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For One Month.

In addition to our numerous and intelligent readers, we believe there are **TEN THOUSAND FAMILIES** in Nova Scotia and elsewhere, who need the weekly visits of

The Christian Messenger.

We know of nothing that would do them as much good. We respectfully invite our friends to aid us in finding them out, and sending it to them.

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A GOOD HORSE,

but as we cannot do that, we will send them also by mail, free of postage, the best book on the Horse—

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who can spend a few hours a day, may do much good, and at the same time make a little money for expenses by finding out such families, and showing them the advantages of having

A Good Christian Newspaper sent to them every week.

Send us on the names and addresses of five New Subscribers with Two Dollars, and we will send the paper and the book.

FIVE FOR THE PRICE OF FOUR.

Every member of a Baptist Church ought to know what is being done by their own denomination. As the three Associations of this province have decided not to print the Minutes, and the Convention will charge 10 cents a copy for the Year Book, there is greater necessity than ever that members of churches should

Get The Christian Messenger which gives good reports of what is done by these bodies in their Annual Sessions.

The Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board promises to send us copies of

LETTERS FROM THE MISSIONARIES for publication in the MESSENGER more frequently than has been done in the past. We expect, and intend to make the MESSENGER better, if possible, than it has ever been.

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If you would help the Christian work of your own church, and of the body generally, subscribe to the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, and get others to do the same.

This offer will continue for **ONE MONTH.**

The soldiers in garrison went to church on Sunday last without music. Was it because of the rain, or of the protests in some of the newspapers against the innovation? One of the papers intimates that the church-bells make a bigger noise than the band and might also be objected to by some people.

GUIDE TO CAPE BRETON.—Mr. George E. Morton has got up a valuable and interesting Guide-book to Cape Breton containing an excellent map of the island, and plan of the fortress of Louisbourg with a variety of other information which will be invaluable to visitors, tourists &c. With this book a summer excursion through the island would be full of interest and enjoyment.

News from the Churches.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH, HALIFAX.—At the monthly Conference on Friday last, the resolution passed two months previously to proceed with the election of two additional deacons was carried into effect, and the brethren W. C. Delaney, and R. T. Blair were unanimously chosen.

The following Report respecting the Convention was read by Bro. R. M. King:

HALIFAX, Aug. 31st, 1883.

The Committee appointed to provide for the location and entertainment of delegates, members and visitors to the Baptist Convention of Maritime Provinces, held recently with this Church, beg to report that they have accomplished the duties assigned to them. They wish to express their grateful acknowledgements for assistance and support afforded them.

1st. To the members of Granville St. Church and Congregation who have one and all rendered your Committee full hearty and enthusiastic sympathy and assistance.

2nd. To the members of our sister Baptist Churches and Congregations in this city and Dartmouth who have aided and assisted your Committee in a manner commendable in every way. We wish in this connection to make special reference to the valuable labours of Rev. J. W. Manning who met with your Committee night after night, and whose advice and intelligent efforts have been largely instrumental in bringing our work to a successful issue.

3rd. To the pastors and friends in city churches of the various denominations who have generously opened their houses and invited your Committee to locate delegates with them.

Your Committee would suggest that the Clerk of this church be instructed to convey our acknowledgements to the pastors, and also to express to them our willingness to extend to them our hearty co-operation and support under similar circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. KING, Secy. of Com.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Locating Committee for their diligent and successful efforts in providing for the accommodation of the visiting brethren and friends at the Convention.

DARTMOUTH.—Rev. E. J. Grant administered the ordinance of Christian Baptism on Sunday morning last in the presence of a large congregation near the Marine Railway. Others are expected and will probably be baptized shortly.

TRURO, September 3, 1883.—Dear Bro.—The work moves on slowly but surely in our midst. If we do not have daily additions of the saved to our number as in the early days of the church, we are blessed with monthly additions.

I baptized five believers yesterday. Others are seeking salvation. I leave in a day or two for a breathing spell of a few weeks. I have not fully decided where to go, but I will find some quiet spot, "and rest awhile."

Yours, &c.,
J. E. GOUCHER.

PRAYER FOR THE STRANGER.—A young lady from one of the British provinces lately came to Boston seeking employment. In a church she attended, the pastor's prayer had some fervent petitions for the stranger. Her heart was greatly affected by an allusion so interesting to herself. She felt she was cared for, though unknown to the preacher, and though far from her own home. She must attend that church again, under the influence of such an attraction. At her next attendance a sermon about the prodigal son gave her impressions speedily resulting in her conversion, and union with the church. She has returned to her distant home, rejoicing in such a blessed result of her visit to that city, and never to forget the pastor whose prayer for the stranger had an issue of which he had not dreamed, and which will give new stimulants to the fervour of his interest in behalf of strangers and visitors there from distant lands.

