

Associational Documents.

The following Reports of Committees were adopted by the N. S. Eastern Association...

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Denominational Literature beg leave to report that while great good has been done by the religious press...

D. A. STEELE, Chairman.

MISSIONS.

Your Committee report: Mission work is the special work of the church. The burden has laid upon the followers of Christ to communicate the glad news to all men.

We most heartily recommend an enlarged circulation of that time-honored pillar of our denomination, the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

Your Committee reiterate with emphasis the suggestion of the Committee of 1882 concerning the distribution of tracts, teaching in a simple and forcible manner our doctrines as they are taught in the Divine Word.

For the Committee.

H. EAGLES, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

No one can estimate the indebtedness of the Baptists in the Lower Provinces to the institutions of learning under their control. A good deal has been said and written on this subject, but the half has never been told.

Fifty years ago it would have been simply impossible for the Baptists to claim to educate men as ministers, editors, professors in universities, members of parliament, and superintendents of education.

Now, this good thing is our joy and pride. Every true Baptist feels that Acadia College is his College. From these schools we expect our teachers, our missionaries, our leaders in all departments.

As our people have always sustained these institutions it is unnecessary to point out their duty in this respect, further than to recommend that they be increasingly mindful of this mother-interest.

are plenty of means to do this. Our God is blessing us with a decided increase of material wealth, and if all our Baptist people will do their share, if, as they leave for the next world, they will remember these schools in their wills, we need not be overshadowed by any similar institution.

Our Home Mission work has its urgent needs, and claims the earnest consideration of our people. The work is being prosecuted by our Board in a most faithful and efficient manner.

We need not enlarge upon the claims of the foreign field. We have three mission families in India, Churchill and wife, Hutchinson and wife, and the third necessarily sundered—sister Sanford seeking health in her native land, while her husband heroically holds the fort—and, in addition, sister Hammond, sustained at Bimlipatam by the W. M. A. Societies, and Bro. Archibald, who has recently gone forth, and who has already entered upon the work of his choice.

And here it should be noted that already the expenses of the mission are largely beyond the receipts of the Board from the Convention Fund and the W. M. A. Societies, and that either the Convention Fund must be largely increased, or the proportion for Foreign Missions must be largely increased, or the Board must be allowed freedom of action to secure, according to its own plans, the necessary funds.

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Respectfully submitted,

M. P. FREEMAN, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report that they are aware the cause of Temperance is not in so desirable a condition as many would wish, yet they notice with pleasure the onward progress of the work in many parts of the world.

of the most intelligent men and women in all parts of Christendom. We would, therefore, urge all sound temperance workers to watch and wait and pray that our sentiments may become more wide spread, and take a deeper hold on the minds of the masses.

The attention of the railway men in authority is being called to this important work, and dismissions are the order of the day of those who indulge in strong drink, and who thereby endanger the lives of the people, who are too often at the mercy of a drinking engineer or incompetent car inspector.

GEO. F. MILES, Chairman.

The Christian Messenger.

Bible Lessons for 1883.

THIRD QUARTER.

Lesson VI.—AUGUST 5, 1883.

THE CITIES OF REFUGE.

Joshua xx. 1-9.

COMMIT TO MEMORY: Vs. 1-3.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."—Heb. vi. 18.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

- M. The Lesson, Josh., ch. 20. T. Submission of Gibeon, Josh., ch. 9. W. Battle of Beth-horon, Josh. x. 1-14. T. Conquest of Southern Palestine, Josh. x. 15-34. F. Battle of Merom and Conquest of Northern Palestine, Josh., ch. 11. S. The Land Divided, Josh. xiii. 1-14; ch. 14. Fleeing for Refuge, Heb. vi. 9-20.

CITIES OF REFUGE IN ISRAEL.

LESSON OUTLINE.—I. Commanded, Vs. 1-6. II. Appointed, Vs. 7-9.

QUESTIONS.—How much time occupied in the conquest of Canaan? Where was the tabernacle located?

Vs. 1-6.—What had the Lord commanded by Moses? What did he command Joshua? What punishment has God appointed for murder?

Vs. 7-9.—What cities were appointed? What special character had these cities? Who had previously named three of them? What penalty have we incurred by sin?

Give Scripture proofs that murderers ought to put to death. Find Scripture examples of great sinners saved by grace.

