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#### NEW SERIES. Vol XXVII., No. 2.

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For the Christian Messenger. Scraps of Thought.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. The old year has gone ; passed out from us, bearing its mighty record of days, weeks and months. And may seem as many, so much may it more, oh ! -o much more,-for one year hold in events that change and age us. The year that has gone brought us many beautiful thoughts, much of kindness ing of the years the "gain or loss." and love, much of laith and hope, mingled with care and pain and unrest, and here and there glimpses of joy and glad- bending under heavy burdens, toiling ness. And we loved it much, in spite over weary paths and rugged steeps, in of pain and care, but it has drifted out from us to rest like a prayer at the feet of God. Aud oh ! what a prayer, as

from the very heart of old mother earth. Men and women are demanding entrance at doors that have never been opened to human gaze. Lifting the edges of veils that have never been withdrawn, and though " veil upon veil may lift," letting new light in upon be "veil upon veil behind," until humanity is wholly merged in immortality. ter round life, death, and the vast for-

Till then, brothers and sisters, the world by baptism. over, struggling 'gainst unequal olds,

all hours of loneliness and pain, of heart-ache and soul-hunger, whatever

For the Christian Messenger. The pastor of the Tabernacle would acknowledge with thanks the donations already sent by friends. For nearly nine St John, has been occa-ioned by busiyears God's seal of approval has been upon the work in Halifax. Poor and Annual Meeting of the Bridgetown Seminary at Fredericton for 1867. rich are alike welcome, and the result bewildered human eyes, still there will has been the salvation of many souls. Among the most encouraging features of the New Year, is the fact that God Only then shall the mysteries that clus- is adding unto us such as are, and, we trust, shall be saved. Three were reever become clear to our vision. Only ceived last Sal bath, one by letter, the N. B. Baptist Education Society. then will we learn in the great reckon- others, an aged father and his young

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daughter, together came to confess Jesus At the close of the morning servce

another young man came forward and said, "I love Jesus, and wish to be baptized, and join the church." On Sunday evening at the Taberna-

the years may bring, whatever the years cle there were nearly or quite 500

Committee. news necessarily connected with the

Financial Agent. Bridgetown, Jan. 7. 1882.

For the Christian Messenger: To the Editor of the Christian Messenger.

W. H. WARREN,

The following letter was sent to the editor of the Visitor for publication. It has not appeared. As the facts it young men counted twice, (as Theolocontains are of interest to Baptists of the gical students), and 18 girls, nearly all Maritime Provinces generally, and as it is desirable that misrepresentations should be corrected, I hope you will it lays before Him with its great record may take, cling firmly to this thought, persons present The power and spirit give it a place in your columns. You God is good You may doubt it when of God was manifest to the increase of will see that the facts are all against the some great sorrow comes upon you, but our faith, and encouragement of the re-opening of the Seminary in New Brunswick. A meeting of the Board of Directors | the same authority, was 79; total, 161. of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, was held in St. John on Tuesday evening, Dc. 27th. Six of the directors, resident in Fredericton, sent down a protest against the proposal to re-establish a Baptist Academy in New Brunswick at the present time. This was referred to a Committee who are to report at an adjourned meeting on the 24th inst.

time by the chairman of the Finance retrograding in the matter of Academic Some delay in the proposed visit to Education in these Provinces. In proof of this we submit the following figures, taken from the Calendar of the Baptist Total number of students 122." Suppose there were 100 at Horton Academy at that time. "That would give 222 Academic students that year. That is more than were studying in Horton Academy and Seminary last year by

about 100." (C. V., Dec. 14th). Now, in the first place, the number 122 is made up of 49 Junior boys, mostly day-scholars, (as shown above) 47 Senior boys and young men, eight (14) from Fredericton, Thus the total for comparison should be about 70. In the second place, the number of male students at Horton Academy last year, according to the published Cal-

#### WHOLE SERIES. Vol. XLVI., No. 2.

2. "Of late years we have been Brunswick University, from 1868 to 1873 inclusive, had studied at the Fredericton Seminary.

> 4. "Why are more New Brunswick Baptists going to the New Brunewick University than to Acadia ?" (Christian Visitor, Nov. 23rd.

