

The Christian Messenger.

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EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

During the last four weeks the city has been more or less interested in the special religious services conducted by the Evangelist D. L. Chubbuck—some approving—others condemning. It is a significant fact however that those who have been most interested in, and most anxious for the conversion of their fellowmen are most in sympathy with the Evangelist and his methods of work.

Last week he spent with the North Baptist Church—and every evening the church was well filled with attentive listeners. From two to three hundred people would repair at the close of the preaching services to the vestry for prayer and inquiry, about an average of fifty would go into the inquiry room for personal conversation when the invitation was given. Last Sabbath the Academy of Music was crowded to its utmost capacity—many being turned away unable even to get standing room. The same may be affirmed of the previous Sabbath. In the evening the North Baptist Church was filled to overflowing—from twelve to fifteen hundred persons being present. The pastor of the church Rev. J. W. Manning administered the ordinance of baptism to eleven rejoicing converts. Mr. Chubbuck preached on Christian Baptism, taking for his text Romans vi. 4, 5. "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism."

At the after meeting a large number remained for prayer and inquiry—There were several new cases of deep interest. This week the services are being continued in the North Church—and the prayers of Christian friends are requested that many, very many, may be turned from the error of their ways to serve the living and true God.

The British American Book and Tract Society's Depository in Granville Street is well supplied with Religious Books suitable for Christmas presents. The institution is being vigorously managed by the present Agent Mr. A. N. Archibald, and those who aid him in his work. It is understood to be free from denominational bias in the books and papers kept on sale, and as such we give it our hearty commendation. It is worthy of patronage, especially of Christian people. Books of such character as are found here are doubtless among the best articles to select as seasonable gifts for young and old, adapted to all ages and every variety of taste, and we believe all having a tendency to inculcate the principles of pure and undefiled religion. Whilst they serve as tokens of affection and kindness they give direction to the minds and hearts of young people long after they have served the original purpose. Years afterwards they may call forth pleasant remembrances of the giver, and so become perennial blessings, doing good to both giver and receiver, and so become links binding the hearts of both together, forcibly illustrating the fact in the experience of the former that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

There is a vast amount of excellent Christian Literature that should be in the hands of Christian people teaching what is in accordance with the Word of God, without any restriction. Bible Baptism and Bible Communion should be better understood than they are. The biographies of the men and women, who have purchased for us liberty to worship God, without the inventions and traditions of men, by losing their own property and liberty, and even lives, should be better known than they are. We cannot expect these things to be

supplied through the British American Society, and we therefore need a special organization for this purpose. We are glad to find it so near to its accomplishment in the establishment of a Baptist Book Room in Halifax. It is much needed here, and will, we trust, go forward notwithstanding the small jealousy, or active hostility of those who would have it otherwise. Nova Scotia in general and Halifax in particular should have such an institution.

THE MILD WEATHER of November produced some untimely results. Strawberry blossoms have appeared at Digby, and at Little Bras d'Or, C.B., a cherry-tree is reported as producing blossoms a week or two since. It is likely that other places have had similar unreasonable appearances. Up to last week the grass has been in many places as green as in the summer. The heavy frost which commenced on Sunday night, taking the thermometer down to 17 degrees below freezing, and on Monday to 21 degrees, will soon effect a change in this matter.

The farmers have had a season of almost unprecedented weather for November, and have consequently been able to do a large amount of plowing in preparation for spring. The weather has been so mild and dry, that every opportunity has been afforded for completing all out-door fall operations. The absence of rain has, however, been much felt by those who depend upon the streams for carrying on their milling operations. As it is said that "the lakes cannot freeze, to continue, until they are full," it is probably that we shall have open weather for some time yet, and rain may be expected about this time.

The friends of the late Rev. Dr. Cramp, and the Alumni of Acadia College, have been waiting some time for the pamphlet containing the papers read at the MEMORIAL SERVICE in June last. We beg to inform them that the delay in its appearing has arisen from the Directors having decided to incorporate therewith SKETCHES OF ALL THE GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE and the position they at present occupy. This has been a work of no small difficulty, and was not completed till last week. The pamphlet may be expected to appear now in a few days.

It is well known that the Rev. Charles Spurgeon, son of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, has been spending some weeks in the United States. We were hoping he might come on through the Dominion on his way home, and embark at Halifax, but we find that he sailed from New York in the Alaska on the 21st of November. The National Baptist gives a brief notice of this worthy son of his father. Our contemporary says:

Mr. S. is a little taller than his father, neither thin nor stout, and is 26 years of age. He is the twin brother of Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, whose health does not allow him to live in England, and who is now in New Zealand, an earnest and successful pastor.

