

The Christian Messenger.

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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.

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.

On Thursday a variety of business was brought forward. The following names were given of students requesting to be taken on trial as preaching licentiates: Geo. Fisher, W. H. Spencer, Thos. Stewart, G. S. Allan, John Ferry, and Allan George.

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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 on 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.

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.

Rev. Professor Forrest denied that 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. Sedgwick 69 for, to 17 against.

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.

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Our friend J. W. Bars 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."

Close Communion Baptists have a famous short argument by which they support their position. How would they reply to the other argument: Immersion gives a right to the Lord's Supper.

We clip the above from our contemporary the Wesleyan. Its honest and intelligent readers will not hesitate to pronounce it a misrepresentation and a slander.

is notoriously the case in reference to Baptism, and young persons are often invited to the latter as a means of grace, which may result in their conversion.

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

Literary.

THE CALVARY SELECTION OF SPIRITUAL 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. MacArthur.

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.

Charles Dudley Warner will contribute to the November Century an article on 'The Bull Fight,' with illustrations drawn from life by Robert Blum.

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.

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.

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. m.

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.

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, which were highly satisfactory.

Brethren Padelford, Hunt and Oaks were appointed a committee to make further necessary arrangements for the evening meeting, when on motion the council adjourned to meet at 7.30.

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. A. T. Love, pastor of the Presbyterian church, to offer the invocation prayer and read the Scriptures.

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.

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 them.

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.

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 of God. But preach "the truth in love." Men will hear the severest of truths if they believe you love them.

News of the World.

Truth hears that the Queen has issued a private memorandum enjoining the occupants of a certain royal palace to a correction and reformation of manners.

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.

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.

Telegraphic advices state that a shock of earthquake was felt on the 10th at Philippeville, Algeria. The direction was from North to South. The population rushed panic-stricken into the streets.

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. Challemlacour, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, would be imparted to the Cabinet.

Duc De Fernan 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 Tssel, Spain, has been inundated. Sixteen houses have been destroyed and over fifty lives lost.

As the Bulgarian ministers were entering Obranje a man attempted to kill M. Natchevitch, Minister of the Interior. The act is believed to have been instigated by a person named Jonin.

The Khevide has issued a decree granting an amnesty to all persons implicated in the late rebellion, except those convicted of murder and outrage. On the 13th., a man attempted to assassinate 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.

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.

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 arrangement with the Black Flags impossible, and says they must be exterminated.

A story reports the discovery of an immense river hitherto unknown to geographers. It lies within the Arctic circle and in some places is 20 miles wide, and is believed to be nearly 2,000 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 New York, were seized at the Post Office yesterday morning by the Customs House examiner.

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

SKINNEY MEN.—"Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility, \$1. Many forget that the hair and scalp need cleansing as well as the hands and feet. Extensive use of Ayer's Hair Vigor has proven that it is the best cleansing agent for the hair—that it prevents as well as removes dandruff, scalds and soothes the scalp, and stimulates the hair to renewed growth and beauty.

ITCHING PILLS—SYMPTOMS AND CURE.—The symptoms are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, increased by scratching, very distressing, particularly at night, seems as if pin-worms were crawling in and about the rectum; the private parts are sometimes affected. If allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Tetter, Itch, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Barbers' Itch, Blisters, all scaly, crusty Skin Diseases. Sent by mail for 50 cents; 3 boxes, \$1.25, (in stamps). Address, Dr. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists, June 20, 1883.

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats." Clears out rats, mice, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, chipmunks, gophers, 15c. John L. Boutiller, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Lintment cured his daughter of a very severe attack of Diphtheria, after she was pronounced incurable and recommended all to use it should they be afflicted with the same diseases. Feb. 14.

THE BAPTIST BOOK & TRACT SOCIETY have just received a splendid assortment of Sabbath School Library Books including Culin Rock, 50 vols. Selling Cheap. A REMARKABLE FACT.—It is a remarkable fact W. A. Edgers, of Franklinville, 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 time he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels. WELLS' "ROUGH ON CORNS."—Ask for Wells' "Rough on Corns." 15c. Quick complete, permanent cure. Corns, warts, bunions.