

The Christian Messenger. Halifax, N. S., April 11, 1883.

It is becoming pretty well understood that "the cup," "the cup of blessing," &c., spoken of in connection with the Lord's Supper, does not refer to the contents of the cup being wine, but rather as "the fruit of the vine," &c. We are so accustomed to speak of wine for the Supper that it seems almost wrong to call in question the propriety of using the term in such case, and yet we doubt its propriety. It is also known that much of the so called wine of commerce really contains but a small portion of the juice of the grape but is manufactured from other articles. The article advertized—"Pure Grape Juice"—in another column, is doubtless what is stated, and free from the obnoxious principle—alcohol. It is, we learn, being used by quite a number of churches in this city and province. H. A. Taylor, the Treasurer of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance for upwards of twenty years, is reliable. His statements are, we believe, to be depended on.

FOUR PORTS.—Lockport, Freeport, Westport, and Port Lorne Baptist churches are all needing pastors. They are all able and prosperous churches, and, we presume, will not be long vacant, as they each have business men to manage their affairs, and ministers desirous of usefulness might well be willing to labor with either. We have learned that some negotiations have already been entered upon by some of them with good and useful men.

We made a short visit to the Grain Elevator in Water Street last week, on the second day in which the grain was being placed in the bins. We there saw two tons taken up about 125 feet in one minute. It is done by an endless belt having tin pockets each holding about a peck. The grain is retained in the Elevator till a ship comes ready to be filled, when it will be carried by another endless rubber belt, out to the end of the wharf and dropped into the hold of the vessel. Everything is ready, and works in the most beautiful order. The bins we were informed will hold about 150,000 tons enough to load two or three large ships. It is a marvellous arrangement—a car load of grain may be taken up in about twelve minutes. The grain we saw was a very superior article being exported by parties in Stratford, Ontario. Another large quantity of wheat is on the way to Halifax.

Mistakes sometimes occur in newspapers. There are perhaps about two hundred and fifty thousand pieces of type—separate pieces of metal, used in setting up our eight pages of the Christian Messenger, the greater portion of which has to be "set up" and then "distributed" put back into the proper places—for future use every week? Is it surprising if two or three errors occur in ten thousand of these pieces? Having to read hurriedly is it remarkable if two or three are overlooked? Only a practical eye is likely to detect every error or letter turned upside down. There is possibly such a thing as perfection with printers but it is a very rare article.

In the "Report of the Minister of Justice as to Penitentiaries in Canada" lately received from Ottawa. An item overlooked in our last will not be uninteresting to our readers. The Roman Catholic Chaplain, Rev. Edward E. Labbé, in his report, says:—

"A fact worth mentioning was the transit of one convict from the Catholic to the Protestant faith. Exactly one week after having been prepared for death, and received the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church, he made a declaration to the Warden that he wanted to be a Protestant. His application was sent to Ottawa and his request was granted. The reason of this change, in my opinion, was brain disease caused by epileptic fits."

It would be an interesting problem to enquire—If it be "epileptic fits" which produces a change from Romanism to Protestantism, what is it that effects the change from Protestantism to Romanism?

PERSONALS.—Rev. D. McKeen informs us he had a pleasant invitation to the residence of J. P. Read, Esq., at Macaan where the friends spent an enjoyable evening. It closed with a presentation amounting to Eighty Dollars.

We also learn that Bro. McKeen preaches to good congregations at Spring Hill. He also says: I have very lately gone to the Second Baptist Church at Sackville, N. B., where we have good congregations and some of the best Conference meetings I ever attended during my life. We are quite hopeful of a number of additions shortly.

Rev. J. H. FLETCHER has accepted a call from the Baptist Church at North Brookfield, and will enter upon his work there on the 15th inst.

FALMOUTH.—Rev. Joseph Murray writes on Saturday last: "In answer to the enquiry of kind friends, permit me to say that I am slowly recovering, am able on fine days to ride out a short distance. I was stricken down Feb. 21st, but with God's blessing upon the promptness and skill of Dr. Moody, of Windsor, the terrible paralysis has left me without any apparent injury except great physical prostration. Still I hope in a few weeks more to resume my labors. My people wish me to take a long rest, generously offering to supply all our needs. This is not the first outcome of their kindness. It began when I settled among them; and has been increasing ever since. And this is not confined to Baptists, but all denominations unite in making my pastorate here a very happy one. I could rest better if my pulpit were occasionally supplied. If any of our pastors could spend a Sabbath with us we would give them a warm welcome. But the Sabbath School and two prayer meetings on the Sabbath, and one during the week, are regularly kept up. Thus our spiritual life is sustained.

