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The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., November 7, 1883.

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From thisdate NEW SUBSCRI-BERS who send on the \$2.00 for 1884, will receive The Christian Messenger from the date of our receiving the money till the end of 1884.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

We are called upon to join with our fellow citizens of this fair Dominion to-morrow in offering thanksgiving to Almighty God for the abounding bless ings of Divine Providence to us individuals, as families, and as a community. We have abundant reason for so doing. It has now become custom, and who shall say it is not good one, for the government to appoint a special day for this purpose. We do not ignore the ills so many have to endure by thinking of our mercies. But when we call to mind the many sad afflictions that have fallen upon so many other countries, we must conclude that ours is a specially favored lot. Th harvests have been somewhat diminished in some places from what they have been in previous years, but we have had no general failures of the necessaries of life, and it may be called a year of plenty. We have not been visited by earthquakes, wide-spread pestilence, by the hurricane, or the cyclone. Sadness has doubtless visited many homes in the form of wasting sickness, or bereavement by shipwreck, accident or disease, but these are generally mingled with mercy and some good still remains. Let us then give ourselves on the morrow to thoughts of thanksgiving to Him from whom all blessings flow, and so endeavour to give full effect to our doxology. Perhaps there is nothing that helps more this thankful spirit than endeavouring to aid others in being thankful, This may be done in our own homes, in our churches, and towards those who are deprived of many of the blessings we ourselves enjoy. Collections for charitable objects are the order of the day in the churches. We trust there will be a generous spirit in the collections for such purposes when the people assemble to join in offering up their thanksgivings to Almighty God.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE had its opening Convocation on Tuesday of last week in the Assembly Room in the Provincial Building. Rev. Principal Ross opened the meeting by prayer.

Professor Weldon gave the Inaugural Address, subject " Law Schools." Hon. S. L. Shannon spoke afterwards on behalf of the Governors. In the course of his address he said it might be imagined by some that Nova Scotia was behind the other Provinces, but when in conversation with some Western gentlemen on the train his thoughts took another turn. They asked him if it was owing to our fisheries and the proverbial especial adaptability of fish diet that Nova Scotia men possessed in so many instances such notable brain power and held such positions of distinction allover the Dominion. Whether owing to the fish or not, it was indisputable that Nova Scotians were foremost among the intellect of the land. But might it not be attributable to the training and eminently solid foundations of our Provincial educational system, and the tone and standard given to it in the past by such men as the late Rev. Dr. McCulloch? This was the reasonable cause, to which, on consideration, he largely gave credit. When the Upper Provinces want competent men now, how frequently do they obtain them for their most important positions from the ranks of the Bluenoses? One of the leading newspaper editors of Quebec is a New Brunswick man. The greatest scientist of America at present is Dr. Dawson, of Montreal, born and brought up in Pictou, Nova Scotia. One of the greatest firms of Canadian educational publishers is that of Dawson Brothers, I expected to have gone to Tancook, Montreal, also Nova Scotians, The Chief Justice of Canada is a Nova Scotian, brought up under the training of Dr. McCulloch, The two leading newspapers of Toronto have Nova-

Scotians as their chief brain power. The editor of the Mail is a Halifax boy and a Nova Scotia lawyer, assisted by another Nova Scotian-Mr. George Johnson. When the late George Brown left the editorial chair of the Globe vacant a St. John man had to be got to fill it. The examples of all Nova Scotians who achieve such dis tinctions should prove incentives to the youth of to-day, and especially college students to study to be a pride to their country.

MARTIN LUTHER.

The four-hundredth Anniversary of the birth of this great Reformer will be on Saturday next. This will be celebrated by Memorial Services in almost all the countries of Europe, and in many places in the United States and Canada. Whilst we do not regard Luther as having gone far enough in his reformation, yet for the day in which he lived he took a bold and grand step in breaking down the power that was then binding men's consciences

The Pope little knew the man he had to deal with when he undertook to crush bim. With Luther commenced the party known as " Protestants" so called, because of the protest they made against the order from Rome, that the Mass should be observed throughout the German empire. Luther published his celebrated Theses in 1517, and in 1520 the Pope's bull of excommunication was issued against him, and subsequently it was publicly burnt by him at Wittenburg before a vast, influential assembly.

To the Women's Missionary Aid Societies.

The first quarterly Meeting, for the present year of the Central Board of Nova Scotia was held on Thursday the first of November. The amount sent in during the quarter was \$191.82 placed in Savings' Bank. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board stating that they were willing to accede to our wishes and send us the estimates of what would be required for Missionary

The Secretary stated that she had obtained favourable replies from three sisters to whom she had written, asking them to act as Missionary Agents in the counties in which they reside.

