

The Christian Messenger.

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UNWILLING TO OBEY.

One of the chief characteristics of the unregenerate heart is that it is not disposed to do the will of God. Sin has so far gained the ascendancy over the better influences brought to bear upon such a heart that it yields to no motives but those which are most in accordance with its own depraved desires.

desks, on our tables, on our mantelpieces, any where in fact where a clear, bright, safe lighter is wanted. The portable electric lighter, patented in 1879 and again in 1882, is now before us, and we look at it with surprise and happiness.

WHEN DOES MEMBERSHIP BEGIN?

Our contemporary the Canadian Baptist says: A friend writes: "When does a person become a member of a Baptist Church; at the time of election or upon receiving the hand of fellowship?"

We think this reply of our good brother the Editor will bear a little more consideration. It can hardly be said that an unbaptized person is a member of a Baptist Church, and we should be inclined to answer the inquiry somewhat differently.

OUR Methodist friends all over the Dominion of Canada are greatly agitated over the subject of Union. The Wesleyan and their other organs are loaded with communications on the subject pro and con.

THE Church Guardian rejoices over indications of a desire for rites and ceremonies on the part of certain Presbyterians, and for the use of a Book of Common Prayer.

The Lenten season and the special duties it is supposed to bring are the great matter with our church friends at this time.

What a pity it is that any should be willing during the period of Lent, to forget the fact that Christ is risen, as much so as he will be after Easter.

umph in Christ." Our readers know well that the religion of the New Testament is one of joy and peace not of melancholy and gloom. It knows nothing of Christians assuming a sadness of countenance for a certain number of days by way of preparation for a time of gladness to follow.

IMPROVED CHURCH PLANS designed by W. H. Brearley, Detroit, Michigan: a series of seven designs from No. 1 to seat 225 persons, cost estimated \$1,500, to No. 7 to seat 1,100 persons estimated cost \$16,000.

Either of these plans will be sent on application, as above, on receipt of \$1.00 to be followed by \$5.00 for right to use, if adopted. Each No. consists of seven plates with all necessary specifications, builders' estimates, &c., &c.

In commenting in last week's issue upon the Pastoral of Archbishop O'Brien, and extracts from the same, which had appeared in the Presbyterian Witness, we remarked that "Infant baptism belongs to the Church of Rome," and intimated that it should be left there.

"Three hundred years ago our church with an open Bible on her banner, and this motto, 'Search the Scriptures,' on its scroll, marched out from the gates of Rome. Did they come clear out of Babylon? Experience shows, that it is much easier to leave our mother country than drop our mother tongue.

And prone, as we of Scotland are, to boast that our fathers with Knox at their head, came forth from Rome with less of her old superstitions about them than most other churches, to what else than some lingering remains of popery can we ascribe the extreme anxiety which some parents shew to have baptism administered to a dying child?

More than 300 years had passed since the Presbyterian Church came out of Rome. By what means was the superstition preserved so long? Dr. Guthrie was in Edinburgh, the centre of light, and he was a devoted and honored Presbyterian minister.

We may here mention a case which recently occurred in this Province—not a solitary one—which shews plainly the darkness and danger which come from perverting this Divine ordinance

of Christ's Church. The infant child of good Presbyterian parents was taken suddenly ill—the child had not been baptized. At midnight, the minister was summoned to administer the rite. While he was engaged in prayer the child was seized with a convulsive fit which it was feared would terminate its young life—the prayer was suddenly stopped in order that the baptism—if such it can be called—could be quickly administered before the little spark of life should be extinguished.

Far be it from us or any other Baptist to magnify the divine ordinance above what is written, or to claim that its administration in any form or under any circumstances brings with it salvation, without the prerequisites of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acadia Seminary at Wolfville.

Miss Graves, the Principal of the Ladies Seminary at Wolfville sends us the following which we have much pleasure in placing before our readers:

The Library and Museum of Acadia Seminary form an important feature in the advantages which the Institution possesses.

During the past term, the class in Geology devoted several weeks to the special study of minerals, using for this purpose the extensive collection of Acadia College together with that of the Seminary which already includes valuable specimens of fossils, ores and many varieties of the more common minerals adapted to class purposes.

Many rare specimens have been given by the young ladies in attendance and by their friends. A large number of miscellaneous minerals forming a part of the valuable cabinet of the late Dr. Harding, Windsor, was recently contributed by Mrs. Harding, and an important addition to the collection of zeolites has just been made by A. J. Piseo, A. B. Wolfville.

Within the past year the generous sum of ten dollars was contributed by Miss Augusta J. Dodge, and volumes have been received from Miss Bars, Wolfville, and from Miss Baker, and Miss Minnie Long of St. John.

Larger additions of books of reference, biography, history, art, travels, essays, and fiction are made at intervals by means of the funds accruing from the public meetings of the Pierian Society.

It is hoped that the numerous friends of the Institution will remember its needs, and that frequent donations of books, curiosities, and minerals will be made to a collection which is already becoming a source of great benefit to the students in attendance.

Extract from a letter written to T. J. Griffiths, editor of the Y. Drych, a weekly Welsh paper of Utica, N. Y.: "As an encouragement to you, since the advertisement of Kendall's Spavin Cure first appeared in your paper many injured miners have been using it, and in all cases in and around here it has achieved wonders. It is a perfect success among injured miners. Yours truly, RICHARD OWEN, Ocean Mines, Pa., April 20, 1881."

