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News from the Churches.

NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.—Rev. A. H. Lavers writes, Sept. 3rd: "I had the pleasure of receiving three into the fellowship of the West River Church recently, and I baptized a very worthy sister at Clyde River, on the same day."

SUSSEX, N. B.—Rev. Sydney Weston administered the ordinance of Christian Baptism last Sabbath to one candidate, five others have been recently received by letter, making an addition of six. The outlook is very encouraging, and the church is hopeful.

For One Month.

In addition to our numerous and intelligent readers, we believe there are **TEN THOUSAND FAMILIES** in Nova Scotia and elsewhere, who need the weekly visits of

The Christian Messenger.

We know of nothing that would do us as much good. We respectfully invite our friends to aid us in finding them out, and sending it to them.

For HALF-A-DOLLAR we will send the MESSENGER every week till January 1st, 1884. We would be glad also to send them

A GOOD HORSE,

but as we cannot do that, we will send them also by mail, free of postage, the best book on the Horse—

DR. KENDALL'S TREATISE ON THE HORSE AND ITS DISEASES.

Any person—

LADY OR GENTLEMAN,

who can spend a few hours a day, may do much good, and at the same time make a little money for expenses by finding out such families, and shewing them the advantages of having

A Good Christian Newspaper sent to them every week.

Send us on the names and addresses of five New Subscribers with Two Dollars, and we will send the paper and the book,

FIVE FOR THE PRICE OF FOUR.

Every member of a Baptist Church ought to know what is being done by their own denomination. As the three Associations of this province have decided not to print the Minutes, and the Convention will charge 10 cents a copy for the Year Book, there is greater necessity than ever that members of churches should

Get The Christian Messenger

which gives good reports of what is done by these bodies in their Annual Sessions. The Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board promises to send us copies of

LETTERS FROM THE MISSIONARIES

for publication in the MESSENGER more frequently than has been done in the past. We expect, and intend to make the MESSENGER better, if possible, than it has ever been.

If you would see your own family intelligent well instructed Christians, subscribe for the MESSENGER.

If you would have your neighbours temperate, happy and prosperous, get them to become subscribers to, and regular readers of the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

If you would help the Christian work of your own church, and of the body generally, subscribe to the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, and get others to do the same.

This offer will continue for **ONE MONTH.**

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.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Correction.

My dear Brother,—

Pardon me if I call your attention to a paragraph in your last week's report of Convention, which, I fear, will leave an unjust impression upon the minds of those who were not present.

In referring to the discussion upon the report of the Finance Committee, you appear to intimate that the method in which the New Brunswick statement was made up was in some way incorrect, or not in line with the wishes of the body; whereas the report was correct in every particular, was presented in the exact form required by Convention, and was in close accordance with the directions given to the Committee by the Convention which met at Hillsboro' three years ago. The statement for Nova Scotia was the same as to totals, but the Chairman of Committee had not found the necessary time to give the churches in detail credit for the amounts paid by them or by individual members directly to the Treasurers of the several Boards.

The few brethren who spoke on the report expressed a wish that the statements for the two provinces should be made up alike, in detail as in final totals, but no disposition was shown on the part of Convention to change the method on which the New Brunswick statement was made up—the only method, so far as I know, by which the full contributions of our churches and people to the benevolent objects of Convention can be correctly presented.

Again asking pardon for occupying your time and space with a matter trivial in itself, although of personal importance, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. MARCH,
Fin. Com. for New Brunswick.
Saint John, N. B., Sept. 10, 1883.

[Our brother will please accept our thanks for his correction of any inaccuracies in our report. The discussion was quite warm, and at the close it was understood that, in future, the reports should be made in the three Provinces on a uniform plan.—Ed. C. M.]

For the Christian Messenger.

Convention Scheme, &c.

The Baptist denomination are becoming more and more interested in this plan to meet the requirements of the different Boards, viz.: to raise at least \$1.00 per member.

Missions.

Let our people generally be made acquainted with the efforts being put forth at home and abroad and the needs required, at least once each month in a missionary prayer meeting, and special reference made once each month on the Sabbath Day, and collections taken at the close of such services, and the result will surprise the friends.

Our people are willing and amply able to supply all the requisite funds, when the matter is squarely placed before them. In this way our young people and others will become familiar with the various benevolent objects of the denomination.