Mrs. Jos. Kempton of Chester for Lunenburg Co; Mrs. J. T. Eaton, of Paradise, Annapolis Co. and Mrs. Botsford Smith of Amherst, Cumberland. The Central Board would be glad to hear from volunteers for Colchester, Hants, Kings, Queens, and the other counties. There can be nodoubt that great help could be given to the Missionary cause, if the sisters would faithfully work for that end.

It was resolved to send out a Box of Donations to the missionaries, as early in the ensuing year as practicable, and to request the Societies generally to contribute, by their money, or articles of clothing, ornament, &c.

A letter has been received from Mrs. Jos. Kempton, Agent for Lunenburg County, in which she says:

"On the afternoon of October 6th a number of ladies met in the vestry of the Baptist Church. I read them a paper telling of the first formation of W. M. A. S., both in the States and in Nova Scotia. I then told them of our present needs and the desire of the Central Board that every church should have a society. They at once resolved to have one here, and the following officers were chosen.

President-Mrs. J. F. Kempton. Vice-President-Mrs. Dr. DeWitt. Sec'y. and Treasurer-Miss Jessie

About twenty names were enrolled. On October 13th I met a number of the sisters at Chester Basin about six miles from here, and there we organized a Mission Band.

OFFICERS, President-Mrs. M. Borgle. Vice-President - Miss. M. Millett, Secretary-Mrs. J. Henigar. Treasurer-Mrs. H. Corkum.

I have met with them twice since, they have over thirty names now I think, and are preparing for a concert. but was disappointed, it lies about eight miles off in the Bay, and one cannot go in an open boat unless it is smooth, will go some fine day soon."

> M. R. SELDEN. Secretary Cen. Board N. S.

THE STATHER CASE.

The investigations which have been going on during the past week into the charges against Robert Stather for false entries in the books of the Dominion Auditor's office, in which he was clerk, have brought forth such entries to an enormous amount. The following are the entries from July 15th, 1878, to Dee. 31, 1880. The columns under Bank Account Book and Application Book should correspond, but it will be seen by the third column that there is a great difference between the two.

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The Scott Act vote in Cumberland County was a decided triumph for Temperance principles. The complete returns have been made up during the past week and are given as 1,560 for

When the Scott Act shall be proclaimed law here we will virtually have prohibitory legislation, as the new license law, which will also be in force, makes it illegal to sell in any quantity in any county where the Scott Act is in force, or in a county adjoining it. Temperance people, therefore, having been so overwhelmingly sustained at the polls, have both public opinion and law on their side, and if they do not take advantage of the golden opportunity to combat the greatest foe to our country's prosperity, legislation against

concerned. There will now be a fair field for Temperance workers.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVEN-TION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, week in conference with the College held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Faculty. He has, we learn, laid be-Thursday last, was not so largely fore them the subjects he wishes to attended by delegates from a distance | teach and they have now under conas it probably would have been if it sideration the rearrangment of the cur-

the summer. E. D. King, Esq., the President occupied the chair. After the preliminary routine work in the morning, Mr. W. L. Barss read an excellent paper on the importance of Sabbath Schools being kept open all through the year. Discussion followed expre-sing concurrence with the views presented by Mr. Barss, which was participated in by Rev. Dr. Burns, Messrs. Duncan Campbell, Gaetz, Grierson, Thomson, J. F. Blanchard, McConnell, Hilton, Rev. Mr. England, Dr. McGregor, and others.

In the afternoon session devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Chapman, of Amherst. On the arrival of the President the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Mr. S. Waddell. The Corresponding Secretary, Mr. James Forrest, read reports from several Sabbath School organizations in Nova Scotia, and a printed one from Carleton, N. B. The report from the Halifax County Sabbath School Association was read, and showed that there are in connection therewith 502 officers and teachers, and 4,215 scholars. \$1,431 had been collected for missionary purposes, and \$2,134 for general purposes.

There were then several addresses on the subject of S. S. County organizations. These were by Rev. Mr. Pickles, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Gaetz, Mr. McConnell, Dr. Burns, and | since understood the importance of hav-

The public platform meeting in the evening, held in St. Matthew's Church, was largely attended. Interesting addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Burns, Mr. Watkins, of New York, and Rev. . W. Manning.