At Philadelphia, Mr. Spurgeon addressed an audience largely made up of young men, in Association Hall. From the words found in 1 Kings xx. 20: "They slew every one his man. From these words he drew the lessons for Christian young men, of

- 1. Individual enterprise. Each one of you must feel that you are the whole Association.
2. Individual energy the energy of faith, of love, and of hope.
3. Individual encounter. It must be man to man, personal.

These points were pressed home with great simplicity, directness, tenderness, effectiveness. Mr. Spurgeon has not a little of his father's evangelical earnestness; and now and then there is an intonation in his voice which reminds one of that voice, which, more than any other we ever heard, has the power of dwelling on the ear and in the memory. The address made a very happy impression and gave promise that those who had come to hear Mr. Spurgeon for his father's sake would come again for his own sake.

On another occasion the audience at the Memorial more than filled the church. Dr. Wayland Hoyt presided. Dr. Magoon made a brief address, alluding to his labors in collecting and editing the first volume of Spurgeon published in America, twenty-six years ago. After reading Ps. ciii., with an exposition and prayer. Mr. Spurgeon, took as his text Isa. liii., 1

'To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?' The discourse was marked by great earnestness, and by a happy use of illustrations.

A good many persons have said during the past few days: 'One Spurgeon is enough for one continent.' Europe has the father; Australia has one of the sons; now let us have the other one in America!

The editor in charge says we are greatly afraid that we must give up the hope of seeing Mr. Spurgeon, the father, on this side. The son was kept at work all the time; and his great kindness led him to respond to the demands on him; while his twenty-six years enabled him to bear the pressure; but even he confessed that he was pretty much 'bowled out,' to use his own words. If the father should come, he would just be preached to death. He wouldn't go anywhere that they would not want to hear him speak, except at the deaf and dumb school; and they would want to hear him most of all. In fact, there is no rest for a Spurgeon anywhere that the English language is spoken.

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. It becomes a centre of interest and intelligence which cannot be otherwise enjoyed. It is the medium of communication between the ministers and members of churches such as cannot be secured in any other way. It awakens and sustains the sympathy and co-operation of the churches in their benevolent enterprises. No Christian man can despise the fraternal relationship of churches of like faith and practice without injuring himself in all his relations.

If the churches would have the full benefit of their religious weekly, the members who already take it should seek to induce all their brethren who are able to do so to become subscribers. We believe there are

Thousands of Families who would be benefitted in every respect, and that to a very large extent, by becoming subscribers to the MESSENGER, who are now depriving themselves and their families of what they should know as well as those who are already subscribers.

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THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER FROM THE DATE OF OUR RECEIVING THE PAYMENT TILL DEC. 31, 1883. MAKING THE REMAINDER OF 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. This is the best time to subscribe. Brethren, help!

A PROPOSAL.

A horse is an animal for everybody. If you have not a horse yourself and do not need a book about the animal you know some one who has one and who would highly value a book on the subject.

Every one of our Subscribers who sends on his subscription for 1883 before the 1st of December, 1882 shall receive a copy of DR. KENDALL'S TREATISE ON THE HORSE AND HIS DISEASES, post free, by sending a request for it with their subscription. Every NEW SUBSCRIBER also sending on their subscription this month shall receive this book of 96 pages free, besides having the paper free up to the end of this year.

Vennoir for December.

- 1 to 3—Snow fall and cold weather, Storms on lakes and Atlantic.
3 to 10—Steady winter weather probably with cold weather in North West and West.
10 to 17—Much of week, mild weather. Colder with snow storms 16 and 17th. Heavy cold rains to southward. Stormy weather Chicago and westward.
17 to 24—Moderate weather after 17th with heavy rains south.
14 to 31—A general week of storm and cold weather in all sections, with heavy snow falls; stormy on Atlantic and English coast.
Probably a stormy entry of the New Year.

Review of Books.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE READINGS on the Golden Texts of the International Lessons of 1883, by Rev. James A. R. Dickson. Price 25 cents. Toronto: C. B. Robinson.

A very compact comment on the Golden Text of each Sunday with Scripture references arranged under appropriate heads. A handy help for Teachers, and for all who would examine and learn what the Bible says on the subjects of the lessons.