W. J. G.

For the Christian Messenger.

An Agricultural College for Nova Scotia.

Dear Editor,—

Some of the Patrons of Husbandry, (Grangers), had a picnic yesterday in the Exhibition Building, near Kentville. Professor MacGregor, of Dalhousie College, by invitation, was present, and made a very interesting address on subjects connected with Technical Education. It was well fitted for the occasion. He showed the necessity which exists for agricultural education to enable agriculturists to succeed in their calling, and to compete with other countries. He seemed to take rather a sombre view of the collegiate education in Nova Scotia, as it has been and is now.

One of the speakers who followed, remarked that he agreed with the professor as to the need of an Agricultural College, but he saw no necessity of depreciating what has been done in order to establish such an institution. Christian

men and women had given their money to found Christian Colleges and schools, and the very best foundation had been laid to go on and establish professional schools. They had adopted the right order, and sought first the kingdom and righteousness of God, and now they were in the very best position to secure the all things needed. He thought the Agricultural College should be in Kings County; that money should be raised to establish it in connection with Acadia College; and that the learned professor from Dalhousie should be brought there and placed at the head of it. He thought, too, that farmers' sons who could do so, should be encouraged to study Latin and Greek to facilitate their study of farming, and the different sciences connected therewith. It was a pleasant affair. A number of persons spoke. It is contemplated to have these gatherings annually for the benefit of the farmers and their families.

Yours, &c.,
A GRANGER.

Cornwallis, Sept. 14th, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger.

Horton Academy and Acadia Seminary.

The work of the year in these institutions has been entered upon with vigor. Thus far an excellent class of students is in attendance. It is a pleasure to visit the Academy Boarding House during study-hours and witness the quiet diligence exhibited by the young men in the preparation of their lessons. The teaching given in this Institution is first-class, and we trust that a large number of our ambitious young men in different parts of the Province will during the coming winter avail themselves of the advantages this school affords.

ACADIA SEMINARY

is deservedly popular. The Baptists of these Provinces have reason to congratulate themselves upon having secured a staff of teachers so thoroughly equipped for their work as those to whom is entrusted the mental and moral training of the young ladies of Acadia Seminary. To fill the position vacated by Mrs. Armstrong, the Committee have secured the services of her sister Madame Cornu. They have confidence, therefore, that the department of modern languages which has been so well cared for by the thoroughly competent lady who has just relinquished the work, will be no less efficient in the hands of her accomplished successor. We have no hesitation, considering the educational advantages offered at Wolfville, in warmly recommending the young people of Nova Scotia, of both sexes who are desirous of making their way in the world, to spend the coming winter months in attending the classes at Acadia Seminary and Horton Academy.

Com.

CENTRAL AFRICA.—Every friend of Christian Missions will be interested in reading the following concerning the Mission to Central Africa recently established by our brethren in England:

Mr. T. J. Comber, writing from Liverpool Station, Stanley Pool, says: "Unless we are to stand still we must have some very soon. Not alone because we have lost one of our brethren, and need his place filled, but because the Peace* is out, and we do not want it to be a 'folly,' or a toy, or a workshop for amateur engineering. We are at last at the entrance to 1,000 miles of reach of river, whose banks swarm with men, women, and children, living in great towns. Our enterprise will be one of the mistakes of the age if we finish here, and we really cannot go forward without more men. In all, we number ten, but can only count nine, as Mr. Grenfell must always be in immediate attendance on the Peace. Our nine further reduces itself to eight, seeing that it is quite sure that at least one of our number will always be in England to recruit. Will any of our friends in England

suggest that, in this recently discovered and uncivilized country, we should be placed less than two at a station? If not, we are now at least too short for our present stations and this, leaving out the possibility at any time of one of us falling at his post. As to further stations beyond on the 1,000 miles of water-way before us, there is room, of course, to plant twenty stations and locate forty men. We may hope, however, that within six months after the launching of the Peace we shall be able to form two stations at distances apart of 100 to 200 miles. But, of course, if we have not seven more men to occupy the stations we cannot establish them. It comes to this—we must either have the men or else the Congo Mission will fail, and you had better recall us all and send us to some place along the coast, to India or to China, and sell the Peace to the highest bidder, returning Mr. Arthington's money. But this is, of course, not your intention: everything bids us go forward; our path was never so clear, and grievous and heavy would be your responsibility if, the door being so wide open, you did not enter it."