During the winter we enjoyed some refreshing seasons, and the church was much revived. We rejoice with those who are gathering sheaves, and while we wait for returning strength will pray for greater blessings. I am sorry to know that some other pastors like myself are laid aside from labor. I sympathize with them. But let us endeavor, whether we wait or serve, to glorify the Master. Yours in Christ, J. MURRAY."

Plymouthism appears to be wearing itself out in England. Since the death of Mr. Darby there seems to be a greater number of small divisions than before on points of interpretation not at all essential to living together in peace amongst those who are formed into churches. Where individual opinion is more regarded than submission to Christ and his precepts there can be no permanent adhesion.

THE Methodist Churches of Halifax have recently had large additions to their numbers. There are also reports of increase from a number of other places, at Yarmouth, Hebron, Port Greville, Windsor, and Charlottetown. Also in Bermuda.

On the matter of Union which has been so long under discussion the Wesleyan says:—

The vote of the Quarterly Boards of the several Conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada, as reported early last week to the Secretary, at Toronto, was as follows:

Table with 3 columns: YEA, NAY, TIE. Rows for Toronto Conference, London, Montreal, Nova Scotia, N. B. and P. E. I. Conf., Newfoundland.

VENNOR persists in making guesses—they are nothing more—at what the weather is to be. He has given the following for April:—

The detailed character of April appears to us to be somewhat as follows: April enters on a Sunday with a March storm and the same day of the week is likely to continue stormy through the month.

The 5th and 6th will likely prove stormy in the lake regions and Lower Provinces, Newfoundland probably coming in for heavy gales. The 10th to 12th are probable dates

for severe frosts. These were experienced in 1882.

The 20th and 21st stormy and wet in majority of sections. The month will end cold and stormy and May day may be ushered in with snow and sleet in northern and western sections, and cold rains at others.

There will probably become unusual terms of warming during this month, but altogether it will partake of its average character, and be of a favorable description.

He was greatly mistaken in the 1st; and the 5th and 6th were bright and beautiful in Halifax. It is about as safe to believe that the weather will be the contrary of these predictions as to think they will be fulfilled.

The National Monitor is a small weekly newspaper published at Brooklyn, New York, and "in the interest of the colored people of the United States and the world."

The following from an editorial shows that it has the true ring:—

BEGGING. The mendicant stands on the corner of the street clothed in dirty rags, and cantingly asks all that pass by for pennies. That mendicant is a beggar, and what he does is begging. Going from house to house asking for food, or raiment for one's self is begging, and the person that does it is a beggar. This is not a legitimate calling. It is disgraceful, and is to be discouraged by the honest and industrious citizen. Every man is expected to live by the sweat of his face.

After defending the taking up of collections for sustaining of Christian work the article adds:—

The human family is so constituted that every man, according to his condition, is to be either a giver, or a receiver of gifts. There is no intermediate point in this duty. The condition of the giver is the better; and hence 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' Give! Give as the Lord has prospered you. Give now, and give in your last will and testament; for then you may see the face of God in peace. The Lord loves the cheerful giver.

A. W. J., writes to the Monitor the following concerning the African churches of this Province:—

FROM NOVA SCOTIA. Dear Editor.—Knowing that you are a friend to the cause of Christ, permit me to say a few words regarding His cause on this side of the water, especially among the colored people. In my last article published in the columns of the Monitor, in speaking of the churches in Nova Scotia, I said there was only one self-sustaining church. I have thought since, perhaps, I ignored the church and its praiseworthy pastor by not mentioning it. It is the African Baptist Church, of HALIFAX, N. S.

The membership, I think is about two hundred and fifty. Its devoted pastor is the Rev. Henry H. Johnson, an American. To the best of my knowledge Brother Johnson received a call to this church in June or July of 1881. He has proved himself to be the right man in the right place; the church, I understand, was never in a more flourishing condition.

AT HAMMOND PLAINS another band of Christian workers assemble from time to time in a small but neat church edifice to pay their devotions to Almighty God, their undershepherd being the Rev. Bailey, a man noted for piety.