> Several reasons may be assigned; but these two remarks must suffice. 1. Many young men prefer to reach the degree of B. A., by the shortest and casiest road. The standard of admission at Acadia is higher than at our Provincial Univer-ity, and the course is one year longer. 2. If the Editor of the Visitor and others had taken the same pains to point out the fact that Woltville is as accessible from St John and Bathurst, as from Yarmouth and Guysborough, that they have taken to confirm people in the belief that the Bay of Fundy is an impassable barrier. then the results no doubt would have been different.

of human failure, human suffering, hu man strife! How much has the old year taken from us? How much has it left with us? Who can tell? To many this year of 1882 may be a very glad New Year, lighted with brighter hopes, broader charity, purer living, firmer faith in God, and nobler aspirations for the future. One thing is certain, the Old Year has not left us just where it found us. To outward appearance we may be the same, but when we scan the inner life, and compare the "Now" and "Then" we will find changes we had scarcely noticed before. There is no standing still in life, and we have either grown to purer living, deeper knowledge, broader | P. E. I. Baptist S. S. Convention. thought ; or we have debased and nar rowed to lower things. Imperceptibly to ourselves, we grow away from some lines of thought and living, and nearer to greater, more advanced thought. Problems that at one time seemed almost too hard to read, become clear and open to our sight. Burdens that have been grievous to bear become light and easy, and where the Old Year leaves us the New finds us. Surely it is good thing to begin the year with prayer, earnest and united, and well to remember that the daily machinery of life is sure to run smoothly when well oiled with prayer, and kept steadfast by faith. We know not what burdens the New Year may, and surely will, bring closing exercises. All the meetings of to us :

"All unknown the future lies ; Let it rest. God who veils it from our eyes He knows best; Ask not what shall be to-morrow, **But** content Take the cup of joy, or sorrow, God has sent."

That is just it. God knows best. Just what is best for us to bear, He will to and closer fellowship with Christ the send us, if we are found trusting in Lord.

t is true. You may forget it when dark people. clouds compass you, and your eyes are so tear-dimmed you cannot see one ray of love-light beaming. But the love is there, shining on through the years, shining strong, steadfast, and true, for a world struggling with pain, and sin, and loss.

"He loveth us! O eyes look up, Wipe off the dimming tear ; He loveth us, Ile loveth us, O, listen human ear !" S. P. E.

Hantsport, Jan. 2nd, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mr. Editor .-

The above organization met at Dundas, P. E. I., on the 27th and 28th days of December last. Fourteen (14) Sabbath Schools reported. Twenty-one (21) delegates represented them. Seven of these schools hold their sessions summer and winter. All use the International Series of Lessons. There. are enrolled 758 scholars, with an average attendance of 470, taught by 63 teachers. At least seven of our schools did not report.

The first meeting was d-votional Four sessions were devoted to Convention work, and the Sabbath School of Dundas gave an admirable Sacred Concert on Wednesday evening for the the Convention were well attended by the people of the neighborhood and vicinity. The discussions were thorough and animated. Five leading questions were considered, and resolutions were passed in relation to them as follows:

1. Lamenting the misunderstanding that exis s with reference to Sabbath School work, we are persuaded that this misunderstanding is criminal, and has fits remedy only in greater consecration

Money received outside the church and congregation by envelopes : Halifax, -- Mrs. J. Warner, \$1; Mrs.

J. W. Gibson, \$1; Capt. Hammet, \$1; Deo Non Fortuna. \$5. Tancook .- Mr. S W. Young, \$1. Guysborough .- Barton Jost, \$5: A Friend, \$5.

Lakeville,-James Bligh, \$1. Cornicallis,-Otis E ton, 25 cts. Green's Creek,-Abigail Dart, 50 cts. A Friend, 50 cts.; Mrs T. B. MacDonald 50 cts.; J. J. Pentz, 50 cts. Bear River,-Israel Dunn, \$1. Middleton,-O. Dodge, \$1. Truro,-Daniel Blair, \$1; Mrs. Blair,

Ottawa,-Sir Charles Tupper, \$5. I have not given promises and donations by my own people; I want to see first what others will try and do to help and encourage them. So far outsiders are much behind.

