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#### Humility.

What is humility of mind? Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self. It is no humility for a man to think less of himself than he ought, though it might rather puzzle him to do Some persons, when they know they can do a thing, tell you they cannot: but you surely would not call that some good work: "No," he says, "I have no ability:" yet, if you any of its present readers. were to say so of him, he would be you think the man does not know it? forth for the past forty six years. If a man has ten talents, he has no and to say, 'Lord, thou hast only given me five." It is not humility to underrate your endowments; humility is to think of yourself, if you can, as God thinks of you. It is to feel that if we have talents, God has given them to us, and let it be seen that, like freight in a vessel, they tend to sink us low. The more we have, the lower we ought to lie. Humility is not to say, " I have not this gift;" but it is to say, "I have then as there are now who shrunk not the gift and I must use it for my Master's glory. I must never seek any honor for myself; for what have I that one it has borne, and so faithfully sus-I have not received?" Humility is to feel that we have no power of ourselves but that it all cometh from God. . Humility is to lean on our Beloved, saying, "I can do all things through Christ

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### The Lord's Jewels.

to annihilate self, and to exalt the Lord

Jesus Christ as All in All .- Spurgeon.

Goldsmiths make exquisite forms from precious material; they fashion the bracelet and the ring from gold. God maketh His precious things out of base material; and from the black pebbles of the defiling brooks He hath taken up stones, which He hath set in the golden ring of His immutable love, to make them gems to sparkle on His finger forever.—Spurgeon.

#### The Refiner's Fire.

There is not an ingot of silver in heaven's treasury, which has not been in the furnace on earth, and been purified seven times; there is not a gem which the Divine Jeweller has not exposed to every sort of test; there is not an atom of gold in the Redeemer's crown which has not been molten among the hottest coals, so as to rid it of its alloy. It is universal to every child of God. If you are a servant of the Lord, you must be tried "as gold is tried."-Spurgeon.

above, and from the earth beneath, and takes as far as possible. they must never interrupt the drawing. There must be a dependence that is perpetual -never interrupted. The noment the cedar of Lebanon felt that t was so strong that it could do withut the air, the rain, the sun and the oil—that it could live upon its own by mistake had not been put through erty, yet of these nine the one contriower and glory—it would soon cease the presso be full of sap .- W. Arthur.

## Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. Mr. Editor,-

With the first number of the Christian Messenger for 1883 in hand, I sat musing over its contents, my thoughts very naturally went back to its earliest humility? A man is asked to take history. I concluded I knew more of its first entrance into existence than

I remember well the first issue of the offended at you. It is not humility for paper in Jan. 7, 1837, I read that numa man to stand up and depreciate him- ber, (as did many others who waited self, and say he cannot do this, that, or | for its appearance) with great interest, the other, when he knows that it is un- and have read with but very few extrue. It God gives a man a talent, do ceptions each number as it has come

Few at the present time are prepared right to be dishonest to his Maker, to estimate the difficulty to be surmounted at the period referred to in bringing out a religious paper.

> It was the first religious periodical in the Province. There was no press at command of the denomination to print it, and no persons at all familiar with editorial work and management to bring it forth.

> But difficulties had to be overcome and there were men in the Baptist body when duty was set before them.

> From the dozen names suggested the tained, was selected.

Two editors were found to work as such, harmoniously, intelligently and perseveringly. Two such men as J. W. Nutting, and John Ferguson, are who strengtheneth me." It is, in fact, seldom found working together, year after year, without fee or reward other than that derived from the consciousness of doing a profitable work for a denomination whose confidence they maintained to the end of their days. A printer was found after a good deal of negotiation, as all those who owned a press-and these were but moderately provided hand presses-had a weekly paper to bring out, and this was considered quite a work for one office. But Hon. Jos. Howe by adding a few hands to his office staff, printed the paper for a few years, till a press was bought for its own use, and it has continued since that time to be published at its own office, and free from the supervision of those who had no interest in its welfare or in the denomination it represented.