PRESTON churches, struggling mightily against spiritual wickedness in high places, are split and shivered to pieces. Instead of one, or at most two good churches, there are at present four, and neither of them able to support a pastor. When shall such contentions cease in the Church of Christ? A little church is at present in existence in

DARTMOUTH. It is composed of the right material, and God will doubtless make them willing in the day of his power to receive His word with meekness. The little group at

PINE WOODS, have had their ups and downs, but they are now slowly, but surely, sailing into the haven of spiritual prosperity. When I tell you that their leader Rev. J. A. Smith, is a good preacher, I have said all.

The history of the church at TRACADIE is entitled to more time and space than I have at my disposal at present; but a sentence or two regarding some of the revivals that have swept over this church will suffice. It was organized in 1822 with ten members. She has like the grain of mustard seed, grown to be a great tree in regard to influence. I do not know that her membership

was ever greater than one hundred and twenty-five. At present she only numbers eighty. The members of the church are poor, and are not able to have stated preaching. I may say since the date of the organization she has only been known to have regular preaching for two years. She has to contend with difficulties on every hand, and still she lives, and will live, because Christ lives in her. In her earlier days she enjoyed some glorious outpourings of God's Spirit—scores have been brought to Christ in a few weeks. The decrease is owing largely to death. God has taken those who have finished their work here in the church militant, to engage in the glorious work of the church triumphant. "Be still, and know that I am God." The writer was ordained by this church in 1880.

Last, but not least, is the little church at

WINDSOR PLAINS. This church never was in a more prosperous condition in regard to preaching, although they are not reaping the results as fast as pastor and people desire, but experience teaches us to labor and wait; the Lord will bless in his own good time. The word of life is preached to them faithfully every second Sabbath. They are looking forward for a refreshing from the hand of the Lord. May they not be disappointed in seeing sinners made to own Jesus as their sovereign Lord.

There are others, but time would fail me to mention them all. I have not said anything in regard to the flourishing Methodist churches of color in Nova Scotia; they are doing a noble work; may the Lord bless them in their labors. The above may help to form some of colored Baptists of Nova Scotia. Newport Station, Jan. 18, 1883.

Literary.

GODET'S COMMENTARY ON ROMANS.—This is a magnificent book, of great value, an American edition edited by Talbot W. Chambers, D. D. 554 large octavo pages. Price, Cloth, \$2.50.

The following testimonials will show how highly it is appreciated. It is published by Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls, New York:

HOWARD CROSBY, D. D., says: "I consider Godet a man of soundest learning and purest orthodoxy."

THOS. ARMITAGE, D. D., says: "Especially must I commend the fair, painstaking, thorough and devout work of Dr. Godet. All his works are welcome to every true thinker."

T. W. CHAMBERS, D. D., one of the most prominent Biblical scholars, says: "Godet is well known for his scholarship and evangelical spirit, and all who have learned of his depth and insight in commenting upon John's Gospel will be desirous to see his observations upon the greatest of apostles."

CHARLES H. SPURGEON quotes approvingly from Dr. Meyer, the learned German commentator: "To an immense erudition, to a living piety, Godet unites a profound feeling of reality. There is here a vivifying breath, an ardent love for the Saviour, which helps the disciple to comprehend the work, the acts, the words of his Divine Master."

ARTHUR BROOKS, D. D., says: "Any one acquainted with Godet's other works will congratulate himself that the same author's clear logic and deep learning, as brought to bear upon the difficulties of the Epistle to the Romans, are to be made accessible through this publication."

SEBA'S DISCIPLINE.—By Marie Oliver. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co. Price, \$1.50. This is the third volume in the series of which the preceding issues are Ruby Hamilton and Old and New Friends. The same characters run through each, changed and ripened, however, by the current of events, and showing the spiritual development which comes through experience and suffering. Seba's Discipline is a leaf from the book of every-day life, and the trials which constituted that discipline are such as occur to many. But the interest of the book does not lie altogether in the story. Wrought into it are certain truths and lessons which the writer skillfully impresses upon the minds of her readers, and which can only serve to round out and perfect the lives of those who heed them. They teach that no earthly affliction or trouble is without its proper use, and that it is only through spiritual discipline that the whole being becomes purified.