Yesterday a little boy gave me 50 cents, and said, " It is my own money. I want to help finish the Tabernacle. Another child, just before Christmas, emptied his box, and said, "I am afraid shall spend it on Santa Claus. Take it, h lf for missions and the other for the building fund."

Surely the \$2,000 must come. Certificates printed in a few days.

> Yours truly, J. F. AVERY.

For the Christian Messenger. Acadia College Agency.

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR DECEMBER Dear Editor,-

A brief statement of the results then or now. Here are figures in proof secured by the Financial Agency during the month of December is now in order. More detailed reports have 47; Junior Department, 49. Of these

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Yours truly, Jan. 5th, 1882. H. C. C. Faste and Figgerson 1

MR. EDITOR,-

Why?" (C. V., 23rd.)

Your sense of Justice, and your desire to make your paper a trust. worthy authority in matters of fact will, I venture to hope, induce you to permit me, through your columns, to correct certain inaccurate and misleading statements recently published. shall do so as briefly as possible. 1. " N. B. used to support a Seminary and N. S. used to support an Academy, each with more students than now are found in Horton Academy.

The fact is, as you must know, that at the time referred to, both Fredericton Seminary and Horton Academy had enrolled among their pupils large numbers of small boys and of day scholars; whereas Horton Academy now is school of very different complexion. Moreover the Fredericton Seminary was to a much greater extent a local school than Horton Academy, either Fredericton Seminary, 1866-7. No of male pupils: Senior Department.

endar, was 82; and the number of young ladies in Acadia Seminary, by The difference between 222 and 161 is not 100 !

Omitting the students in the Preparatory Departments at Wolfville last year (11 in the Academy and 25 in the Seminary), one' half of whom were day-scholars, the total would be 125,about fifty more than the reduced total at Fredericton in 1867.

3. " An Academy to be a feeder to Acadia College.", "Anxious to re sume the work of the Baptist Seminnry." "All the New Browswick Educational Society intends to do is merely to pursue its old work." " Seminary that will send year by year a dozen or more students to Acadia Col-

lege." (O. V. various dates.) What are the facts? From 1865 to 1869, you Mr. Editor, were connected with the Seminary as Teacher, and as Principal. The Seminary continued in operation some two or three years longer. Now let us see how many New Bronswick students went to Acadia College during those years and the years that followed (Whether they or any of them were induced by the Principal of the Seminary to go over there, the records do not indicate); also how many of the Baptist graduates of the New Brunswick University the past fitteen years commenced their collegiate course each year from 1863 onward.

Number of New Brunswick students entered at Acadia College; 1866,-1; 1867, -2; 1868, -2; 1869, -1; 1870,-1; 1871, -1; 1872, -1; 1873, -3; 1874.-2; 1875.-0; 1876.-1; 1877. -2; 1878, -3; 1879, -2; 1880, -3. Number of Baptist Graduates of the

5, "We secured students in such numbers as to make the Institution the superior of all others in the Lower Provinces in point of numbers." (C. V., Nov. 16th.

Let us look again at the numbers of male pupils in Fredericton Seminary the last three years of the Principal-hip of the present Editor of the Visitor. compared with those in Horton Academy at the same time. In 1866-7 the number was 96 at each Institution. The next year there were 68 at the Seminary, and the number at the Academy is not given, but there also there " decrease, on account of the establishment of a free school at Wolfville, and of County Academies throughout the Province. In 1868-9 the numbers were 58 at Fredericton and 63 at Horton. The number of girls at the Fredericton Seminary for these three years respectively, not including dayscholars, was 4, 7 and 14. The Wolfville Semicary, I am sale in saying, had much larger numbers.

6. " The number of New Branswick students at Acadia has not increased." (C. V. Dec. 14.)

Well, the number has been deplorably small; but sixteen have been matriculated there in the eight years since the Seminary at Fredericton was closed (1873-80.) as against eleven in the preceding sixteen years.

Your readers can draw the l-gitimate inferences from my facts and figures. Yours &c.,

> HERBERT C CREED. Dec. 31st., 1881.