> The price was fixed at three dollars postage, this, at that time, was not considered an excessive price. With its increased size, let no one think two dollars at the present time an unreason- School assisted by its generous Super-

The getting up the first list of subscribers was no trifling matter. The writer was asked to become General Agent. He declined, as his own business required his undivided attention. One of the editors said, Oh, it will give no Mechanical fulness is one thing, vital trouble, and take little or no time, it is fulness is another. Fill a pitcher with merely to have money and subscriptions milk this evening, and to-morrow morn- sent to your office. How little he knew ing the pitcher will be full. Fill a babe and how little I knew then of the quite full with milk this morning, and trouble, care and time required to form before to-morrow morning the babe lists of subscribers, to have them will want more. All vital fulness de- arranged for places and persons over mands a constant supply. The trees three provinces, of whose names we had of the Lord are full of sap, not sap never heard before, these had to be enough only for the roots and the gone over week by week, as we found trunk, but for the bark, the twig, the how erroneous the directions in the first 1881. (What about the Year Book branch, and the topmost bud or leaf. instances had been. The writer spent for 1882? Is it likely to appear be-So with us. The trees of the Lord are many a weary evening in attending to fore the time of the next Convention?) full of sap, but to be full of sap, they this matter, corresponding with disapmust draw every day from the heaven pointed subscribers and rectifying mis- ground for boasting, yet they speak

the paper falling short, the number of that of many larger churches which each week was given the printer, but have not done so much. Between when letters came asking why papers | Wolfville and Annapolis there are nine were not sent it was found out when other churches with a larger membertoo late that a quire or half quire ship and possibly larger taxable prop-

A very great difficulty was in the in- 1881 gave less than half the sum contri-

New Brunswick, Cape Breton and churches. P. E. Island, frequently two or three

in the Province. I could enumerate a and in the second place, no proper great many incidents connected with system has been adopted for gathering its early history and early struggles up their contributions. Is it any wonwhich I must omit as my article is der that big churches make a poor already long.

the beginning.

It is also a pleasing reflection, that the paper has lived and grown, both in size and influence during all these forty-six years ; its present patrons predict for it a more happy and prosperous course with a much large circulation in the future than it ever enjoyed in the past.

J. W. B. Jany. 1881.

For the Christian Messenger. From Wolfville.

Church Finance.

expenditures in the year ending Dec

	31st, 1882.	
	Pastor's Salary\$800 Supply of Pulpit during illness	
	of Pastor—9 months 450	00
	Sexton's Salary, oil, wood &c 152	75
	Insurance on Meeting House 20	00
	" Organ 6	00
	" Parsonage 6	00
	Expenses on Fence &c	05
	Convention Fund 470	94
CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	Total\$1917	74

This total, it should be remarked, in exclusive of moneys raised by the Women' Mission Aid Society and contributed by private individuals to other benevolent objects. These, if included, would swell the total to considerably and fifty cents, fifty cents going to pay over \$2.000. Of the amount put down to the Convention Fund, \$100 was raised by the Sunday-School, or, perhaps I should say, by the Sundayintendent, J. W. Barss, Esq., who is accustomed to add an equal sum to the amount contributed by the scholars. In this school every class has its mission box, and the amounts raised by the several classes in this way are reported monthly. In every Sunday School the children should be trained in the love and practice of Christian beneficence, for it is a virtue much easier learned then than in after years.

After deducting from the \$470.94 the \$100 raised by the Sunday School, there is yet left for the Convention Fund more than one dollar per member for the church, taking the membership as given in the Year Book of

The above figures furnish indeed no well for the church, considering that A difficulty occurred pretty often by its financial ability is really less than buting most to the Convention Fund in advantages offered at Acadia.

frequency of the mails. Once a week buted by the Wolfville church. Indeed, was all that went East, twice a week as to one of these churches, though with West, frequently two or three days a reported membership of nearly 500, elapsed after publishing, before the its name does not appear in the despatch was made from the city in list of Convention Fund-contributing

This failure of the churches to do for weeks occurred in winter, before the the benevolent objects of the denomipaper reached its destination. The nation what they might and ought to frequency of mails is so great now do is doubtless largely traceable to two that few persons can conceive the causes: in the first place, many of difference that existed at the time re- their members have formed a very low estimate of Christ's claims upon them, As I remarked at the beginning, this in other words, they have been only ney, and W. L. Parker. was the pioneer religious paper put out half redeemed from their selfishness; figure in the Year Book when the great It is satisfactory to know that whilst work of Christian benevolence is left the early patrons of the Messenger have almost entirely to look after itself? Missionary. in a great measure passed away, still How long would some people keep there are some names on your list of from bankruptcy if they gave as little subscribers, which have been there from attention to their own business as they do to the Lord's?