A SOCIAL MEETING of much interest was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Friday evening, for the purpose of taking leave of, and saying farewell to, Rev. John Morton and Mrs. Morton on their return to their missionary work in Trinidad, in connection with the Presbyterian body in these provinces. After tea Dr. Burns, on behalf of the Ladies' Society, presented an envelope centaining \$50 for Mr. M., who was unable to be present. Rev. Allan Simpson, not to proselytize them is all that is rethe chairman, presented a similar sum quired to ensure their safety. No, kindness on the part of teachers must to Mrs. Morton. J. S. McLean, Esq., on behalf of the Helping Hand Mission Band and a few friends, presented Mrs. Morton a case containing a handin any direction at pleasure. But apart some and valuable gold hunting watch and chain. Mrs. Morton expressed her appreciation of the kind expressions of friends, and her gratitude to God value of a Church teacher for example, for the improved health of herself and of a man as a Sunday School Superin-Mr. Morton during their stay in their tendent or Lay Reader, of a woman as a Sunday School Teacher, organist, etc., native land. Several addresses and in a country district or town. Services prayers were offered for the blessing of of this kind are invaluable. How is it God on the mission. It will interest now? The clergy, in many places, many to know that Mrs. Morton is find the teacher or teachers of the Publaughter of W. C. Silver, Esq., and is lie Schools the main stay of the Baptists, or Methodists, or Presbyterians, nerself a most devoted missionary, as and perhaps the great influence against well as her husband, and is highly eswhich they have to contend, while they eemed for her work's sake. find it impossible, even where the Church

WOLFVILLE ITEMS. - The many 150 00 friends of the Rev. Dr. DeBlois will learn with regret that he is again laid aside from the duties of the pastorate-For the last three Sundays, he has not forth to correct the blunders of the past, bution this week. Orders will be received are entertained that he will not be able to rally from his present attack. He has the prayers and sympathy of the church in his present affliction.

the Act, and 263 against. The Amherst T. A. Higgins, and Mr. Locke have Dr. Sawyer, Prof. Keirstead, Rev. teen supplying the pulpit.

> BRO, C. W. WILLIAMS a graduate of Acadia has recently decided to give himself to the Christian ministry. He is now at Toronto taking the Theological Course. The Wolfville Church has approved this step by granting him at their last Conference the customary license to preach.

The REV. HENRY CROSS of St John, N. B., lectured before the Acadia it is in vain so far as Cumberland is Athenæum on Friday evening last -on "The Power of Trifles."

The lecturer's manner is very attractive and his matter has the merit of being adapted to the capacity of all,

DR, RAND was in Wolfville last had been held at the usual time in riculum to accommodate the new Chair. that have just come to hand.

"WHO TEACHES THE TEACHERS"? is the subject of an article in a recent number of the Church Guardian. Under the same heading the English Churchman speaks plainly to its readers of the vast importance of a course of instruction for the Teaching profession in Great Britain.

The Guardian proceeds to ask, Who teaches the Scholars? a question it states "which is worthy the attention of the Church in this land." That our readers may see how the Church of England authorities regard this matter we may quote further:

"While we cannot, perhaps, hope, for

a while at least, that any special arrangements can be made whereby our colleges shall be able to undertake the work of training teachers, seeing that our people are taxed for the Government schools in every Province which are provided for the purpose, what we can do, and what we ought to begin to do at once, is to increase the number of Church teachers by inducing young Church people to prepare themselves for the teaching profession, so that they may become useful to the Church in the training of the young. Some persons may be found ready to say, 'how can religious instruction be conveyed in Grammar and Arithmetic, Geography and History, Classics and Mathematics? Such narrow-sighted persons, unhappily, on this side the water, are almost always Church people, for not so minded are the Christians of various names who surround us. They have long ing the teaching of the country's youth in their hands. And they direct special attention to the selection of young people to send to the Normal and Training Schools the principles and predilections of whose parents are well known to be in warm sympathy with their own religious views. Both in the United States and Canada, and especially in our Dominion, the Church has lost immensely by this neglect, which has been carried so far that in some of the Provinces the percentage of Church teachers is infinitesimally small in proportion to her numbers. The loss to the Church is quite beyond numerical calculation. I is not necessary to advocate by means of words your distinctive principles, in order to make others accept them. The Romish Convent schools know well the power of kindness and friendly intercourse in converting the Protestant children, whose parents fondly suppose that the promise on the part of the sisters

make a deep impression upon children's

a Church teacher, is simply because they are so few in number in the profession. We commend these thoughts to the attention of the clergy and others, in hopes that some efforts will be put been able to preach, and grave fears and that encouragement may be given at the Baptist Book Room, 104 Granville to the young people of the Church to prepare themselves for the teaching profession, than which, when properly understood and conscientiously prosecuted, there can be no higher or nobler work undertaken by man, short of the sacred ministry itself."

population overpowers all the others,

and where no opposition exists, to secure

We fully endorse the closing remarks of our contemporary on the high and noble work of teaching.

