The Christian Messenger,

Halifax, N. S., October 17, 1883.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK must never be thought of as independent of the blessing of the Most High. Prayer for that blessing is always in order. Times of united special prayer for this object are eminently appropriate. Invitations have come year by year for several years past from the London Sunday School Union. The Executive Committee of the Halifax County S. S. Association have taken up this invitation, and commended it to general observance. We have before us their circular dated. Oct. 5th, 1883, giving another invitation to a meeting to be held in Poplar Grove Church, on Monday 22nd Inst., at 7.30 p. m. The Circular also further suggests:-

That on the Lord's day morning, October 21st, from seven to eight o'clock all Christians in private offer prayer on behalf of Sunday Schools.

That ministers be asked to preach special sermons upon the claims Sunday Schools.

That the opening engagements of the School be preceded by the teachers meeting together for prayer.

That the ordinary exercises of each school be shortened, and that the scholars be gathered for devotional exercises interspersed with singing and appropriate addresses. To this service the parents of the scholars might be invited.

That in the evening each Church or Congregation be invited to hold a meeting, at which the interests of the Sunday School shall form the theme of the prayers and addresses.

Sunday School teachers, as laborers together with God, should be animated in their work by the constraining love of Christ. The absorbing mission of each teacher being the salvation of the scholars through faith in Jesus Christ, close and personal communication of the teacher with God is essential, and hence the need for persevering prayer.

The Committee affectionately urge their fellow-laborers to work devotedly and pray expectantly for the early conversion of each of their scholars, relying on the Divine word- He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD of the Maritime Provinces closed its session on Friday afternoon. Previous to the Union and formation of the General Assembly it was customary to have a much longer time in the session, eight or ten days, but there is now much less business to transact so that three days are sufficient. The session opened on Tuesday evening when the retiring moderation Rev. Dr. Macknight preached from "What think ye of Christ?

On the vote for moderator being taken there appeared 83 for Dr. Burns and 42 for Rev. Thos Sedgwick.

Wednesday was occupied first by the Hunter Church Building Fund. This was followed by a discussion respecting the continuation of the Professorships in Dalhousie College which are sustained by the Presbyterian body. Rev. Dr. Macrae moved the following resolution:

"That the local committee be enjoined to notify the Governors of Dalhousie College that as the chairs, for the support of which this Synod is now responsible, become successively vacant, the funds now devoted to the payment of the salaries attached to these chairs be withdrawn from the use of the Col-

An amendment was proposed by Rev. Synod instruct the College Board to

confer with the Governors of Dalhousie of Theology to Toronto. with a view to their taking measures more effectually to protect the interests of the College and to relieve this church in whole or in part of the pecuniary obligations which they have assumed in this matter."

Another resolution was moved as follows:

"Whereas, This Synod has assisted Dalhousie College for the past twenty to the Lord's Supper?-Independent. years;

" And Whereas, Dalhousie College has of late been so largely endowed that it is no longer dependent upon the pecuniary support of this church:

in the interests of Dalhousie as a Provincial institution, the Presbyterian Church should as soon as possible withdraw from all connection with it;

" Therefore Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Governors of Dalhousie College with a view to ascertain how far it is practicable to withdraw support from it at present; said committee to report tomorrow afternoon."

Dalhousie College had become a wealthy corporation, and did not see how such conference could be held. On the final vote being taken, there appeared for the amendment of Mr. Sedgwich 69 for, to 17 against.

The statement was made that the Theological Hall in Halifax had been going behind to the extent of about \$1,000 a year.

The Report on the Widows and Orphan's fund showed that the fund amounts now to \$39,200, which is duly invested, and a legacy of \$20,000 additional would shortly increase it to nearly \$60,000. Sixteen widows and one orphan family had received annuities from the fund in a total sum of over \$2,400 per annum.

On Thursday a variety of business was brought forward. The following names were given of students requestlicentiates: Geo. Fisher. W. H. Spencer, Thos. Stewart, G. S. Allan, John Ferry, and Allan George. Their request was granted.

A sharp discussion arose on a motion that in case of a congregation failing to call a minister in six months, the Presbytery proceed with the settlement of a minister over such congregation.