The question of church finance includes in a certain sense that of

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

On this point the Wolfvile church cannot be said to have exceeded its duty, if indeed it has come up to it. The salary offered the pastor is only ing since, when the Financial Secretary | donation visit. But if the minister in | Fund. of the church reported the following | Wolfville needs at least \$1000, besides parsonage and donations in order to live in any kind of comfort, what al most bitter self-denial must be practhis sum? Just think of a church numbering 400 members offering their minister, and he a thoroughly good man, a good preacher and pastor, and an indetatigable worker, a salary of \$450, and a donation, and intimating to him will be obliged to let him go! Surely do all they can to aid in the work. this is worse treatment than muzzling the ox that treads out the corn. Is it Hebron, Yarmouth Co., N. S., any wonder that our young men are drifting to the States when such insufficient salaries are offered by large and wealthy churces at home?

The attendance at

THE LADIES' SEMINARY

promises to be very large this term, Every room will be occupied, When those arrive who are expected there will be nearly sixty boarders in the building. And the school is worthy of a still wider patronage. I believe it is second to none of the kind in the Dominion. How astonishing that parents with such splended educational advantages near at home, should yet send their daughters to the Catholic Nunnery in Halifax, and these parents Protestant and even Baptist too! There is not wanting proof that the teaching in these nunneries is not as thorough as in many of our Protestant schools. But this is the smallest reason why Protestants should not patronize The greater reason is found in their silent but real tendency to undermine the faith of the Protestant pupil in a genuine New Testament Christia poor value on that Christianity or know but little of the sacrifice and blood which its defence has cost to send their daughters to such places,

Work has commenced in earnest in THE COLLEGE.

The number of students has been increased by an accession of two from Dalhousie, I know not for what reason unless it be the superior educational

CHAZAYA.

For the Christian Messenger. Home Missions.

The January meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on the 8th, in the vestry of the First Baptist Church, Yarmouth.

Treasurer reported receipts of the month, \$221.78.

REPORTS RECEIVED.

From Brethren Lavers, Woodland, Foster, Goudy, Henderson, Knight, Spurr, Bishop, S. Smith, W. J. Bleak-

GRANTS.

1. To the Emyvale field, P. E. I., \$75.00 for the current year. Bro. W S. Fillmore, Missionary.

2. To the Northam field, P. E. I., at the rate of \$150,00 for balance of chases, but when the river opens every current year. Rev. E. N. Archibald.

3. To the Annapolis field, N. S. £60 00 for the current year. Rev. G E. Good, pastor.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS.

Rev. G. H. Goudy writes :- Wo have started a fine meeting house at Jordan River. Shall also attempt to build one at Jordan Bay, where it is much needed. With the exception of one station the field is hopeful.

Rev. C. Henderson, on the Tobique \$800, exclusive of parsonage, which is field, Victoria Co., N. B. writes: Our too small a sum considering the cost little churches are doing better than of living in Wolfville. But this much they have in the past. Forest Glen deserves to be said for the Wolfville has made a commencement at building church; they pay the salary they pro- a meeting house, and with God's help mise. They do not promise \$800, and it will be done. Birch Ridge has a then pay only \$700, which is but ask- school house now ready to hold our ing the minister to meet the deficiencies | Sunday School and meetings in. We of his people by paying \$100 out of are keeping two schools running, and The annual business meeting of the his own pocket. Nor do they purpose expect to organize another next month. Wolfville church was held a few even- to meet deficiency of salary with a We will do what we can for Convention.

