

The Christian Messenger.

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THE ENGLISH BAPTIST UNION.

With the opening of Spring come the English Baptist Anniversaries held in London. Of these that of the Baptist Union has the preference, it being a sort of centre of all the other Baptist organizations.

The Union commenced the session on Monday morning, April 23rd, in the Bloomsbury Chapel. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. Jenkyn Brown, the retiring President, who afterwards addressed a few words before making way for his successor. He said:

It only remains for me to thank you for the great honour which you have conferred on me in asking me to occupy this chair during the past year, to thank you for the sympathy, the forbearance, and the large measure of help which you have furnished to me through the year of office which has just closed, and (what is the happiest thing of all) to introduce to your acceptance and to similar sympathy, co-operation and help, my worthy successor, who will now take my place.

And now, dear Mr. Chown, I earnestly hope that God will give you health and strength and spirit for the work that lies before you during this year, and would hope on behalf of my brethren, as I certainly can on my own behalf, and whatever you may attempt to do you will find us by your side, to stand by you and to help you in that work, and when the year closes I trust that you will be standing in the place in which I am now standing, and be able to welcome as heartily, as joyfully, and as hopefully, your successor, who will take the chair at that time.

Rev. J. P. Chown then took the chair. He said: I can only say in reply to what has just been addressed to you how sincerely I value your invitation and expressions, and will hope, by God's grace, to show in the course of the year how gratefully I appreciate these good wishes and these kindly Christian sympathies. Trusting to your kind sympathy and consideration, to your earnest prayers, and to the Divine strength and blessing, with great humility but with earnest desire to serve all with whom it is my honour to be associated, I accept the office and pray that God may bless us therein.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Chown gave the theme of his address, "CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN," and treated the subject first in the case of the Christian man, and then of the Christian church in which such men are united together.

He first took up the origin of the name Christian and how it had been used. He then spoke on Christ in the man and how that was made manifest, Christ in the church was then shown to be the essential of all true church life and existence. This was the secret of all holiness such as should at all times characterize the church of Christ. From this arose the oneness which belongs to Christ's church, whether in the local church, or in the more extended combinations of the body. Consecration to the Divine glory resulted, and men offer acceptable service and praise. The church then becomes a revelation of God to men, and a blessing to the world. Amongst the blessings flowing from this fact are regard for the young and for the those who are out of the way. The church becomes the centre of evangelizing power. The outcome of this produces active missionary labor at home and abroad. Prayer is heard and answered, sinners are converted, and the evidence is made clear that Christ fulfils his promise, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

The Annual Report of the Union was then read which consisted largely of financial matters. After which the Secretary spoke in reference to the same. The Rev. R. Glover of Bristol was then elected Vice-President—this is preparatory to his becoming the President of the next year.

The Annuity Fund of the body then came before the Union, and a large addition to the fund was made in sums varying from £1,000 down to £100. The Affirmation bill was then discussed and passed upon.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mr. Editor,—Your comments upon my letter require the statement of a few facts. In order that they might be mutually helpful, it was my wish that an intelligent and discerning public would read my remarks in the light of those made in the MESSANGER of the 2nd Inst. If they do so, there is, it appears to me, but one conclusion to reach. Your readers will hardly bring against me the charge of too great severity. I wrote under strong provocation.

Apologies for publishing letters are valuable only when dictated by a proper spirit. We trust those made for me in your comments were the outcome of a healthy and unprejudiced state of mind. I say this because no attempt to warp or unduly influence the minds of your readers should be made by an editor. If he attempts to do this, he can scarcely be said to be working in the interests of truth and righteous decisions. As for myself, I am perfectly willing to abide by what I have written.

One passage in your comments is not clear to me. Did you say Mr. King's letter was copied into the MESSANGER some time previous to the appearance of both letter and the comments made thereupon? This might be gathered from the sentence to which I refer. If you meant the letter appeared in the Herald, but no reply was made to it by me, this is the proper place to say that I did not know of the existence of Mr. King's "Correction," until I saw it in the MESSANGER. Rest assured that this is so. Perhaps the number of those that knew of its existence is not legion.

Some typographical errors were made:—"shrest" should have been sheerst, "calumnator," calumniator. In punctuation the commas substituted for periods, in some cases, well high destroy the connection.