The evening sitting was on Foreign Missions, when a large congregation assembled at Fort Massey Church, There were addresses from Rev. H.

A. Robertson, from Eromanga, Rev. Thomas Christie and Rev. John Morton who had labored in Trinidad.

After these speeches the Hon David Laird from P. E. Island moved the following: " Resolved, That this Synod have

with extreme pleasure the presence this occasion of three of their missionaries. They would give thanks to God for His kindness to them, and for the measure in which he has blessed their work and the labors of their brethren in both mission fields. They would express their deep sympathy with Mr. Christie in the loss of his health, their gratitude for his partial recovery. their hope that he may soon be completely recovered, and their thankfulness that a suitable successor has so soon been obtained for his field. The Synod, however, would earnestly direct the attention of all their people to the state of the funds, and strongly urge the most prompt and strenuous efforts to provide the means of carrying on the operations of the church withsteadily increasing efficiency as well as to earnest prayer for a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit." Which was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

On Friday morning reports were presented on Temperance and Sabbath Observance. The former recommended Total Abstinence, and efforts for the suppression and total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

OUR friend J. W. Barss in his letter in our present issue calls in question one of our statements of last week. respecting Acadia College, that "The funds were never in a better position." This remark of ours of course referred to the time previous to the late appointment of Dr. Rand-to which we made no allusion. Mr. B. confines his attention to the subsequent proceedings of the Governors. We had but two objects in view-1st to correct the wrong impression which some had received Dr. MacKnight thought it would be that Dr. Welton's removal to Toronto better to retain one chair in the College, was because the chair he occupied could not be sustained, and 2ndly that Thes. Sedgwick to the effect "that the the religious character of the institution would be deteriorated by the removal

> famous short argument by which they on 'The Bull Fight,' with illustrations support their position. How would drawn from life by Robert Blum. they reply to the other argument: Immersion gives a right to the Lord's Supper. But Christian character is better than Immersion. Therefore Christian character givss a better right

We clip the above from our contemporary the Wesleyan. Its honest and intelligent readers will not hesitate to pronounce it a misrepresentation and a "And Whereas, It is desirable that, slander. Our neighbor ought to know that the Independent is a very unsafe source of honorable, fair dealing with Baptists, and does know well that Close Communion Baptists, so called, require Christian character to give a right to Baptism as well as to the Lord's Supper. Methodists, however, do not in many cases demand this before either Baptism, or the Lord's Supper. This Prices.

Rev. Professor Forrest denied that is notoriously the case in reference to Baptism, and young persons are often invited to the latter as a msans of grace, which may result in their conversion. We shall expect to see in the Wesleyan a retraction of this unjust as per-

A STATE UNIVERSITY.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Examiner says: The State of Nebraska has a University on which it spends a generous amount of money. It cannot be called a prosperous school. The college attendance is not large. There were only five graduates at the last Commencement. There has been trouble in the school from the beginning. There has been a constant contest between Christianity and infidelity. Two years ago it was at its culmination. One of the Professors was an avowed ing to be taken on trial as preaching infidel; another taught boxing during chapel service; another advised the young men to take wine to stimulate Christian experience, call to the minthem for study. Parents looked with stry and views of Christian doctrine suspicion on such a school. Chancellor Fairfield, an earnest Christian man, struggled against their influence while he remained at the head of the Institution. At length the Regents put an end to that contest by discharging all the contestants. They are now searching for another Chancellor. They are looking for a Christian man who is not so pronounced in his religious views as to excite opposition. Dr. W. T. Harris, of Concord fame, has been offered and has declined the position. Professor C. K. Adams of Michigan University, has likewise refused to accept the honor. The school is still without a head. The State University is an effective argument in favor of denominational schools, and you may be sure it has been often

There is a flourishing Baptist Seminary in that State. The Presbyterians Methodists and Congregationalists also have Collegiate Institutions.

The editors of the Visitor-or one of them-has seen fit to nominate Mr. I. B. Oakes to fill the office of chief Superintendent of Schools in New Brunswick, in place of Dr. Rand. Whether the New Branswick Government will approve of the nomination we are not informed, but we shall probably soon hear what is their determina-

Literary.