Cannot other preachers see their own duty and privilege in the fact above related? "I was a stranger, and ye took me in."—Congregationalist.



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Halifax, N. S., September 5, 1883.

Our readers will be pleased to receive the engraving of MacMaster Hall, Toronto, where the Theological College for the Baptists of the Dominion of Canada is held. It has been kindly sent us by Rev. Dr. Castle, the President of the College. We copy from the Catalogue a description of the building:

This is one of the most commodious and complete College buildings in the country. It is unique in its architecture. The material is brown stone, with red brick facings. There are four stories above the basement. The dimensions are 140x54 feet, exclusive of an extension in the rear for kitchen, boiler-room (there is steam heating throughout), and servants' apartments. There are four lecture-rooms, chapel, parlour, library, reading-room, two dining-rooms, and a thoroughly furnished gymnasium, besides chambers and study accommodation for 54 students, allowing three rooms for every two students, a study-room in common, and separate chambers. Every room has independent floor and ceiling ventilation. On each floor are bath-rooms and other conveniences. No expense has been spared to secure a College building at once substantial and convenient. At the same time, it is an ornament to the city. Though in the immediate vicinity of some of the finest structures in the Province, it does not suffer by comparison.

Toronto has now eleven Baptist churches and mission stations. These furnish students with occasional opportunities to preach. Interests should be planted in many of the surrounding towns and villages. Six railroads centre in the city, affording ready access to the country in every direction. No student whose heart is in Christian work need lack opportunity, in a city of 100,000 inhabitants, to preach Christ from house to house, to visit the poor, to distribute tracts, or to teach in Sunday School. The college will aim to unite theory and practice.

The demand for the services of the students for churches and for mission fields during the summer months is at present considerably beyond the supply. Students earn enough in this way not only to meet the expenses of the summer, but with such assistances as is given by the Board, to go through the succeeding Session free of debt. A limited fund has been put at the disposal of the Faculty for supplementing salaries received for work on mission fields up to a certain maximum. It is intended that the salaries thus supplemented shall be sufficient to meet all the reasonable wants of students.

This noble building with its grounds and furniture costing \$85,000 is the gift of the Hon. William McMaster. The denomination stands pledged to continued support of the work of ministerial education in its new habitation. Our College building is free from debt. The presidency and one professorship are virtually endowed. For funds for the support of the other professors, for fuel, insurance, repairs and other incidental expenses, we must look, as hitherto, to the generosity of individuals and to collections from the churches.

The article which appeared in our last concerning this institution gave a pretty full account of the Faculty, lecturers, degrees &c. We need not repeat these except it be to show the position which Dr. Welton will occupy, now that our Convention has agreed to unite with this institution. The Faculty will now stand as follows:

John H. Castle, D. D., President, Professor of Systematic Theology.
Albert H. Newman, LL. D., Professor of Church History, Biblical Introduction.

Maleon MacVicar, Ph. D., LL. D., Professor of Apologetics, Didactics and Biblical Interpretation (Eng.)

William N. Clarke, D. D., Professor of New Testament Interpretation (Grk.) and Homiletics.

Daniel M. Welton, Ph. D., Professor of Old Testament Interpretation (Heb. and Eng.) and Pastoral Theology.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION AT HALIFAX.

(Continued.)

We were compelled last week to break off very abruptly our report of the Convention meetings and although we gave in two or three lines the decision arrived at, yet, for the benefit of our readers who were not present, we think it may be well for us to give them some idea of what was said in discussion on the very important issues raised and passed upon.

At the meeting on MONDAY EVENING, after Dr. Saunders had given an address on the matter of uniting with the Baptist College at MacMaster Hall, Rev. C. A. Estabrooks spoke in favor of the Union proposed with Toronto. He much preferred Toronto to Newton, and knew the men in both.

Rev. W. E. Hall asked what effect the union would be likely to have upon the funds and curriculum of Acadia.

Dr. Sawyer replied that the invested funds cannot be affected. There are some trust funds in connection with one chair which will be affected, in regard to which the donors wishes will be respected. The curriculum of a vigorous College must be elastic, and should be changed to meet changed circumstances; and if the motion at present before Convention passes he intended to introduce an elective course in Bible study in Acadia, under the charge of Prof. Keirstead, who will be relieved of theological teaching, as such, and can take up this work.

Rev. Isa. Wallace had had strong feelings in opposition to this movement. He was somewhat instrumental in getting Dr. Welton to go to Wolfville, but he now believed this movement was the leading of Divine Providence, and he would vote for it.

Rev. G. F. Miles had been in opposition, but in the general sentiment that appeared to prevail would vote in its favor.

Dr. Castle informed the meeting that careful provision had been made in MacMaster Hall for an English Theological Course, large and full.

The motion which was made, to defer this matter until next session of Convention, was here withdrawn, and the original motion to adopt the clause of the Governors' report referring to co-operation with the Upper Provinces in Theological teaching was passed by a unanimous standing vote.

