matter have been added to the Home Mission | all they can towards reaching churches have been assisted to maintain that deserves fresh consideration is Field of Dominion Baptists. The ex- standard Surely no church can the preached word in their several

the eastern Provinces must long feel the drain and depletion of the westward flow of emigration. The habit of selfreliance and sacrifice, which an earnest prosecution of mission work in the mittee. west would necessitate, would invigorate those eastern churches which now seem to lean, all too heavily on the Home

Lockeport, May 24, 1881.

We quite agree with "J. A. D." in reference to the Hymn Book matter. Every worshipper, to be able to join effectually, should have a book. The book should therefore be made at such a price that every person could obtain one without much difficulty. But this could not be by publishing for ourselves, tion, and of that there is danger as it would be needed in two or three Whether certain work has passed from sizes which would make it an expensive their hands or not, very important work business. The Central Association last year recommended the adoption of the lips of two of our wisest pasters, in Baptist Hymn Book of the Publication dicate its character. Says one "Our Society, costing 50 cents, and upwards according to style of binding. Still coming mere business meetings." Says this is too high. We should be glad to another "What we now chiefly need aid in getting a book at the lowest

On the one paper matter, we believe, our brother is mistaken. Many of the these observations are correct, the New Brunswick brethren would consent to such an arrangement only if it were published in that province, and efforts to the increase of spiritual unity vice versa We have before us the and power among the churches. Per-opinion of one of our best pastors in chance they will thereby more nearly the N. S. Western Association, who

sfor my own, for where the Messenis taken there will be found the nister's best friends and the warmest sporters of the meetings of the la comfort to my heart and money in pocket, as well as large increase in nations to benevolent objects, if the ssenger were taken in every family

per for the Maritime Provinces, but uld we not be in a pickle if we only I one paper now, and that shunted m the main track on to a little side

Long live the Messenger, and may fair dealing and straightforward itor long be spared to wield the pen send a healthy influence into all

n aiming at progress let us take e that our unrest does not induce us o in the wrong direction .- ED.C.M.

For the Christian Messenger. Our Financial Progress.

n response to a request for informafrom the Churches regarding the gress of our benevolent finances, a . The great majority of the Church

Those churches which have not distinct pledge or contract to raise and they decline entering into The Character of Associational work. perience of our American brethren and c to this reasonable proposal.

Bro. Cohoon suggests that he Com- the policy of other denominations teach 3. In almost every instance the re- es have not yet been formed have had mittee Reports of the Associaions are us that it is wise and expedient for us turns indicate improvement in benevo- the word regularly preached. net worth publication. The question to enter this open door. Duty calls us lent contributions. In some cases the arises whether they are worn their to help evangelize the great North amounts raised already are more than preached the gospel on the fields assisrites of birth and burial with which Western Provinces. Our present home double as large as those raised during ted, and have reported to the Board the time of the Association is solargely field will not yield such returns, for the past fiscal year; and not a few 150 baptized. Two churches organized churches from which nothing was re- and several new stations opened. ceived last year, are forwarding liberal contributions to the Finance Com-

> 4. If all the Churches will now heartily push forward the work of collecting funds for the objects of ou Convention, we shall be able to make a cheering financial exhibit at our annual gathering in August, and enable the treasurers of our various Boards to report that we are out of debt. Do we not earnestly desire that this may be the case? Cheerful, persevering effort is all that is needed to ensure this desirable result.

> It is but justice to the Church at Bridgetown, to say that, in addition to the \$55.72 acknowledged by Dr. Day in the statement published last week, they have forwarded \$194.00 to the College treasury since August last. These remittances with what has been raised by the W. M. A. Society here, amount to about \$250.00. We hope to make up \$300.00 as our contribution to denominational objects for the

W. H. WARREN, Financial Agent, Bridgetown, May 27th, 1882.

> For the Christian Messenger. Infants' Home.