THE CALVARY SELECTION OF SPIR-ITUAL SONGS is an excellent compilation of Church Psalmody and Music, made originally for the Calvary Baptist Church in New York, by Rev. Dr. Robinson and Rev. Dr. MacArtbur, the pastor of the Calvary Church. The book is also now used by a large number of other churches in the United States. There are two editions-one comprising 1,086 hymns for the church and choir; the other with 552 hymns for Social Worship. They have the music set to the hymns, and a finer collection of tunes suitable for the worship of God could hardly be made.

The larger edition sells for \$1.25, whilst that for Social Worship may be had for 50 cents, and the Hymns without the Music for 20 cents. If the metres were marked in this book it would be an improvement.

These books are published by The Century Company, New York, and are the most complete we have yet seen. The paper and binding are of the first style, and doubtless have much to do with their general acceptableness and the special favor which the books have met with since their first publication.

Charles Dudley Warner will contrib-Close Communion Baptists have a ute to the November Century an article

> Apropos of Matthew Arnold's visit to America, Professor Beers, of Yale, will discuss, in 'Open Letters' of the November Century, Matthew Arnold's curious criticism on American civilization, published nearly two years ago. In a humorous, yet appreciative vein, he will point out the value, to America, of the gospel of 'sweetness and light, and the peculiarities of the American Philistines.

Dawson Brothers of Montreal are publishing in one volume, Crown 8 vo. Memories of Canada and Scotland, speeches and verses, by the Right Hon. the Marquis of Lorne, K. T., K. C. M. G., &c., &c. Price \$1.50.

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Ordination at St. Stephens, N. B.

The Council called by the Union St. Baptist church of St. Stephen, to take into consideration the ordination of Bro. Ralph M. Hunt, met in their vestry on the 27th Sep., 1883, at 2.45 p. The members present, Union St. St. Stephen church, Deacon Price, Brethren J. B. Oaks and G. W. Abbot.

1st Calais, Rev. C. F. Clark. 2nd Calais, Rev. A. J. Padelford, and Dea. Wood.

Germain St., St. John, Rev. H. Brussels St., St John, Rev. J. E.

Hopper, D. D. Leinster St., St. John, J. E. Masters, On motion the following officers were appointed

Rev. A. J. Padelford, Chairman, and J. E. Masters, Clerk. Rev. H. Cross invoked the guidance

of the Holy Spirit. The minutes of the church showing their action in calling Bro. Hunt to ordination as their pastor, and their provision for his support were read and approved of by the Council. By request of the council Bro. Hunt related his and practice, which were highly satis

It was resolved that the Council express its satisfaction with Bro. Hunt's statement as to his conversion, call to the ministry, and views of Christian doctrine and practice, and that we proceed to make arrangements for his ordination this evening.

Brethren were then appointed to

take part as follows: Sermon, Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D. ordination prayer, Rev. H. Cross, charge to the candidate, Rev. A. J. Padelford, hand of fellowship, Rev. C. F. Clark, charge to the church, Rev. H. Cross.

Brethren Padelford, Hunt and Oaks were appointed a committee to make futher necessary arrangements for the evening meeting, when on motion the council adjourned to meet at 7 30.

J. E. MASTERS, Clerk.

In the evening the large audience room of the church was filled. At 7.30 Rev. A. J. Padelford took the chair and called upon Rev. Rev. A. T. Love, pastor of the Presbyterian church, to offer the invocation prayer and read the Scriptures. Rev. Mr. Duncan, pastor of the Methodist church then offered prayer. Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., preached a very instructive and practical sermon founded on Romans i: 1.