In Press and will be ready December 10. Funk & Wagnalls, Publishers, 10 and 12 Dey St., New York.

HEROES AND HOLIDAYS.—Talks and stories about Heroes and Holidays; or, Ten Minute Sermons to Boys and Girls on the Holidays and on the International Sunday-school Lessons of 1883.

Sermons are by well-known preachers of the United States and England, edited by Rev. W. F. Crafts, illustrated with Forty New Cuts, and many incidents and object illustrations, making it a beautiful gift book.

The book includes Holiday Sermons to children. The points of this book are: An Attractive Illustrated Story Book for Sunday-school libraries and for children at home.

A Beautiful Holiday Present for a child, a parent, a teacher, or a preacher.

A Homiletical Study for preachers. Of the ways of preaching to children used by those who have been successful in this work.

A Study for Teachers on the Sunday-Lessons of 1883, both of the matter to be taught and the method of teaching it with abundant illustrations also.

A Book of Stories and Instructions for Mothers to read to their children, etc.

This book ought to be placed in the hands of every Sunday-school scholar. Over 454 pages; 12 mo. Illustrated. Price, Cloth, \$1.25; in paper, two parts, for each, 30 cents; both, 60 cents.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

There will be a Festival given to the Dartmouth Baptist Sunday School on Friday afternoon next. At 7 o'clock, in the evening there will be a Service of Song at which the public are cordially invited. It will consist of recitations of Scripture, alternating with solos, duets, and choruses, on "The Way of Salvation." The great success of former similar Entertainments and Concerts are a guarantee that it will be highly attractive, and there will doubtless be a large gathering on this occasion in the Baptist Church. A collection will be taken up in aid of the S. S. Library.

At the meeting of the Halifax School Commissioners on Thursday last, it was agreed that a room in the Acadian School should be used by the Woman's Christian Association for the purpose of holding a girls' evening school. The Commissioners recommended that the Board purchase twenty copies of Elliott's Genealogical and Chronological Chart, and that the series of physiological charts procured by order of the Board last summer be properly mounted and varnished.

It was also resolved to hold an examination of candidates for admission to the High School during the Christmas vacation, such candidates to be prepared to pass an examination that will place them in existing classes.

The barque Jane Sprott arrived on Friday from Formosa with 18,500 bags of sugar for Montreal. She was seven months on the voyage.

Hon. Dr. Parker, being appointed with Drs. Farrell, Wickwire, and McDonald, by N. S. Medical Society, declined to act as a city delegate to the Vital Statistics Confer at Ottawa. The City Council has appointed Dr. Moren, the City Medical officer in his place. The delegation will have their expenses paid by the Dominion Government. The Delegates and Hon. Dr. Parker left on Monday afternoon for Ottawa.

At the meeting of the City Council on Wednesday last the following resolution moved by Ald. Motton, seconded by Ald. Spelman, was adopted:

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor be requested to communicate forthwith with the City Engineer, requiring him to inform himself upon the various modes adopted in the principal cities he may visit, for the prevention of accidents by fire, and the most improved fire escapes adapted to public and other buildings, for the preservation of life.

The Universalist Church of this city have invited the Rev. Geo. W. Kent of Peoria, Ill., who has been here on a visit for several weeks, to become its pastor. He has accepted and will commence his labors with the New Year.

Two little boys, named respectively Denny and McDonald, while sliding on a large pond at Sydney Mines, on Wednesday last, broke through the ice and were drowned. Their bodies were recovered.

KIDNEY DISEASE.—Pain, Irritation, Retention, Incontinence, Deposits, Gravel, &c., cured by "Bachupaiba," &c.

WHAT IS BETTER than presence of mind in case of accidents? Why, absence of body, of course. Be prepared for accidents and emergencies by having a bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil, the great external and internal remedy for all pain, soreness, lameness, sprains, bruises, burns, frost bites, colds, cramps, etc.

APPOINTMENTS.—Hants Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace, Theophilus Cowen, of Windsor.

Kings Co.—To constitute a Board of Health for the Polling District of Wolfville (No. 8).—Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D.; E. P. Bowles, Esq., M. D.; G. V. Raud, Esq.; Rev. T. A. Higgins, J. W. Hamilton, Esq.

Cape Breton Co.—To be a Commissioner of Schools.—Rev. R. D. Bambrick, of Sydney Mines in the place of Rev. Geo. Metzler, removed from the county.