R. V. JONES
We have nothing to add to the above. If our friend the Professor makes any point in it, it is in his climax—the smallest one possible—the comma.

WE were greatly surprised on receiving the St. John, N. B., Christian Visitor on Thursday last to find that Professor Jones had sent a copy of his letter, which appeared in our columns to that paper also, with a few grains of bitterness added,—all pointing to the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER! The N. B. editor of the Visitor, it appears, saw no impropriety in publishing the letter, notwithstanding that we had not objected to its publication in the MESSANGER, and he knew what the "N. S. Ed." of the Visitor had written the previous week. He (the N. B. Editor of the Visitor) probably also knew, as we did, that Professor Jones, while smarting under the criticisms of the "N. S. Ed." of the Visitor wrote what he did to us, instead of charging it to the Visitor, as we remarked, "castigating some one else over our shoulders."

It may not be out of place for us, so as to make the whole matter intelligible to our readers, to copy what the "N. S. Ed." of the Visitor wrote:—"Mr. King's inuendo points to disloyalty on the part of Professor Jones. Perhaps Professor Jones will explain. Our policy is settled. It is not the intention of the denomination to employ Governors or Professors to preach one College doctrine. If men want to do that they must not expect the denomination to give them the standing of a Professorship for a pulpit for preaching heresy of this kind.—N. S. Ed."

The MESSANGER said not a word about disloyalty or heresy. Our friend's rhetoric was therefore wasted. It would be a good exercise some day for him to separate his letter into three parts, first say what part was for the MESSANGER, secondly what for the Visitor, and thirdly what for Mr. King, and we are well assured that ours would be much the smallest share. Having said this we beg to assure Professor Jones of our most sincere regard for him, and respect for the ability with which he has so long labored at Acadia, and—although we have been charged unjustly—of our wish to neither say nor hear anything more about this matter.

Rev. W. H. PORTER has been enjoying a highly interesting occasion in the celebration of the Jubilee of the Queen Street Baptist Church, at St. Catharines, Ont. Mr. P. read an admirable "Jubilee Historic Sketch" which he had prepared, for a copy of which he will please accept our thanks. Rev. Dr. Castle preached two excellent and highly appropriate sermons on the occasion, and several other ministers were present and gave addresses. The whole affair seems to have given great satisfaction.

Rev. W. F. Armstrong will please accept our thanks for "Our Parish Record." It is a model organization, showing the Church Work of the Central Baptist Church, Providence R. I., of which he is the Pastor's Assistant.

The following is one of a number of kind expressions of appreciation of the MESSANGER, received of late. This comes to us with the names of two new subscribers:—

Please send next issue. I hope that many of the friends will be induced to do likewise, so that truth may be scattered far and wide, and the eyes of the blind be opened to see the way into the church of Jesus Christ. I have read with much pleasure during the past year your remarks with others on the subject of baptism, it will all have its effect in due time. Whoso honoreth me I will honor. Truth is mighty and must prevail.

MANY of our readers will deeply sympathize with our brother Rev. J. W. Manning and Mrs. Manning in the loss of their dear child last week. Of him they may feel assured that he is taken away from the evil of this world, and they may say, like David of old "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

We have forwarded to the Clerks of the Churches copies of blanks for letters; as adopted by the Associations last year. If any should fail to receive their copy let them enquire at their Post Office for them, and, if missing, inform us without delay. The items to be given are more numerous than heretofore and should be all filled as nearly as can be, so as to give the statistics as complete and uniform as possible.

A letter just received from Rev. J. E. Hutchinson, at Chicaco, although not written specially for the press, yet contains a few matters which it may be well for some friends to see, showing how much our brethren in the foreign field need, and how highly they appreciate kindly expressions of sympathy:

Dear Brother.—The reading of your letter of Feb. 8th, which came to hand by last mail—was a real pleasure, as great as unexpected. Such letters, if only a little more frequent than angels' visits, are yet of much encouragement to us. Before bidding good bye to his native land the missionary writes, of course, many promises to make, to friends at home. In my case letters were written to all, I think, who received the promise—with the single exception of Dr. Cramp, who died before I had written, much to my sorrow. Out of some eight or a dozen persons who were written to, some two or three only replied. I am speaking now, of course, not of friends from whom we hear as a matter of course, but of those to whom we wrote especially and frequently at a sacrifice of time—of the very persons, indeed, who, one would suppose would reply. Whether we are to estimate their friendship for and interest in the cause and the missionaries, by the thoughts suggested by their silence, I am not prepared to say. Possibly, in many cases it would not be just to do so. Duties nearer home claim attention, and in time our letters are forgotten. But a letter from one to whom we have written, or from a friend to whom we have not written is always very welcome and cheering. I am not sure, indeed, that the latter is not the most welcome and encouraging of the two classes.