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.

Parliamentary.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

On Wednesday last the Sheriff's Bill was before the House. This bill gives the government the power of appointing Sheriffs. The debate was continued on Thursday and on division the second reading was carried by the following vote:

For—Hon. Premier, hon. Prov. Sec'y, hon. Atty. Gen., hon. Com. of Mines, hon. Messrs. Fielding, Johnson and LeBlanc, and Messrs. Mack, Buchanan, McCoy, Weeks, Longley, McCurdy, McNeil, Cook, Power, H. Munro, Dodge, Haley, Ross, Fraser, and Robichau.—22.

The Bill was read and referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

On Friday, among the various petitions for roads &c., was one by Dr. Munro, from the patrons of husbandry asking for a change in the assessment law, it was signed by 942 people. Its prayer was based on the statement that the real estate and personal property of farmers were unduly taxed, being much more heavily taxed than those of other classes of the population.

The House in Committee on the City Assessment Act passed ten clauses. Its discussion drew forth lengthy speeches from several members. After passing ten clauses the House adjourned on Monday.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

The Halifax County Agricultural Society held a meeting on Thursday last and resolved,

That it is desirable that an Exhibition be contemplated by the Society in this city next Fall, and that a committee of five be appointed by this society to co-operate with the committee of the Dartmouth society, and that such joint committee invite the co-operation of other societies in perfecting arrangements for such Exhibition.

The Coxheath Mining Company, of Boston, which for some time past have been prosecuting searches for copper at East Bay, Cape Breton, on Friday last took out a license here to prospect for silver. The discoveries show large percentage of richer metals.

At Dartmouth, on Monday last week a little girl 2 years old named Martin, upset a pot of boiling soup and was so scalded that she died a few hours after.

The City Council on Friday last unanimously resolved that it is desirable, 1. That a graving dock be erected at once in the port of Halifax. 2. That such dock should be owned and operated by the city or commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Our long spell of frost was broken on Sunday night by heavy rains. Such an unbroken spell of near three months, frost is almost unprecedented. Notwithstanding that the thermometer has several times been below zero yet the harbor has been and is clear of ice. The sleighing will probably last several weeks yet.

Mrs. Wan Fry, a widow aged 72 years living at Mr. David Costley's, Blue Mountain, was attacked by a ram a fortnight ago; her leg was broken, her knee was dislocated, two or three ribs were fractured, and her body much bruised. Her life was despaired of. But she is better and it is thought she may recover.

Kendall's Spavin Cure is used from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine for every one in the spring. Emigrants and travelers will find in it an effectual cure for the eruptions, boils, pimples, eczema etc, that break out on the skin—the effect of disorder in the blood caused by sea-diet and life on board ship.

John L. Boutillier, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Lintment 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.

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

Capt. Mylius of the Str. Newfoundland reported on Thursday large quantities of heavy ice extending from St. John's Nfld., to Whitehead and as far as the eye could see.

For man it has no equal; for beasts it is not excelled. What? Kendall's Spavin Cure.

It is a good rule to accept only such medicines as have, after long years of trial, proved worthy of confidence. This is a case where other people's experience may be of great service, and it has been the experience of thousands that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the best cough medicine ever used.

"BUCHUFAIRA."—Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists.

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

New Brunswick.

The Legislature was opened at Fredericton on Thursday afternoon Mr. Lynott was elected speaker of the House of Assembly by 21 votes against 17. Hon. M. Hannington was elected president of the Legislative Council in place of the late Hon. Mr. Seely.

The address in reply to the speech was to be taken up on Saturday. On Monday in a division on the address the Government was not sustained. The Opposition's amendment received 22, and the Government 18 votes.

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.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers. 15 cts. Druggists.

POPULARITY.—Why they are popular. The reason that National Pills are so universally popular is because they are certain in their action, mild and painless in their operation, and never leave the bowels constipated. They are sugar-coated, and contain no mineral poison.

Dominion of Canada.

The House of Commons on Friday was engaged with the affairs of the two extremities of the Dominion, P. E. Island and British Columbia.

Mr. Paint asked the Government when telegraphic communication will be established between Nova Scotia and Sable Island; and whether the Government will extend the coast telegraph along the shores of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Cape Breton.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, A. F. and A. M., has issued an edict, denouncing the holding of lotteries, gift enterprises, games of chance, &c., as clearly against the laws of the country and the principles of Free Masonry, and calculated to bring dishonor upon that ancient and honorable order.

The number of immigrants entering Canada during January was 5,937. Of these 3,634 settled in the Dominion.

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.

News of the World.

Public attention in England is divided between the Parliamentary discussions and the Dublin trials. The proceedings in the House of Commons have consisted principally of the debate on the Queen's Speech. It was understood that Mr. Parnell intended to move an amendment to the Address in reply thereto.

Mr. Gerst moved an amendment and, in doing which, he declared that in view of the confession of Irish assassians no further concessions should be made to lawless agitation. He said it was generally believed that the employing of persons engaged in outrages to suppress them was forced upon the Government by Mr. Chamberlain, President of the Board of Trade. He presented the fact that an outbreak of outrages, always accompanied by the accession of Liberals to power.

The Marquis of Hartington expressed surprise at Parnell's silence, which, he said, was an admission that a prima facie case had been established against the Irish leader. The Government he declared, had no intention of introducing any measures for extensive changes of its policy with regard to Ireland.

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