Rev. W. L. Parker, Digby County, writes: The Church at Smith Cove has concluded to build a Meeting House. Thinks it impossible to continue the in the States produce equally as good ticed by many of our ministers who do Sunday Schools through the winter. (In in their own country?) Our esteemed will prove).

Another Brother writes: "Special services not attended by professors of religion generally." The Board are surprised at this as we suppose that when churches ask us to aid them in that if he cannot take this sum they supporting their pastor they mean to

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y. Jan. 10th, 1883.

> For the Christian Messenger. From New Brunswick.

JOHNSTON, QUEENS Co., N. B., Jan. 12th, 1883.

DEAR SIR .- A few words from Queens County, N. B. might interest your readers. This county is made up of Baptist, Methodist and Church of England people, each labouring in their own sphere to advance the interest of God's cause. As far as additions to the Baptist Churches there has not been much as yet. The seed sown in weakness will in God's own time bring forth fruit to His honor. The Rev. Mr. Higgins, pastor of the Cumberland Bay Baptist Church, has been blessed in his work. There has been an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and many have been added to the church such as we trust will be saved. Other churches have also been blessed.

The Rev. D. P. Harris is about taking charge of the churches of Thorntown and New Canaan.

At this season of the year times are very dull. Queens County is not traversed by railroads. The British American Book and Tract Society have Mr. Amos P. Wilson laboring as a Colporture in this county, I think him the right man in the right place. He is visiting the families, distributing tracts and selling books, as far as he can, also conversing with the people on things per-

taining to their souls' eternal welfare. Eternity alone will reveal the good that Bro. Wilson will do to the people in Queens and Sunbury if he works at the business for a year or two. It may

not be a financial benefit to the Society at present, as in the winter money is scarce, it is difficult to travel, and there are no Sabbath Schools open to require libraries, but the Colporteur is denouncing the closing of schools in Winter.

I think that society does wrong in not keeping on a man in a county for years. After a man has been in the business for a year he can do more good, make more sales, and also collect more for the Society. In Queens at this season it is simply impossible for the people to give much or make large purone has money. It is a pity that we as Baptists have not a system of Colportage to carry on the work of distributing Baptist books. I believe we should take hold of the British and American Tract Society, till we do. I believe that Bro. Wilson is doing more good than any clergyman in the county, and I see no book that he is selling that is not suited for any Baptist family, being clearly undenominational. I hope that the good work may go on, and many may be brought to bow to the claims of

For the Christian Messenger. Our Countries Industries and our Governor.

Dear Editor,-

His Honor Lieut. Governor A. G. Archibald visited the Gates' Organ and Piano factory to-day, inspected the works on the four floors occupied, expressed surprise and pleasure at the highly polished and fine toned instrument before him-(Why surprised?we pause to enquire. Cannot the men who learn and lead in such works this he is mistaken as a faithful trial Nova Scotia leader (of whom the country should be proud) takes a deep interest in our industries, as evidenced by his public addresses, &c. He has encouraged the promoters by becoming a shareholder in the company.

OUR FUTURE.

Nova Scotia by its favorable situation, its cheap and abundant coal and iron, its winter port, its rich exhaustless Fisheries, its rich gold mines, its shipbuilding and lumbering facilities, its excellent fruit &c. must advance, and ought to become the manufacturing centre. Why send our wealth, gained through our natural channels, go abroad to build up manufacturing towns when tens of thousands of our best young men and women could be provided with comfortable homes in Nova Scotia.

Is not surprising that such goods as Truro hats, must be first sent abroad, then come back to our dough-head dealers at higher rates and the wearer pay the extra-all because such dealers will not encourage home work.

Will our people ever get their eyes open to see where they are? XEYE.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mr. Editor,-

With your permission, I wish through the Christian Messenger, to correct a mistake which appears on the 62nd page of The Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Associated Alumni of Acadia College. My son, James F. Morton was Principal of the New London Literary and Scientific Institute, but left that position in the summer of 1878, and has since that time, had charge of Leland University, New Orleans, La., one year. He is at present Professor of Biblical Interpretation New Testament, at the Newton Theological Institution, Mass., U. S.

R. S. MORTON. Millville, Jan. 19, 1883.