*The mission steamboat recently built and sent to Central Africa in pieces.

News of the World.

It is said that a younger son of the Duke of Argyll wished to marry an untitled lady, and asked his father's consent. The Duke replied that personally he had no objection to the match, but, in view of the fact that his eldest son had espoused a daughter of the Queen, he thought it right to take Her Majesty's pleasure on the subject before expressing his formal approval. Her Majesty, thus appealed to, observed that since the death of the Prince Consort she had been in the habit of consulting the Duke of Saxe Coburg on all family affairs. The matter was, therefore, referred to Duke Ernest, who replied, that since the unification of Germany he had made it a rule to ask for the Emperor's opinion on all important questions. The case now came before the Kaiser, who decided that, as a constitutional sovereign, he was bound to ascertain the views of his prime minister. Happily for the now anxious pair of lovers, the "Iron Chancellor" had no wish to consult anybody, and decided that the marriage might take place.

Hon. Mr. Labouchere objects to the pension of £250 awarded to Matthew Arnold, because he is a Government employe with a salary of £700 per year.

Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Tennyson and party are taking an extended cruise off the West coast of Scotland. The nine men charged with being connected with the attempts made at Glasgow last January to destroy property with dynamite have been committed for trial.

It is said that the Government has decided to form the nucleus of the New Egyptian police from the Irish constabulary. Eight officers and a number of constables will be asked to volunteer.

A despatch from Paris says: M. Herrison, Minister of Commerce, has commissioned M. Lomdelet, Vice-President of the National Union of Commercial Industry, to go to the United States to study American manufactures and report whether the improved methods may not be borrowed by France, with a view to the counteraction of the formidable competition of American with French products throughout the world.

Owing to an article printed in a Spanish newspaper and signed by a member of the Spanish Cabinet, the Duc de Fernan Nunez, Spanish ambassador to France, has left the embassy and forwarded his resignation to King Alfonso.

The Paris newspaper *Union*, the organ of the legitimists has ceased publication. Its farewell address says the paper's mission ended with the death of Count de Chambord. It salutes the Count of Paris as head of the House of France.

The Bishop of Vesh, the Primate of the church of Hungary, has issued a pastoral letter, in which he declares that Jew-baiting is most unchristian, and exhorts the clergy to use all their endeavors to divert their flock from following such a dangerous path.

A despatch from Hong Kong states that a Chinese mob at Canton burned the houses of several European merchants and also their wharves, causing great consternation among foreign resi-

dents, most of whom sought refuge on vessels in the river. No violence was offered to persons. Chinese troops were called out, which quickly dispersed the rioters. On receipt of the intelligence at Hong Kong several gunboats were immediately sent to Canton to afford protection to foreign merchants.

The *Standard* says. Ten English establishments, one American, one French and two German were burned to the ground; and two English, one German, and one French houses were sacked by the mob. The Consuls have sent an identical note to the Viceroy, holding him responsible for the destruction.

From Hong Kong there comes a despatch stating that a battle has taken place between the French forces and the Black Flags, lasting eight hours near the Red River. The French forces are reported as having lost two officers and fifty men. The loss of the Black Flags is estimated between 500 and 600 men.

The French account of the battle states that on Saturday, Sept. 1, the French forces from Hanoi advanced to within twelve miles of Sontay, where the enemy was found in casemate forts upon which the fire of the French had no effect. After three days' hard fighting the French troops, aided by a heavy fire from the fleet under Admiral Bore, carried the enemy's works at the point of the bayonet, capturing two towns and two Black Flag standards.

The Chinese Government have taken the greatest precautions to protect foreign representatives at Peking.

A very severe storm prevailed on Long Island N. Y. on Wednesday and Thursday last. The wind was almost a hurricane. The farmers in some counties had their entire wheat crop levelled to the ground and ruined. The corn crop was damaged, it is estimated to the extent of several thousand dollars. The apple crop also suffered serious damage. The water in the bays and harbors along the Sound shore rose higher than it has been known to rise for nearly ten years in the month of September.

At Rockaway Beach the damage will exceed \$10,000. Upwards of fifteen feet of beach was washed away. The bathing houses and other small outbuildings were carried out to sea.