Our notice last week of the latest issue of Lovell's Library—"The Right and Wrong uses of the Bible," by Rev. E. Heber Newton, was inserted by a mistake of one of our hands whilst it was in an imperfect, unfinished form. We had not prepared it for the press, and on further reading the book we found that the closing sentence of that notice was not warranted. The book has some good things, but there are some sentiments developed which would lead to such mutilation of the Sacred Volume as would be destructive to it as an infallible guide in cases of doubt and perplexity.

Bibles and Hymn Books in great variety—direct from the Publishers at the Baptist Book Room.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

The time for the Civic Elections is changed and are this year to take place on the 25th day of April. Mayor Fraser publishes a card stating that he has been requested to offer for a third term. It is likely that he will go in without opposition. There is but little excitement over the matter at present.

The Managers of the Home for the Aged are purposing to put up a new building for that institution, capable of accommodating about thirty inmates. This is an excellent institution and deserves liberal support. Several large sums have been donated towards the new building.

A colored man named Valentine was found dead in his bed on Friday morning. He had eaten too much on the previous day and drank a large quantity of ale at O'Mullin's brewery where he worked. He died of apoplexy.

Send to the Baptist Book & Tract Society for Lesson Helps—at Publishers Prices.

POPULARITY.—Why they are popular. The reason that National Pills are so universally popular is because they are certain in their action, mild and painless in their operation, and never leave the bowels constipated. They are sugar-coated, and contain no mineral poison.

A new Division Sons of Temperance was organized at the Eastern Passage, Monday evening the 2nd inst., with a membership of 29, and Mr. Joseph Himmelman as W. P.

A new Railway project has been made public during the past week—nothing less than the building of a railway direct from Pictou to Dartmouth through the Musquodoboit Valley which would be the means of shortening the distance about twenty miles. With the present railway facilities there is severe restriction in the coal trade. This railroad would be the means of greatly increasing the output of coal in the Pictou mines, as they are at present suffering for the want of more railway accommodation. It would pass through rich mining districts of plumbago, lime and plaster, which are known to exist in abundance, and it is certain that they would be opened up and carried on extensively if they had only a railway communication. Iron ore is known also to be in the vicinity, and it is thought to exist in abundance, but cannot be worked without railway communication. There were also splendid and unsurpassed facilities for carrying on different manufacturing interests (nature had provided water and other necessary privileges), which would be fostered if they only had a railway communication. It would also pass in the region of valuable timber lands of all kinds, which at present cannot be utilized to any extent, as it is cut off from any market on account of no railway communication, etc., etc.

Large and enthusiastic meetings were held—one at Musquodoboit on the 19th of March, and another at Middle Musquodoboit on Tuesday of last week in reference to this subject. Stirring addresses were made and much interest shown in the matter. The following resolution was adopted: "That we petition the Legislature for a survey of railway from Dartmouth to Pictou to pass through the valley of Musquodoboit."

Delegates were appointed at each of the meetings to confer with various parties interested.

The Dartmouth Council have granted liquor licenses to two or three of the best of applicants, as they had the required number of names to their petitions.

In the recent trials of parties for selling without license the failure to prove that the contents of the bottles was intoxicating liquor gave the case to the rummies.

The Dartmouth Municipal elections take place on May 1st. The retiring Councilors are: Ward 1, Cogswell; Ward 2, Watt; Ward 3, Frazee. John F. Stairs will be requisitioned for Warden for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen are talked of for Councilors: Ward 1, J. Wallison and J. Howe Austen; Ward 2, Councilor Watt, Jas. Simmonds; Ward 3, Councilor Frazee, John White.

The Baptist Book & Tract Society have just received a splendid assortment of Sabbath School Library Books including Half Price Books. Selling Cheap.

The matter of a Dry Dock in Halifax has been pretty well settled by the accident to the Inman steamer City of Chester. The Coffer-dam placed beneath the stern of the ship gives a most effectual dry dock in which to effect the repairs required. We understand that a company is to be formed for the purchase of the coffer-dam, with patent rights to use it in this harbor. It appears that in addition to the saving the immense cost of a Dry dock, there is a great saving effected in the use of the Coffer-dam over what would be required by going into a Dry Dock.

SKINNEY MAN.—"Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility, &c.

A REMARKABLE FACT.—It is a remarkable fact W. A. Edgers, of Frankville, who was so far gone with liver and kidney complaint that his life was despaired of, was cured with four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters. At one day he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels.