After singing the 866 hymn, the ordination prayer was offered by Rev. H. Cross. The charge to the candidate was then given by Rev. A. J. Padelford as follows :-

My Brother :- Let me say to you first of all, live a holy life. The great need of the church to day is holy, godly men in the pulpits and in the pews. This is what a sinful world needs, to rebuke its unholy spirit and furnish examples of noble living. Commune with God daily, constantly, and you will have power for Quebec on the steamer Circassian. with men. It is the holy man whose words are mighty and powerful. The truth coming from the lips of such an one cannot but make impressions deep and lasting. So walk with God, that if you should suddenly drop out of your work, it might truly be said of you, "He walked with God, and was not, for God

Be a student of the word of God Paul's injunction is, " Preach the Word, but how can you preach what you do not know, and feel, and understand? "Feed the flock" was the apostolic counsel, "over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers," and a greater than he, said, "Feed my sheep. Feed my lambs," that is shepherd Lead them into the green pastures. where there is an abundance of that food which they need. But how can the shepherd do that, who is not familiar with the pastures, and what grows there, and what is meet for their use? Do not be afraid of having it known that you are the man of one book, and that book, God's book. Whatever other books you must neglect, study this one.

Preach Christ and him crucified and him risen from the dead, and him exalted to the right hand of God, as man's interceding Saviour. Yes, preach Christ. Such preaching will draw men, if nothing else will. The greatest of living preachers said not long ago, that the reason men flocked to the Tabernacle was because there a crucified Christ was preached, as man's only hope and only Saviour. If you are a careful student of this word, you will find that Christ must be the sum and substance of your preaching.

Such preaching alone can help to build men up in true character. We hear much, but not too much, in these days, of the needs of right character. "Character settles destiny" it is said, and it is true. But such character cannot be developed, except as men feed on Christ. Men must be "rooted and grounded in the truth," "the truth as it is in Jesus," if they would have symmetry and stability of character. Then, my brother preach Christ, and all that body of truth which centers in his person, teaching and

This Book has unwelcome truths, which the natural heart does not love, and men will not want to hear. But God has put them here for his ministers to communicate to men. Do not be afraid to declare the whole counsel God. But preach "the truth in love." Society for Lesson Helps-at Publishers they believe you love them. Make that point and you may preach the most unwelcome things in this Book

Brother don't worry over results it will not do any good, and it will be likely to do harm, it certainly will harm you. God does not make us responsible for results. What he requires of us is fidelity, faithfulness in our work. If we are this, if we preach the truth lovingly, earnestly; if we care for the souls of men; if as true shepherds we care for the whole flock, the sick and infirm, the poor and needy and sorrowing, God will take care of the results and see that we do not toil in vain. Remember you are a co-worker with God, as we have been told to night, and let that comfort your heart in the day of despondency. If men are not converted though you have faithfully warned, and affectionately invited and earnestly entreated, do not worry, but only try to be more faithful.

Take care of your health. God commands it. We must have sound bodies for sound minds. The highest efficiency can only be secured in this way. "Health is a duty." You can only have it by taking care of it. It is as wicked to overwork as not to work enough. More ministers are broken down by worrying, no doubt than by overworking. But we must not do either.

My brother, these are a few of the many things to which your attention may be called. I charge you to remember them and make practical use of them, and God will see to it, that your ministry will not be unfruitful in gracious results.

The hand of fellowship was then given by Rev. C. F. Clark, welcoming him to the duties of the christian ministry; to its trials, to its joys, its rewards and compensations.

The charge to the church though given by Rev. H. Cross was a very good natured one; reminding the church that all the responsibility does not rest upon the minister. That they should love him. Be careful how they speak circle and in some places is 20 miles of him before the children. Teach wide, and is believed to be nearly 2,000 them to look up to him. Pray for him. Pay him promptly and work with him faithfully.

Closing prayer by Rev. C. F. Clark. The 867 hymn was sung and the benediction pronounced by the candidate, after which the Council adjourned. J. E. MASTERS, Clerk.

News of the World.

Truth hears that the Queen has issued private memorandum enjoining the occupants of a certain royal palace to a correction and reformation of manners. Recent events brought to her knowledge the fact that in one of her palaces gambling was regularly going on toan almost incredible extent. Enormous sums were lost and won. Ardent players were wont to continue the amusement well into morning of Sundays and other days directed to be kept holy. The Queen intends to create Lord

Lorne a Knight of the Garter. He will be invested at Balmoral directly after he arrives in England. He will succeed to the stall vacated by the late Lord Harrowby.