At Wilmington N. C. a heavy storm prevailed on Monday and Tuesday. The storm reached the proportions of a hurricane, the wind reaching a maximum velocity of 93 miles per hour. For seven hours consecutively it averaged 81 miles per hour. Many houses were unroofed, numbers of wharves washed away and the fisheries seriously damaged. All the pilot boats were blown ashore and one of them was sunk.

A large fire occurred at Milwaukee on Friday last. 20,000 oil barrels, the cooper shop and adjacent sheds of the Standard Oil Co., six miles North of the city, were burned. Several cars standing on tracks were also consumed. The loss is about \$40,000.

Dolly Sexton, a New Lebanon Shaker is 107 years old.

Literary.

THE INTERWORLDIAN MAGAZINE, "a record of the interior principles of the life of love and faith derived from the Word of God."

This is a preliminary number of what is proposed to be a monthly magazine, published at Toronto at \$2.50 a year. It appears to be an advocate of Swedenborgianism, without the name or genius of Swedenborg. The spiritual Science of Correspondence may amuse some cranky people, but is not likely to make Christians or save sinners. It is not likely that it will see a second issue.

A TRIP TO THE DOMINION OF CANADA, by Hugh Fraser, Farmer, Clune, Invernesshire, Scotland.

This pamphlet of 96 pages is full of information on the character of Canada obtained by a very personal Scotchman from his own practical observation. The story of his "trip" is told in a very pleasing familiar style, and will be eagerly read by those who have a desire in the old country to go West. The comparisons being made between the difficulties which have to be contended against in North Britain, and the easy terms of proprietorship in these lands under British rule, will doubtless induce many of the industrious, thrifty people to choose a life in this country, where there is a fair chance for every

good farmer to achieve independence for himself and family, in preference to remaining where so large a portion of their earnings are required to pay the landlord in the shape of heavy rents.

EDUCATIONAL.—We copy the following items from a London Educational weekly newspaper:—

At a recent meeting of the Islington vestry, a letter was read from the Local Government Board assenting to the proposal of the guardians to pay to the several officers at the school at the rate of £3 per annum each, in lieu of the usual allowance of beer. The list of the officers referred to included those of the superintendent and matron of the schools, the school-mistress, assistant schoolmasters and schoolmistresses, the drill master, and others, to the number altogether of twenty.

A correspondent of the *Folk-Lore Journal* suggests to anthropologists the desirability of investigating the psychology of children, whose early conceptions of things present analogies to the beliefs of lower races. The study of the thoughts of individual children may, the *Athenaeum* remarks, lead to just inference respecting those of mankind in pre-historic times. Professor Stanley Hall, in America, is making preparation for extensive inquiries into the matter, and our own Folk-Lore Society has referred it to a committee.

Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Indian Harbor—Miss M. Covey... \$4 50
M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer.
Halifax, September 19th, 1883.

Please notice in CHRISTIAN MESSENGER the following sums received for Lunenburg Baptist Building Fund:
Edward Young, Chester, Iron-bound, Lunenburg Co. \$100 80
Chester Town, Baptist Church, By collections..... 12 00
ISAAC GATES, Treasurer B. B. F.
Lunenburg, Sept. 14, 1883.

KINGS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

It has been thought best to postpone the next meeting of this body from the first Monday and Tuesday of September to the first Monday and Tuesday of October. Ministers and delegates will therefore please take notice that the next meeting will be held on the evening of the first Monday in October in the North Kingston Meeting House.
D. M. WELTON, Sec'y. pro tem.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Alex. McArthur. Sabbath School in the Spring Garden Vestry at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meeting in the same place on Wednesday evening at 7.45.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Pastor Rev. E. J. Grant.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. H. Johnson, Pastor.

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Moneys Received.

R. LAYTON, per Rev. H. Bool, \$2; Rev. H. Foshay, \$2; O. K. Brown, \$5; M. Roscoe, \$2; G. W. Freeman, \$1.50; A. J. Ledbetter, \$2; A. G. AUGUSTINE, \$10; C. W. Sanders, \$33.35; A. McDonnell, \$5; E. Tingley, 50 cts.; J. A. Charlton, \$14; W. Bairs, \$2; Rev. J. L. Read, 4; R. F. Morton, \$2; W. F. Cutten, Esq., \$10.