When we see a promising young colt, with a splint, curb or spavin forming, thus spoiling its sale, go at once and procure a bottle of Kendall's Spavin Cure. One dollar invested in this great remedy will save you hundreds of dollars. It has no equal as a liniment for man or beast.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE.—Rev. W. E. Gifford, while pastor of M. E. Church, Bothwell, suffered from chronic dyspepsia so badly as to render life almost a burden. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe, one of the oldest and best known ministers of the Methodist Church, died at his residence at Yarmouth on Friday, after a brief illness, caused by paralysis. Mr. Sutcliffe, possessed pulpit talent of great ability, and until advancing years made his partial retirement necessary; his ministrations were remarkably successful.

Table listing bridge repairs: Lower Baddeck Bridge, Red Bridge or McRae's, East Branch Bridge, Andrew Anderson's Bridge, Angus Campbell's M. River, Bridge at Alex. McRae's, Lower Middle River Bridge, North River Bridge, Three small bridges.

Total.....\$19,350

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES.—The great secret of beauty is pure blood. Eruptions and all blotches that disfigure the face, may be quickly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. Annie Heath, of Portland, certifies that she was cured by this remedy, after suffering for two years.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, slugs, chipmunks, gophers. 15 cts. Druggists.

Hall's Hair Renewer, renews, cleanses, brightens, and invigorates the hair, and restores faded or gray hair to its youthful color and lustre. People with gray hair prefer to use the Renewer, rather than proclaim to the world through their bleached locks, that they are becoming aged, and passing on to decay.

An employee of the Yarmouth Woollen Mills Company, named Charles Dowley, died of lock jaw on Thursday last. A short time ago he had one of his feet crushed in the elevator of the mill, which led to the above fatal result.

At the Yarmouth Woollen Mills fourteen looms are kept running, consuming about one ton of wool weekly, and turning out 350 yards of cloth daily.

In the Indian army the teetotalers are said to be fourteen thousand.

A PRAISEWORTHY OMBUD.—"None name it but to praise." This is true of that unsurpassed remedy, "Hagyard's Yellow Oil." It cures pain and inflammation, whether from sprain, burn, bruise, or frost bite, lame back, rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, croup, deafness, and is for internal and external use.

I certify that I obtained immediate relief during a severe case of bronchitis, when in Camp Sussex this year, by the application of Minard's Liniment. C. CREW-READ, Lieut.-Col.

THIS IS RELIABLE.—R. N. Wheeler, merchant, of Everton, was cured of a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs by Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam. This great throat and lung healer cures weak lungs, coughs, hoarseness, bronchitis, and all Pectoral complaints.

By lack of open air exercise, and the want of sufficient care in the matter of diet, the whole physical mechanism often becomes impaired during the winter. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the proper remedy to take in the spring of the year to purify the blood, invigorate the system, excite the liver to action, and restore the healthy tone and vigor.

Dominion of Canada.

The Marquis of Lorne is said to be the authority for the statement that the Princess Louise will leave Bermuda on the 10th, arriving at Ottawa on the 16th or 17th.

It is reported that the withdrawal of the troops from Halifax, is the settled policy of Great Britain's Government.

Word has come from England that an attempt is being made to amalgamate the Grand Trunk and Pacific Railways causes strong adverse feeling at Ottawa. The country would be powerless in the grip of such a huge combination.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday of last week Mr. McCarthy's bill for a Railway Commission was under debate. In reply to a question from Mr. Blake, Sir Charles Tupper said he disapproved of the bill as it did not meet the necessities of the occasion.

Besides, looking at the case from a commercial point of view, he urged that some \$375,000,000 was invested in railways in the country, which railways were vital necessities, and these roads were built with implicit faith in the integrity of Parliament. Then, with this bill before the House, the English stock market had been affected. Such a course was fraught with danger to the country.

On division the preamble was lost, 12 yeas to 76 nays. Mr. McCarthy then withdrew his bill. One of the most important committees now in the House Commons is that on Inter-Provincial Trade. The great difficulties of carrying freight from Halifax to Toronto, and from Toronto to Halifax is a formidable barrier to the trade of the Dominion. The Grand Trunk Railway Company do not afford facilities but rather seek to prevent the rapid transit of goods, thus throwing trade into the channel via Portland, Maine, thereby aiding their own lines rather than the I. C. R.

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