After the Reading of the Law at Shechem, as seen in the last Lesson, Joshua resumed the work of conquest, his course being marked by continuous victory.

NOTES.—Vs. 1.—The Lord spake unto Joshua. As he had before spoken to Moses upon the same subject. See Num. xxxv. 9-34.

SUGGESTED LESSONS.—The points of analogy between these cities and Christ as the sinner's refuge are readily seen. They were divinely appointed and set apart for this sacred purpose.

ATTEND UNTO ME.—Psa. lv. 2. ANSWERS TO CURIOUS QUESTIONS. No. 83. Love. No. 84. David. No. 85. Noah in the Ark.

homicide accidentally is given in Deut. xix. 5. The manslayer was to flee to the nearest city of refuge. Failing to do this, the avenger of blood might seize and slay him.

Vs. 4-6.—And when he that doth flee. Not only the guiltless or unintentional manslayer might flee to the city, but sometimes the guilty murderer would do so also.

Vs. 7, 8.—They appointed. Or consecrated. These cities had a sacred character, both as a merciful provision for that day, and also, as setting forth Christ as the sinner's refuge.

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They were, sometimes, hours of travel away from the fugitive; Christ is always nigh. They gave restraint; Christ gives freedom.

Help for Parents, or for the Teacher of the Primary Class.

To make this Lesson really clear and profitable to the very little people will not be easy without careful study, and clear views on the part of the teacher.

Give resemblances of these Cities of Refuge to our refuge from sin, which is Jesus Christ. Show that SIN was the occasion of all this provision for murderers.

Youths' Department.

Original and Selected.

Bible Enigma.

No. 233.

AN ANGELIC ENIGMA.

Find in the initials of the following, the name given to the angel who is spoken of by Daniel as a prince:

- 1. The maiden whom an angel called "blessed among women." 2. That which an angel offered to God with the prayers of saints. 3. The angels that kept the garden of Eden. 4. The woman whose son was saved from dying of thirst by an angel. 5. The man who entertained three angels. 6. The land to which an angel told Joseph to take Jesus. 7. The beggar who was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom.

CURIOUS QUESTIONS.

No. 89. Questions on Bible facts. 1. What woman let a king down through a window in the night?

- 2. Who was David's grandfather's nurse? 3. Who brought a glass of water to a general in time of war? 4. What man went into a pit during a snow storm and killed a lion? 5. Where is it said that boys and girls shall be playing in the streets? 6. What army general was killed by a pin in the hands of a woman? 7. What king went up a mountain barefoot and weeping? No. 90. Form a triangle of words.

- 1. One-third of one. 2. That thing. 3. Twice five. 4. To assert. 5. Cut asunder. 6. The name of a mountain of Palestine.

- 7. A man's name. 91. A flock of birds. 1. A child's plaything. 2. What we all do at every meal. 3. Nothing, twice yourself, and fifty. 4. What we should always be ready to do to persons fighting, and the top of a house.

- 5. A celebrated English architect. 6. Three-eighths of a monthly publication and a baked dish. 7. A cheated person. 8. A country of Asia and Europe. 9. Spoil half a score. 10. To cut off, and a vowel. 11. An instrument of diversion for men and boys.

Find answers to the above—write them down—and see how they agree with the answers to be given next week.

Answer to Bible Enigma.

No. 232.

- 1. A hiah.....1 Sam. xiv. 3. 2. T eraphim.....Jud. xviii. 18. 3. T abret.....1 Sam. xviii. 6. 4. E nshakore.....Jud. xv. 19. 5. N athan.....2 Sam. xii. 7. 6. D en.....Dan. vi. 4-7. 7. U zia.....1 Chron. xv. 10. 8. N aptali.....Deut. xxxiii. 23. 9. T ree.....Ex. xv. 25. 10. O mer.....Ex. xvi. 16-18. 11. M eribah.....Ex. xvii. 7. 12. E ster.....Esth. ii. 7.

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- ANSWERS TO CURIOUS QUESTIONS. No. 83. Love. No. 84. David. No. 85. Noah in the Ark. No. 86. Dinah, Nora, Ann, Peter, Alfred. No. 87. Pantheon, Skylight. No. 88. The letter O.

Every Inch a Man.

He went up the pathway singing; I saw the woman's eyes Grow bright with a wordless welcome, As sunshine warms the skies.

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