About two menths since the Committee of the "Infants' Home," issued cards, stating the condition of our Sermons, practical Essays and inspir- tget new sub-cribers for the Messen- Home, the work which is being done g, I do try, not for your sake so much for the little helpless inmates, and our pressing need for money to meet our daily wants. These Cards were sent to the Superintendents of the Sabbath urch and Sanday School. It would Schools throughout the Provinces with a request that they would put them into the hands of their scholars to collect funds for us. Some of those little workers have responded to our appeals I with many others have thought it and the results are most satisfactory. uld be better to have one Baptist but as there is a number from which we have not yet heard, we hope they are at work for us, and that we shall soon have their names added to the list from whom we have received returns. To us it is a source of much pleasure and encouragement to make the following acknowledgements :-

Strathlorne, per Rev. W. Campbell.\$4 00 Clifton S. S., per James Archibald. 20 15 Master Hiram Waddell..... 4 00 Annapolis, Eva M. Kay...... 5 00 Mary McGillovey..... 7 20 Bessie Macdonald 4 25 ealy joy stream from his eyes, while Helen V. Thompson..... 1 32 Etta J. Yuill.... Bessie R. Freeman..... 8 18

For the Christian Messenger. Home Missions.

As the time is drawing near for the meetings of the Associations, in order to assist committees on Home Missions in preparing their reports, I herewith present a brief statement of the year's work so far as it can now be given. It is, of course, impossible to give an exact and full statement at this time, as the work is still going on, and many of the reports for the third quarter, even have not yet come to hand.

Grants &c.

Aid amounting to about \$4800,00 for the year have been forward to 47 fields. This amount is divided thus: To 24 fields, including French Mission, in Neva Scotia \$2625,00 to 17 fields in New Brunswick, \$1606,00,

By these grants upwards of 90 weak stations, and a few places where church- France and the United States.

Fifty brethren have faithfully

Receipts &c.

The receipts to date, including amount contributed at Convention for payment of debt amounts to \$2610.52. Of this amount about \$470,00 comes from New Brunswick, \$92,00 from P. E. Island and the balance from Nova Scotia.

As the grants for the present year will probably amount to \$5000,00 and as the debt at the close of last year was \$850,00, we shall need about \$6000 to cover the expenditure of the year. That is we shall need to receive about \$3400 before the meeting of the Convention if we are to close the year without a debt. During the same time last year we received about \$2900,00. Will not all the churches take hold of the work and report themselves to the Finance Committee?

We again urge upon all the churches receiving aid from the Board to do their utmost for Convention Fund.

A. COHOON, Cor. Secy. Hebron, May 26, 1882.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM MCVEAN

Died at West River, Lot 47, P. E. Island, May 13th 1882, in the 73rd year of his age. Bro. McVean was born in Scotland, and came to this country when quite young. He spent a large portion of his lite as captain of coasting vessels. About seven or eight years ago, during a series of meetings conducted by Bro. D. G. McDonald, when many sought and found Christ, our dear brother became the subject of converting grace.

Bro. McVean was a Christian of the old school; he learned of Christ and put Him on, not in name, not in word only, but in deed and in truth. He regarded religion as the "one thing needful;" he sought it, he found it, and he lived it to the end. His lot was a hard one, and it was through much tribulation that he entered the kingdom.

Bro, McVean was not without imperfections, but those imperfections were so soft and harmless that they might be justly regarded as the shading of a well defined meral portrait, which at times exhibits the virtues to greater advantage; or, as the Apostle observes, he might have gloried in his infirmities that the power of God might rest upon him: I have often seen tears of heavexpressing the goodness of God towards him, and the blessed hope of heaven he felt in his soul.

He was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and was often grieved at seeing that sacred day disregarded. Looking back ever the time I have known him I cannot but admire his Christian walk.

His death was rather sudden, caused by a fall, after which he only lived two days. We found him the evening before his death resting upon the rock, and resigned to God's will.

"The sweet remembrance of the just, Shall flourish when he sleeps in dust." R. B. K.

A COMPLIMENT .- There is such a thing as Baptist brag, and it is by no means well for even Baptists to boast too much. Let others praise thee and not thyself; a stranger and not thine own lips." But when the Living Church, an able Episcopalian paper says: "The Baptists are the only consistent sect in all the varieties of Protestantism, and they have the courage of their opinions," we cannot help accepting and quoting the compliment .- Can. Baptist.

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