Lunenburg Co.—To be a Commissioner for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.—James E. Whitford, Esq., of Chester.

On Saturday last about twenty of the Students of Dalhousie College, went to Wolfville to have a friendly contest with the Students of Acadia College in a game of football. The names of the contestants were—Dalhousie fifteen.—Marten, Gammell, Crowe, Rogers, Stewart, Fitzpatrick, McDonald (Captain), Mellish, McLeod, Taylor, Henry, Reid, Bell, McDonald, Robinson.

Acadia fifteen.—Clinch (Captain), Ellis, Rogers, Welton, Whitman, Haley, O. C. S. Wallace, Walker, W. Wallace, Bradshaw, Lovett, Eaton, Lockhart, Corey, McGee.

The results of the game were:— Goals.—Acadia.....0 Dalhousie.....0 It was consequently a drawn game. An opinion was expressed to us by one of the Dalhousie men, that "Acadia has a splendid lot of fine muscular men!" We doubt not the day's exercise was highly beneficial in a physical point of view to all concerned, and that all parties enjoyed their dinner after the fine exercise in the field.

DECLINE OF MAN.—Nervous, Weakness, Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility, cured by "Wells' Health Renewer," &c.

The Liver is the most important of the glandular organs, acting as a filter for the blood; when obstructed in its functions, serious illness ensues. Burdock Blood Bitters acts upon the liver, the bowels and the kidneys, while purifying and toning the system.

Large hauls of herring were taken at the Digby Joggins weirs last week. They are shipped to Eastport, Maine, to be manufactured into sardines.

Mr. Martin Howley, killed by an express train striking him at Newton, Mass., on the 18th ult., was a native of Lunan, C. B., where he had a family.

The Government Steamer Newfield arrived on Sunday, from Sable Island. She brought up the workmen who had been engaged in building a lighthouse on the island.

The Halifax and Cape Breton Railway and Coal Company have named Mr. John Kennedy, engineer of the Montreal Harbor Board, as their arbitrator, to fix the sum to be paid to them for their railway. The Government, as before announced, named Mr. J. W. Carmichael, of New Glasgow. The third arbitrator is to be appointed by the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

The Morning Chronicle gives an account of a party in Naples, Italy, who wanted to open up a trade in fish with Halifax. The merchants here received Bills of Exchange on London for £900 and £500. On making enquiry they were advised to have nothing to do with the man or his Bills of Exchange.

The Schr. Moro Castle from Canso, for Gloucester, Mass., when two miles off Cape Island, fell in with a derelict coal laden vessel, abandoned. The Moro Castle put a prize crew on board to bring the vessel to Canso, where they arrived on Thursday evening. The vessel was found to be the Parole of about 200 tons, from St. John, N. B.

The dinner of the North British Society on St. Andrew's Day was a great affair, and attended by a large company of Scotchmen and their friends.

FLIES AND BUGS.—Flies, roaches, ants, bed-bugs, rats, mice, gophers, chipmunks, cleared out by "Rough on Rats," &c.

HIGHLY SATISFACTORY.—Impure blood and low vitality are the great sources of most diseases for which Burdock Blood Bitters is the specific. S. Perrin, Druggist, of Lindsay, writes that Burdock Blood Bitters give more general satisfaction than any blood purifier in the market.

THE LOSS OF THE CEDAR GROVE STEAMER.—The New Brunswick Steamship Steamer Cedar Grove, on the voyage from London, G. B., for St. John, N. B., via Halifax, struck on the ledges off Cape Canso, at 3 o'clock on Thursday morning, sinking an hour later in ten fathoms of water. Three boats were launched shortly after the vessel struck. Two, containing thirteen people after great suffering reached the shore safely. On the following day a despatch was received from North Sydney, saying that the schooner Parole, bound to St. John, N. B., from Caledonia, coal laden, when off Canso yesterday morning, picked up one of the steamer Cedar Grove's boats, in which were Chief officers Masters, the third engineer, chief steward and eight men. A few hours after the boat was picked up a steamer was seen steaming Eastward. Signals were made on the schooner, to which the steamer responded. She proved to be the Liddesdale, bound to the Mediterranean calling here for bunker coal. When rounding to the steamer struck the schooner on the quarter, causing a serious leak and rebounding struck her a second blow that made the Parole a helpless wreck. The crew of the schooner and rescued passengers, numbering eighteen men in all, made their escape from the rapidly sinking schooner in her boat and were shortly after picked up, and brought in here this morning. The schooner settled and disappeared from sight very quickly. The men only saved their clothing they were wearing at the time.