Baptist young men and young women who purpose adopting Teaching as their profession ought to have advantages in Higher Education to fit them for it fully equal to any of the other denominations. Let our brethren not be deterred from efforts in this direction by any temporary prejudices of persons unwilling to discuss the matter fairly and openly.

ONE of our Subscribers in Boston writes us: "The last MESSENGER came in 27 hours from Halifax." That surely is not so bad. Our mail service is quite efficient, especially so on the main lines.

In consequence of the holiday tomorrow-Thanksgiving Day-we have to go to press earlier than usual, and regret that we are therefore prevented from inserting some communications

THE LAW SCHOOL, under Dr. Weldon, of Dalhousie College, had its public opening on Thursday evening in the Legislative Assembly Room. Sir Wm. Young occapied the chair.

Hon. Mr. Archibald the ex-Lieut. Governor, read the inaugural address. Judge Palmer, of St. John, N. B., expressed the opinion that this should be the law school of the Maritime Provinces. Chief Justice McDonald endorsed the sentiment of Judge Palmer. The chairman suggested that Mr. Archibald's address and that of Dr. Weldon, delivered at the opening session, be both printed for gratuitous distribution. Judge Thompson spoke on the status and prospects of the school; and Hon. S. L. Shannon moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Archibald for his able paper. Dr. Weldon has 36 law students attending his classes

THE GRAND JURY have been subjected to severe animadversions from the Bench and the Press for the course pursued during the late session of the Supreme Court. In several cases of a very grave character, they, or at least some of the members, appear to have been but little impressed with the important position they should occupy in the administration of justice.

WE are sorry to learn that Rev. Wm. George, Baptist missionary in Burmah. and family, have been suffering from fever. Mrs. George had so far escaped up to date of Sept. 5th.

A POSTAL CARD received from Miss Norwood, dated Swatow, China, Sept. 12th, 1883, informs us that 'Cholera is greatly on the decrease, but great numbers have died. In one city of 200,000 people, 5000 are said to have died.

FAREWELL DINNER TO DR. RAND BY CITIZENS OF FREDERICTON, N.B.-The St. John N. B., Telegraph gives the following account of this public affair:-

The complimentary dinner given on Thursday evening at the Queen Hotel, to ex-Superintendent Rand, D. C. L., on his resignation of the office of chief superintendent of education, and the acceptance of the chair of education in Acadia College, was attended by between 50 and 60 invited guests. Chief Justice Allen occupied the chair, supported by Dr. Rand and Judge King on his right and left respectively. The hearts and minds, and the teachers will | vice chairs were taken by Dr. Jack and exercise an influence which can be used Mayor Fisher. The appearance of the tables and dining room, which were from this feature of the subject, the simply, yet suitably decorated, reflectreality of which some may question, the ed the highest credit on Mr. Edwards, loss to the Church in other ways more The cuisine was of the most complete apparent, cannot be doubted. Take the | character, and the dinner was one of the best ever served in the city, simply outdoing Mr. Edwards' well known ability in catering for an affair of the kind. His Honor the Lieut .- Governor, being absent from the city, was unable to attend. Among other things, Dr. Rand, in the course of his speech, spoke at some length on the necessity for a better medium of secondary education in this Province than at present existed. He warmly recommended the work done by the University. The bench and bar was fittingly responded to by Judge King.

Motices.

The Baptist Year Book for the Mari-Street, Halifax, and at the Visitor Book Room, St. John, N. B. Price 10 cts.

J. PARSONS, Chairman of Committee. Oct. 8th, 1883

The Hants County Baptist Auxiliary Home Mission Board will (D.V.) meet with the Newport Baptist Church, on Monday evening, Nov. 12th, 1883, at 7 o'clock. A sermon by Rev. W. J. Swaffield, of Hantsport. At its last session the Board decided in future to continue its meetings at least two days, laboring for the spiritual upbuilding of the church with which it meets. It is very desirable that all theomembers of the Board attend. Brethren, pray that a rich blessing may attend our efforts.

J. MURRAY, Sec y. Falmouth, Nov. 3rd, 1883.

BAPTIST BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY. Mr. J. B. Leard has been appointed agent for the above Society on P. E. Island, and is empowered to collect for the Capital Fund and Colportage Fund, and to work in the general interests of the Book Room. Pastors of churches and Superintendents of Sunday Schools, and all lovers of our Baptist Zion, are earnestly requested to lend a helping hand to Bro. L. in his arduous work."

On behalf of Committee, GEO, A. MeDONALD, Sec'y. Halifax, Nov. 5th, 1883.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Mrs. Albert Hart, Baddeck, C. B...\$2.00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Hulifax, November 5th, 1883