Thanks for your appreciative reference to my letters to the MESSANGER. It seems to me that there is too great a distance between people and missionaries, a distance caused not so much by space as by lack of information as to what we are doing. This information, I cannot, of course, undertake to supply concerning any one but ourselves. But surely knowledge of our daily life, of our joys and sorrows (when they come), of hindrances and encouragements in mission work, of the nature of that work, its extent, points of interest, and progress, cannot fail to awaken a deeper and truer sympathy in the hearts of our people. Nor are we selfish in wanting such sympathy. We want it for the work and the cause of God.

One of our great needs—the greatest, I think, here at the station, is a suitable place for worship in the centre of the town. The building on the compound in which we now worship is too remote from the town to attract the Hindus. These people are not, as many seem to think, eager to accept the gospel. They are, as a rule, perfectly indifferent to it. Hence they will rarely, except when subject to a sudden fit of curiosity, go much out of their way to hear preaching. I have never yet seen more than half a dozen Hindus present at any one time in our meetings. As large a number as that is rare. Our present building is suitable for school purposes; but not for preaching if we hope to reach the Hindus by that preaching. And to get at the Hindus is, I think, our main object in preaching, apart from the instruction of the native converts. You may say: "Why not preach in the streets?" So we do. And experience has taught us what it teaches nearly all missionaries—that the freedom of dis-

cussion and the facility for disturbance furnished by the street is not conducive to good results. When I speak of having a chapel, I do not mean that, once in it, we will abandon street preaching. But I believe that with a neat chapel in the public part of the town, a great many Hindus would be drawn into our regular services during the week and on the Sabbath. The advantages are so many and so obvious that I need not state them here. If it be important at home that a church be properly located—where people are in the habit of attending on its services—how much more important is it here where we are compelled to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves in order to induce the Hindus to spend an hour with us.

There is in the town just such a chapel as we want, formerly occupied and now owned by the London Mission. They have abandoned this station for good, I am told. If this be true the building will certainly be offered for sale. That will be our opportunity. The building is of good size and construction, and, most important of all, in a splendid location. It is in the very heart of the town, on a main street, where hundreds of people pass every hour, and where singing could not fail to attract a crowd. It is all ready for use, is furnished with movable seats, and so could be used occasionally for English services. It would need but little repairing, and, best of all, will likely go cheap. If it comes into the market, I propose securing it and paying for it in dependent mission funds by private subscriptions. If this building cannot be got, one must be erected within two years. You will, I am sure, pardon me for writing thus at length on this subject. It is one on which I have been very much exercised of late. I am fully convinced of our need, and the only question is, How shall we best supply it? You may hear from me again on this subject.

I had a long and very pleasant tour in February. It was a most successful one. Much encouragement. Am going to work again with new vigor. Weather is getting very hot, 83° in the shade at the present moment. Punks are beginning to swing again. We are all quite well.

Do not forget us in your supplications at the Throne of grace. Pray that we may baptize many true believers this year.

Mr F. H. BELL, Secretary of Dalhousie Alumni, informs us that the Committee of Management of the Dinner, do not admit that their treatment of the President of Acadia Alumni was a blunder. We had the names of several of the more prominent members of the Alumni mentioned who had so expressed themselves, and were given to understand that it was the general feeling.

Literary.

CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN THEOLOGY, by Prof. Boardman, Curtis and Scott, of Chicago Theological Seminary.

This is the Introductory volume of what is proposed to be a series of books on the progress made in the investigations of our times in the various departments of Theology. It is proposed to follow this with a new volume each year, giving the new views brought forth from time to time on the various subjects connected with Theological Science. The Table of Contents may afford an inkling of what it contains:

- Part First, Exegetical Theology.
 - Chapter I, is on the Relation of Science to the Biblical Record.
 - Chapter II, Critical Prerequisites for Old Testament Exegesis.
 - Chapter III, of the Pentateuch difficulties and controversies.
 - Chapters IV. to VI. treat of the Prophets, Psalms, &c.
 - Chapter VII. treats of the Old Testament Text.
- Part Second, Historic Theology.
- Part Third, Systematic Theology.