Lord Landsdowne, the new Governor-General of Canada, and Lady Landsdowne sailed from Moville on Saturday

A despatch from St. Petersburg, says: A despatch from Olandwastock announces that the steamer Kamtschatka arrived there on Wednesday. She reports that eleven trading schooners whose nationality is unknown, after driving off the American guardship Leon, belonging to the Alaska Commercial Company stationed at the Island of Fjelunig. landed sixty armed men including some Japanese and took possession of the island. The Leon immediately proceeded to Korssakowksy, a station on the Island of Saghalien, and demanded assistance. Owing to the small number of the garrisoned men stationed there, no assistance was available. When the Kamtschatka passed Fjelunigher captain saw eight schooners lying off the

earthquake was felt on the 10th at Philippeville, Algeria. The direction was from North to South. The population rushed panic-stricken into the

The difficulty between Spain and France is still unsettled. Daily Cabinet councils have been held and another had been called, when the result of the latest interviews between Duc de Fernan Nunez, the Spanish ambassador to France, and M. Challemel Lacour, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, would be imparted to the Cabinet.

Duc De Pernan Nunez, Spanish Ambassador to France, has resigned. He declares his determination to insist upon the acceptance of his resignation. The village of La Estrella, in the

Province of Tsuel, Spain, has been inundated. Sixteen houses have been destroyed and over fifty lives lost. Senoa Sameta will probably reconstruct the Cabinet during the present

As the Bulgarian ministers were entering Obranje a man attempted to kill M. Natchevitch, Minister of the terior. The act is believed to have been

instigated by a person named Jonin. The Khedive has issued a decree granting an amnesty to all persons implicated in the late rebellion, except Men will hear the severest of truths if those convicted of murder and outrage. On the 13th., a man attempted to asthem sure that there is no doubt on sassinate the President of San Domingo

at Neyba, Hayti. The President shot his assailant dead.

The rebel bands entered Port-Au-Prince recently, pillaging stores, setting fire to houses and murdering all who resisted them. Among those killed were two generals. The Government

troops finally put the rebels to flight. A despatch from Havana, dated Oct. says 19 deaths from yellow fever occured, there during the past week.

On Saturday last the city of Madrid celebrated the anniversary of the discovery of America by a grand banquet concluding by the unveiling of a statue of Columbus,

It is reported at Rome that many private documents referring to the Papacy have disappeared from the Vatican. It is feared the Italian Government may take under its protection those treasures of the Holy See, which have been collected with the people's money. To these treasures belong libraries containing more than 180,000 codices and 100,000 manuscripts, among them 56 gospels in Oriental tongues written on scrolls.

China is still in a very disturbed state. Placards have been posted on the Island of Hainan threatening the mandarins and foreigners with death. Naval protection is necessary. A serious riot has occurred at Foo Chow. M. Dupuis has arrived at Hong Kong. He considers the reported amicable arrangemen; with the Black Flags impossible, and says they must be extir--

A story reports the discovery of an immense river hitherto unknown to geographers. It lies within the Arctic miles in length.

The State elections are now progressing. The Republican ticket seems to be in the ascendency.

Hart & Co's. flax mills were burned on the 8th. Damage \$5,000. Precious stones valued at \$10,000, sent by mail from Europe to a firm in

Office yesterday morning by the Custems House examiner. At Memphis, Tenn., on Monday night, an extensive fire on Union Street caused a loss of \$112,000.

New York, were seized at the Post

A special from Montgomery, Ala., says it is reported that one of the Montgomery Quarantine Officers, just returned from Brewton, states that the so-called malignant fever now raging there is yellow fever, and it is spreading in the village. He says 17 cases and two deaths were reported there on the 8th. The trains on the Montgomery and Mobile railroad pass the station without stopping.

Policeman Street was murdered on Monday, 8th, at Huntsville, Florida, by two negro thieves whom he attempted to arrest. The murderers, if caught, will be lynched.

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

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John L. Boutilier, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Liniment cured his daughter of a very severe attack of Diptheria, after she was pronounced incurable and recommend. ed all to use it should they be afflicted with the same diseases.

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