

The Christian Messenger.

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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 blessings of Divine Providence to us as individuals, as families, and as a community. We have abundant reasons for so doing. It has now become a custom, and who shall say it is not a good one, for the government to appoint a special day for this purpose.

Dalhousie College had its opening Convocation on Tuesday of last week in the Assembly Room in the Provincial Building.

Professor Weldon gave the Inaugural Address, subject "Law Schools." Hon. S. L. Shannon spoke afterwards on behalf of the Governors.

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

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.

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.

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 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.

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:

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

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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.

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The examination is not yet concluded.

The Scott Act vote in Cumberland County was a decided triumph for Temperance principles.

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.

There will now be a fair field for Temperance workers.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Thursday last, was not so largely attended by delegates from a distance as it probably would have been if it had been held at the usual time in

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.

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.

There were then several addresses on the subject of S. S. County organizations. These were by Rev. Mr. Pickers, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Gaetz, Mr. McConnell, Dr. Burns, and others.

The public platform meeting in the evening, held in St. Matthew's Church, was largely attended.

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.

WOLFVILLE ITEMS.—The many friends of the Rev. Dr. DeBlois will learn with regret that he is again laid aside from the duties of the pastorate.

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 REV. HENRY CROSS of St. John, N. B., lectured before the Acadia Athenaeum on Friday evening last—on "The Power of Trifles."

DR. RAND was in Wolfville last week in conference with the College Faculty. He has, we learn, laid before them the subjects he wishes to teach and they have now under consideration the rearrangement of the curriculum to accommodate the new Chair.

"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."

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.

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.

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ONE of our Subscribers in Boston writes us: "The last MESSENGER came in 27 hours from Halifax." That surely is not so bad.

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

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.

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

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Notices.

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The Hants County Baptist Auxiliary Home Mission Board (D.V.) meet with the Newport Baptist Church, on Monday evening, Nov. 12th, 1883, at 7 o'clock.

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.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Mr. Albert Hart, Baddeck, C. B., \$2.00. M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, November 5th, 1883.