It will doubtless become a popular series of books for ministers and others.

PATMOS CATECHISM, on the Book of Revelation, by Rev. Dr. Owen, R. D., rector of Lunenburg, N. S. MacGregor, & Knight, Halifax. pp. 36, price 10 cents.

This is a very concise development of some of the things in the closing book of Holy Scripture. It has some thoughts that may help young people to a better understanding of the symbols and figures used.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for May, 1883, is an exceedingly interesting Number. A new serial novel is begun in this number, entitled a "Castle in Spain"—a story full of droll humor, with a vein of romance running through it. It is profusely illustrated by Abbey. Dr. T. M. Coan's brief article, entitled "Fresh Air in Summer," is timely and suggestive. Mr. George William Curtis in the Editor's Easy Chair, while commending the courage of Dr. Dix's Lenten sermons on the frailties of the fashionable women of to-day, suggests that the evils complained of are due to the unnatural restrictions by which women are denied freedom of choice in the conduct of their lives. The mediaval estimate of women, he holds, leads naturally to the reproduction of mediaval morals and manners.

SCIENCE, a new weekly magazine published by Moses King at Cambridge, Mass., at \$5.00 a year, proposes to be a high class periodical on all scientific subjects.

The scope of Science will be as broad as its name: in every field of inquiry where the Scientific method is adopted, it will hope to enter.

To promote one of its chief objects, and as a distinctive feature of the journal, Science will give its hearty support to those who are endeavoring to introduce the study of the natural and physical sciences into public and private schools. They will give it the carefully written papers on the applications of the principles of mechanics and other branches of physics to all departments of industry and technology.

Practical men will find in Science, carefully written papers on the applications of the principles of mechanics and other branches of physics to all departments of industry and technology.

There was but one, Charlotte Bronte, as there was but one William Shakespeare. She was a genius, whose life and history form one of the most interesting and exciting of stories. No one who has read "Jane Eyre" or perused over the pages of "Villette" could be indifferent to the personal history of the Yorkshire girl who wrote them. Charlotte Bronte's character is not an easy one to understand, because of her genius, her environments, and singular shyness and avoidance of publicity.

The book will be welcomed by all lovers of pure biographical literature who will at once understand the high compliment paid to its authors, when giving a notice of Mrs. Holloway's lecture on Charlotte Bronte, the New York Herald said, "At times there were flights of eloquence that rose to grandeur."

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

The merchants of Halifax are proposing to form a new steamship Company. A preliminary meeting was held on Thursday last. It is intended to run two steamers between Halifax and London direct, specially in the interests of the Province of Nova Scotia. Two first class new vessels carrying each 2,000 tons cargo and with all the latest improvements in hull and machinery. A subsidy of \$25,000 per annum has been voted by the Dominion Government for such a company trading from Halifax and St. John, N. B.

A fire occurred in Dartmouth on Wednesday night by which a house belonging to Mr. Wm. Keeler and for several years occupied by Dr. R. S. Black as a summer residence, was burned to the ground. A little furniture belonging to Dr. Black was in the house and was consumed with it. The loss is over \$1,000. No insurance.

Halifax is to be favored! with a visit from Mrs. Langtry.

The Judges assigned to the various Circuits for the ensuing Spring sittings of the Supreme Court are as follows: Chief Justice Macdonald, Western Shore. Judge Macdonald, Eastern. Judge Weatherbe, Cape Breton. Judge Rigby, Western. Judge Thompson, Midland. Judge Smith will remain in Halifax and attend to chamber business.

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. On one day he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels.

John L. Boutillier, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Lincture 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 disease. Feb. 14.

THAT HUSBAND OF MINE is three times the man he was before he began using "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists.

OUR FISHERIES.—The inland fishery is a little ominous but quite a number of gentlemen go out on Saturday afternoons. It was reported that at Fiddle Lake, Chezzetcook, ten trout caught weighed 42½ lbs., the largest one weighing 34 lbs., an extraordinary weight for a lake trout. Two of the largest will be forwarded to the London Exhibition.