MR. OWERS, an Evangelist in connection with the Canadian Evangelization Society at Toronto is now in this and has accounted on invitation to

	to be war lift di or fe bl " " " " " " " "	re not sent by Him. If it were best o lift the veil and show us all the year efore us, He would. But it cannot e best. We could not bear it. We talk by faith and not by sight, and we re moving on, step by step, little by ttle, slowly but surely. The past rifts from us, and the future leads us in to new places, new thoughts, new belings; and past. present, and future lend together to form a whole. There is no past, but all things move and ble d, In sure fulfilment of a promised end, We leave the misty capes and vales we tro t For the glad sunshine on the hills of God." Ages ago God said "Let there be ight," and still light is coming to us down through the years, falling upon the deep things of God and nature. The answers to many hard questions are being shown by the light of Chris-	gran i objects of Sabbath School effort; an i we recommend our S hools to make this a prominent part of their work; and further, we suggest that all in con- nection with our Sabbath Schools have the opp runnity of pledging themselves to abstain from all that intoxica es. 3. We regard the memorizing of the Holy Scriptures of prime importance; and we earnes ly recommend that it be made a marked feature of our Sabbath School fforts. 4. We recognize the fact that discip- line is a nece-sary element in Sabbath School officers. 5. Believing the Sabbath School to be a work of the church of Jesus Christ, to- gether with all she can influence, gath- ered together on the Lord's Day for the study of His Word; <i>Resolved</i> , That this Convention ear- nestly press upon all the members of the churches the nec ssity for co-opera- tive sympathy with the Superintendent and teachers in their important work. The delegates separated, feeling that they had enjoyed a pleasant and profit- able visit in the region of Dundas, among its intelligent and hospitable inhabitants. W. B. BRADSHAW, Sec's. of Convention.	The following places were visited, and public addresses were delivered at almost all of them, during the month : Wolfville, Gasperean, Black River, Hantsport, Falmouth. Windsor, Upper and Lower Canard, Canning Sheffield's Mills, Aylesford, Morristown, and Wadeville. Several places were neces- sarily re-visited—Paradise, Clarence and Bridgetown—at which considerable amounts on old and new subscriptions, not collected in November, were ob- tained The financial results for the month may be thus summarized :— Cash received on old Subscriptions for Building Fund	belonged to Fredericton and immedi- ate vicinity; 5 to St. John; only about one halt were of Baptist families. Of the 47 in the Senior Department; 25 belonged to Fredericton, and vicinity; 22 came from fourteen other places. Fredericton Seminary, 1867-8. Whole No. of male pupils, 68; be- longing to Fredericton and vicinity, 39; twenty-nine came from 18 other places. Fredericton Seminary, 1868-9; Whole No. of male pupils, 58; belong- ing to Fredericton and vicinity, 42; the remaining 16 came from only 13 other places. Horton Academy, 1866-7. Whole No. of male pupils, 96; belonging to Wolfville and vicinity, 33; sixty-three came from 33 other places. (The figures for the succeeding years are not at hand.) Horton Academy, 1880. Whole No. of male students, 82; belonging to Wolfville and vicinity, 18; 64, or seven-ninths of the whole number came	matriculated each year, chiefy from the Fredericton Seminary: $-1863 - 1$ ; 1864, -1; $1865-66, -0$ ; $1867, -2$ ; 1868, -4; $1869, -0$ ; $1870, -4$ ; $1871, -1$ ; 1872 - 3; $1873, -3$ ; $1874 - 1$ ; 1875-78, -0; $1879, -2$ ; $1880, -3$ . Thus it appears that the whole num- ber of New Brunswick students who went to Acadia College during the seven years from $1866$ to $1872$ (while the Seminary was in operation) was nine; while the number that entered there in the seven following years was thirteen, -not so many in the Seminary days as since. On the other hand, taking the list of the Baptists' who have graduated at the New Brunswick Uni- versity, the whole number of these that were matriculated during the seven years, $1866-72$ was fourteen; while the whole number matriculated in the eight sub-equent years was only ninemore Baptists at the Provincial University before the close of the Seminary than	Have we sung, I have been there and still would go 'Tis like a little Heaven belong. Let us pray on without ceasing and the promise will be fulfilled. He is	
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