The chief steward says: "I was on the deck of the Cedar Grove with the lody on one arm and holding on with the other, when a sea washed the lody from my grasp." The mate says he and the captain were standing on the starboard side of the chartroom when the captain sent him forward to let go the anchor, when the bow of the steamer went down with him and a lody. When he arose he got into the boat with some of the crew, but nothing was seen of the captain or the lody, and he thinks they are lost, as there was little or nothing floating to which they might cling until rescued.

With the eleven arrived at North Sydney the total number of saved is twenty-six, leaving five—Captain Frits, Miss Fairall, the second and third engineers, and an unknown—all missing.

A. W. Masters, the Chief Officer, states that he attributes the loss of the Cedar Grove to the disturbance or disarrangement of the compasses by local attraction, and he states that the compasses are more liable to error in new steamers than in older vessels. He says that had they been really steering the course the compasses indicated they would have made Sambre. He and the Captain got the luggage of Miss Fairall and considered the question of placing her in the boat. The Captain thought she would perish in the boat, and that the vessel was safe till morning, and that, therefore, he would keep her with him. Masters was then ordered to let go another anchor, a service of great danger. He however prevailed on a volunteer crew to act with him. When in the act of doing it, the steamer sank, and Masters with her. After being about twenty minutes in imminent peril he was picked up by lifeboat No. 2, of which he took charge, and returned to the steamer and rescued the only two persons then to be seen about her. In the morning his boat was rescued by Capt. Bissett, of the schooner Parole. Masters was so weak and exhausted that he fell over the side in getting aboard the schooner and was very nearly drowned. Masters is much bruised and his escape is almost a miracle. The Parole did not sink, but has since been taken into Canso.

The Editor of the Grand River Sackem says:—"We are usually sparing in our encomiums towards patent medicines, but observation and enquiry has satisfied us that the preparation of Messrs T. Milburn & Co., styled 'Burdock Blood Bitters,' as a blood purifying tonic is worthy of the high reputation it has established among the people."

New Brunswick.

Five hundred and thirty-six cars of sugar were handled at the St. John I. C. R., freight shed last week.

Sixteen girls have been employed in the Moncton Knitting Factory.

The Mayor of Fredericton is offering a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties guilty of maliciously setting any of the recent fires which have occurred in that city.

Policemen Wright and Phillips arrested two suspicious individuals, "Monkey" Schleyer and William Smith, from the Brick Kiln Road, who will be charged with setting the fire. They stoutly maintained their innocence, but were locked up.

The St. John river closed at Fredericton, on Sunday 26th ult. There has been crossing on foot since, and now teams go over.

Over nine miles of the Cape Tormentine Railway have been graded. Should the weather permit, it is intended to break ground in a few days on the second section in the Parish of Botford, Westmorland Co.

Don't do it.—Never drug the stomach with nauseating and weakening expectorants and opiates; Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam is pleasant and reliable in its effects, and safe in all throat and lung complaints that, if neglected, end in consumption.

Dominion of Canada.

The Dominion Parliament has been further formally prorogued till the 13th of January.

There seems some uncertainty respecting the return of the Governor General. The telegram to the Herald says: "Since the receipt of a telegram announcing the presence of the Vice Regal party in San Francisco, another telegram states that the Governor General and the Princess Louise will sail from Victoria on Wednesday next, the 6th inst., for San Francisco."

Applications for letters patent will be applied for by the Hudson's Bay and Atlantic Telegraph Co., to erect a telegraph line from the west coast of Ireland to Hudson's Straits and Bay, thence across to British Columbia, then under the Pacific to connect with the telegraph system of the Russian Empire.

Hon. Thos. Ryan and A. Brown, the latter a director of the Bank of Montreal have put forward a scheme for a railway to Hudson's Bay.

It is understood that the new return postal cards are now being manufactured in Montreal for the Dominion Government. It is said the cards will be in general circulation about Jan. 1st. They will be similar to those just adopted by the Post Office Department of the United States.

A LARGE SALE.—C. J. Judson, of Wallaceburg, takes great pleasure in saying that Burdock Blood Bitters is having a largely increased sale; he says he has received numbers of testimonials to its virtues in the ailments for which it is recommended.

The Guardian contains an advertisement for two curates, who are to hold "any views that have resulted in a life of visible Christ-likeness and the embodiment of a living Christianity."