The first shipment of grain from the new elevator in Halifax is to be made this week. The steamship Embleton is to load 750 tons of wheat.

The man Herbert W. Eaton charged with shooting his brother, left Truro on Thursday afternoon. He goes back voluntarily and by that means avoids the necessity of extradition.

When your only and beloved son comes home scarred up as the result of a juvenile fight, apply Kendall's Spavin Cure and the pain will cease and the intellect will be greatly strengthened, and in all probability he will soon be in the White House. Read advertisement.

A PRAISEWORTHY OBJECT.—"None name it but to praise." This is true of that unsurpassed remedy, "Haygard'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.

On Thursday a fire took place on the premises of Mr. W. B. Alley, at Truro including the steam printing office and his dwelling. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a pipe burning in a pipe from the hall stove. The lower part of the building did not ignite, but the hurried removal of the furniture, printing stock, papers, cases of type, and other articles caused a great deal of damage, and will prove a serious loss to Mr. Alley. There is insurance to the amount of about two thousand dollars on the building and stock. Much sympathy is manifested for the loss by the proprietors in his misfortune.

Messrs. Rhodes & Curry have the contract of the new Presbyterian Church at Great Village.

Mr. Gurney, the recently arrived English evangelist, has purchased a farm at Onslow, Colchester Co., and intends to settle there.

The public hall on Portapique Mountain, which was used as a division room for the Sons of Temperance, school house and place of worship for the Baptist denomination, was totally destroyed by fire early on the morning of the 9th inst. The origin of the fire is not known. There was a meeting of the division in the hall the evening before.

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.

FLIES AND BUGS.—Flies, roaches, ants, bed-bugs, rats, mice, gophers, chipmunks, cleared out by "Rough on Rats" 15c.

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

Mr. John Burgoyne, business manager of the Herald, was agreeably surprised on Saturday evening, by the composers presenting him with a very complimentary address, accompanied by a watch chain and seal of appropriate and unique design.

When you meet with an accident get a sprained ankle, or are otherwise injured don't go to the expense of sending for a doctor, but apply Kendall's Spavin Cure and you will experience instant relief.

The enterprising firm of Messrs. Churchill and Sons of Hantsport are building a boiler and machine shop for the purpose of manufacturing steam-boilers.

A new ship called the Fred B. Taylor was successfully launched at Tusket on Wednesday last. Her dimensions are: 27 feet length of keel; 43 feet 3 inches beam; 24 feet 6 inches depth of hold. She is 2,015 tons, carpenter's measurement, and her register tonnage is about 1,904. The Fred B. Taylor is the largest ship owned in Nova Scotia at the present time.

PORT LORNE.—Dear Editor.—I presume you will be pleased to learn that the health of your old friend, George J. Richardson is so much improved that he is able again to teach. I attended his school examination last Monday at Port Lorne, and was much pleased with the correctness and promptness of answers given in Grammar and Analysis, British and Nova Scotia History, Geometry &c. But the advanced reading class merit special notice. Their preparation were such as we do not often hear in our Common Schools.

I learned that his average was over 40 pupils per term. There were nearly 40 spectators; and all the Trustees who spoke expressed themselves well satisfied with the work done. One of them said he "thought they had the right man in the right place."

We hope to live to attend another in the autumn.

SPECTATOR.

May 7th, 1883.

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.

CATARH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging irritation, inflammation, all Kidney and Urinary Complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." \$1.

By land or by sea, out on the prairie, or in the crowded city, Ayer's Cathartic Pills are best for purgative purposes, everywhere alike convenient, efficacious and safe. For sluggish bowels, torpid liver, indigestion, bad breath, flatulency, and sick headache, they are a sure remedy.

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

Dominion of Canada.

The House of Commons has been occupied largely with the Supplies, each item calling forth discussion from those interested in the particular matter for which the grant is made; especially in this case, with railways in various parts of the Dominion. We learn by telegram on Monday of last week that a petition and letter dated the 18th of April and presented to the Governor-General, has been distributed among members and pressmen by the Great American and European Short Line Railway, in regard to the completion of its air line from Montreal to Louisburg. The object of the petition is the formation and construction of a national trunk air line under one management from the termini of Canadian systems at Montreal