

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., February 7, 1883.

MISSIONARY PROGRESS.

The rapid advancement of our missionary operations among the Telugus and the large number of conversions...

The baptisms during the past year have averaged 200 a month, being in excess of those of 1881, and almost equal in number to those of 1880.

It is pleasing to know that, whilst there are but six missionary families on that field, over 400 native laborers are busily engaged in helping forward the great work.

Another pleasing feature of the good work is the "stability and improvement of the converts." The converted heathen is as prone to lapse from his spirituality as the converted Nova Scotian.

The Baptist Book Room is started in Halifax with good prospects. It will of course take some time to make it all that is desirable.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND is just now under considerable excitement in dismissing the public prosecutors appointed under the "Canada Temperance Act."

It used to be the boast of men over their wives, "What is yours is mine and what is mine is my own" but in England since the New Year has come in, it is no longer so.

In the eye of the law, equal to their husbands as regards property rights, and independent of their husbands in their business relations with the outside world.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Bro. Selden, Enclosed please find five dollars, (I wish it were \$100) for Foreign Missions, in response to Bro. John March's appeal.

We learn that Rev. J. F. Kempton has resigned the pastorate of the church in Freeport, to take effect in May or June.

We are glad to learn that Rev. A. E. Ingram, of Westport, who was seriously ill, is recovering.

The Baptists had not been generally known as separate organizations, but the question of the existence of immersion and its being regarded and observed as Christian Baptism is sufficiently settled in many ways.

All Protestants confess that the Church had departed from the truth. The papacy was a thousand years old; prelatry was older still.

The English Church has for centuries had a liturgical form of worship. The liturgies she has used are well known and easily accessible.

THE Princess Louise had a fine passage to Bermuda, and was received with most enthusiastic demonstrations of joy, such as have never before been known in Bermuda.

THE Halifax Morning Herald is owned by a Company. The Directors, elected at the last annual meeting, a short time since dismissed the editor.

THE priestly power which clergymen have been accustomed to exercise in England is receiving such checks as ought to teach them to behave themselves better.

Literary.

THE BAPTIST QUARTERLY REVIEW, Jan., Feb., and March, 1883, has

1. The true story of John Smyth, the Se-Baptist, by Dr. Long.

This is a review of a work by Dr. Dexter making enquiry into the early history of Baptist Churches in England, and their practise of immersion.

2. The subjection of Christ, by Rev. P. S. Moxom. This article is an excellent essay on the essential humanity of Christ as seen in his subordination to the will of the Father.

3. Thomas Aquinas, second article, by the late Rev. R. M. Nott. A notice of the various works he wrote on theology and other subjects.

4. Dr. Sears as a Theological Professor, by Dr. Stearns.

5. Jesus Christ and "the newer School of Criticism," by Dr. Osgood. The object of this article is to show that the teachings of Jesus were in striking contrast with the opinions being put forth by those who assume to belong to "the newer school of criticism" respecting the Divine authority of the Old Testament.

THE MIDWINTER (FEBRUARY) CENTURY, containing the first chapters of Mr. Howells's new story, "A Woman's Reason," is out of print, and a new edition is on the press.

any given time, what was the normal, authorized mode of baptism in England. We have now before us the "Annotated Book of Common Prayer, being a historical, ritual, and theological commentary on the devotional system of the Church of England, edited by John Henry Blunt, M. A., F. S. A., etc.

The baptismal office in the "Salisbury Use" held its place in the English Church four hundred and fifty years.

In 1549 the "Salisbury Use" gives place to the Prayer Book of Edward VI, and now, for the first time the English Church authoritatively recognizes affusion, or pouring, as an alternative mode of baptism.

During the reign of Mary many Englishmen having to flee for their lives, sought refuge in France, Holland, and Switzerland.

There were Baptists in England during the sixteenth century. We now and then read of obscure and hunted congregations of them.

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News of the World.

The Fisheries Exhibition Building has been under inspection and promises to be a great success. Russia has asked for 10,000 feet of space.

On Thursday last the President of the Board of Trade, speaking at a banquet at Swansea said the next session of Parliament will be an interesting, but not an exciting one.

The Times on the money prospects of the year, says that the most uncertain element in conditions affecting the value of money in 1883 is the action of the American Congress in regard to the Tariff and currency legislation.

At the trials going on in Dublin it was said on Friday that on the following day Ranger would positively identify two of the persons recently arrested as men he saw driving from the scene of the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Under-Secretary Burke.

A committee of Irishmen has been formed in London to collect a "Fair trial fund" for the benefit of prisoners charged with conspiracy to murder Government officials now undergoing examination in Dublin.

McCarthy, O'Donnell and Callan, Irish members of Parliament, addressed a meeting held on Monday the 29th to devise means to relieve the distress in Ireland.

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The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh arrived at St. Petersburg on Tuesday last.

On Wednesday an enormous ice floe drove out to sea four steamers which had been icebound in Odessa Roads.

A number of political prisoners at Tomsk, West Siberia, attempted to escape, recently, by a subterranean tunnel.

Prince Bismark is sick.

The German press in Berlin does not evince much interest in the crisis in France, but considers the banishment of the Orleansists as a manoeuvre unworthy of the French Republic.

As a means for the prevention of collisions at sea, Siemens Brothers & Co., recommend the use on steamers of a fog light with a revolving parabolic mirror with power a thousand times greater than that of a lantern.

The Marquis of Lorne visited Washington and New York on his way home from South Carolina. In New York he called on General Grant.

There is great excitement over a report that the State Treasurer, M. Vincent is said to have a deficiency in his accounts of between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

An Avalanche on Tuesday night three miles from Crested Brette, in Colorado, carried away the works of the Howard F. Smith's anthracite coal mines, and also a building containing thirty-eight employes.

Forty bandits captured the town of Ameciation, Pueblo, and are now holding the protect, Justice of the Peace, and Municipal Judge for a ransom.

A fearful oil fire took place in the state of Ohio, on Saturday last. It appears that the waters of Kingsbury Run rose and spread over hundreds of acres of lowland surrounding the Oil Works; the oil ignited and floated to a tank containing 5,000 barrels of crude petroleum, which took fire and exploded.

At Akron in Ohio, it began to rain on Friday and continued till the whole region was flooded. Almost all the factories in that section are submerged.

A great storm prevailed from Friday last to Sunday causing great destruction at Chicago.

A PRAISEWORTHY OBJECT—"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.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

Sleigh Drives have been in order during the past week. The Engine and other Fire Companies have had their "outings" up the road way after day in large sleighs adorned with flags drawn by four in hand teams, with bands of music &c., &c.

Quite a fire occurred on Tuesday last in a shop near the old Masonic Hall. Three shops—W. J. Egan's, Mr. Carr's, and Mrs. Chalmers' tavern were badly damaged.

A bad case of bank robbery occurred last week. The Halifax Banking Company has an agency in the town of Lunenburg.

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