It was then voted that the report of the Governors of Acadia College as a whole be adopted.

Rev. Dr. Bill, as the oldest ordained minister present, claimed the right formally to pronounce the marriage ceremony, which he did, declaring Acadia College in all its interests and Toronto Baptist College—one.

Dr. Castle accepted the sacred trust. He was sensible of the courteous spirit in which the deputation had been received. The Baptist brethren in Ontario were deeply interested in this evening's work, and would be very much gratified at the result. On his suggestion the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was heartily sung.

E. D. King reported for the Agency Committee, and gave great credit to Mr. J. A. Denton for his successful work as agent.

Dr. Parker said that Prof. Tufts had authorized him to say that he would add \$500 to the subscription.

Dr. Sawyer made a statement of the floating and other debts of the institutions at Wolfville. The debt had been reduced by about \$33,000, and thus wanted but about \$3,000, and this he hoped would be raised during this Convention.

Dr. MacVicar said the action of the Convention had identified four men with the body in these provinces. He stood before the Convention to state that he recognized the obligations resting upon him, and now he felt that he was at liberty to speak on the matters of Acadia College. He spoke of the relative value of Theological training, and desired to place it where it belongs. All denominations, especially Baptists have demonstrated that they have a consciousness of what God requires at their hands in relation to this matter. The man who had to leave the New England States and go to Rhode Island regarded soul liberty as worth all he had. We strongly hold these principles because God holds them. With all deference to these views he believed that the principles we hold are not so much to be seen in Theological as in Literary Colleges. Men who have been educated at a College show how they have been influenced. Christian Colleges will send out good business men, as well as good ministers. The lawyer needs to be trained in the

Christian College, and so with all the other professions.

The following sums were then announced as pledged:

Professor Tufts.....	\$500 00
E. D. King.....	100 00
Walter Bars.....	100 00
W. L. Bars.....	100 00
Rev. A. Chipman.....	100 00
E. A. Coldwell.....	100 00
G. J. C. White.....	100 00
Rev. J. F. Avery.....	100 00
H. Hermes.....	50 00
A Friend.....	25 00

We omitted to mention that a large and interesting prayer meeting was held in Granville Street Church for an hour, from 9 to 10, on Monday morning. This was conducted by Rev. Geo. F. Miles, and a large number of brethren took part in the devotions of the hour.

On TUESDAY MORNING also an hour was devoted to prayer, praise, and exhortation, under the direction of Rev. A. W. Bars, of Mahone Bay.

The Convention re-opened at 10 o'clock by Rev. D. A. Steele offering prayer.

After the reading of the minutes, the President expressed a hope that some means might be devised to save the time now occupied in calling over the roll of members and delegates, at the commencement of the session.

Mr. E. D. King brought forward the amendments to the Constitution, of which he had given notice last year, as follows:

1. That the first and third sub-sections of section 3 of the constitution be abolished. The first of these provides that each of the Baptist Associations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island shall be entitled to send 5 of its members as delegates to any convention meeting, and the latter that every ordained Baptist minister connected with such association be a member of the convention.

2. Sub-section 4th of section 3 be abolished except as to members of churches who have already become life members of the Convention under its provisions. The sub-section provides that the payment of \$100 constitute a life-member.

3. Sub-section 2nd of section 3 be altered to read as follows: "Each church connected with any of the Baptist Associations in the Maritime Provinces, and contributing annually towards the objects of the Convention, shall be entitled to send its pastor and one other delegate for every 100 members or fraction of 100 members, to represent it at any meeting of the Convention, but no church shall be entitled to send more than four delegates." The original sub-section provides for each church sending one delegate to the Convention to represent it, and an additional delegate for every \$20 contributed towards the object of the convention during the year, but no church to have more than five delegates.

4. The following to constitute a sub-section of section 3: "The members of the three boards, Governors of Acadia College, Foreign Missions and Home Missions, being any of the Provincial churches of the Convention, shall be *ex officio* members of the Convention."

Mr. K. spoke at some length on this question, shewing that the enlargement of the churches and the increasing number of delegates required some change in the basis of membership, and that ministers should be delegated by the churches to which they belong, rather than being simply members in their own right, representing only themselves.

The motion was opposed by Rev. G. F. Miles, H. H. Bligh, Wm. Faulkner, and Avard Longley, and was subsequently withdrawn, and a resolution passed by a vote of 36 to 28, that a committee of nine persons be appointed to report next year on any needed changes in the constitution of the Convention.

Dr. Day then brought forward the publication of the Year Book, and moved that 6000 copies be printed and paid for by the Finance Committee as usual, and that they be sold at 28 cents per copy, the proceeds to be returned to said committee. An amendment was carried that the number of copies of the Year Book be 4,000.

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