

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., October 31, 1883.

HALIFAX.—Granville Street Church was much surprised on Sunday last, by the Pastor Rev. A. MacArthur, at the close of the morning service, requesting the members of the Church to remain. After the congregation had retired Mr. MacArthur placed before the Church his resignation of the pastorate, to take effect on the 1st day of February. No action was taken, as an adjourned business meeting of the Church had been announced for Tuesday, last evening.

WE have received a copy of a small pamphlet entitled "Correspondence, anonymous and otherwise, concerning the new Chair at Acadia College." It contains nearly all that has appeared, for and against the appointment. Each writer will doubtless be pleased to have his letter preserved in this form. The public too will be informed of what has been causing some interest in Halifax. It would be interesting to many of the friends of Acadia to know who the writers of these letters are, and how many pens have been employed in their production.

There seems a remarkable amount of uncertainty as to what the new Chair in Acadia is to be called. It is assumed by certain writers that it is to be "a chair of Didactics" &c. We do not think that this title has been given by authority. It would seem rather to be a chair of Education, if we remember correctly, which, of course would have a much wider sphere than Didactics. However, as we expressed in a former issue, we prefer to wait and see the further developments in the way of what the curriculum may say on the subject, and how the matter is announced by the College authorities, before passing judgment on the movement. It is not difficult to set up a man of straw and beat out his brains or to set fire to it. Such work however is a sort of child's play in which men should not indulge.

THE Baptist Churches are cautioned against a man who gives his name as Bluet, who, of late has been travelling in Carleton and Albert Counties, New Brunswick, preaching and lecturing. He affirms that he studied for the priesthood in Ireland, and graduated in Glasgow University, but afterwards joined the Baptists and has become an Evangelist and desires to go to Ireland on a mission to his people. He purposes to come to Nova Scotia.

It is not generally known that the flesh of the whale is both nutritious and palatable. Large quantities of it are eaten every fishing season by the men engaged in the capture of the fish; but still larger quantities are, of course, wasted. It recently occurred to a Norwegian speculator that some of the immense mass of food that is thus annually thrown away might be profitably preserved and used for consumption on shore. He made arrangements, therefore, with several whaling captains, and two meat-preserving firms, and gave a dinner at which he believes he demonstrated that whale flesh may be cooked in at least a dozen different ways, and that it forms a delicious as well as a wholesome article of food. Some parts of the fish, we are told, supply materials for an excellent imitation of turtle soup; others resemble beef; and still others are almost as white and quite as tender as chicken. The meat can be sold for about half the price of tinned beef.

OUR American despatches on Thursday last, stated that a great storm was approaching the Nova Scotia coast, but as usual, it did not come. We are remarkably favored by the absence of storms. Halifax in particular seems situated just so as to escape the violence of the storms which agitate the Atlantic on the more western coasts.

THE Report of the speech of Rev. D. G. Macdonald on our first page will deeply interest many of our readers. It gives a most important page in Baptist History in a very brief form, and may be read over a second time to advantage.

THE HOME CIRCLE, the monthly Magazine of the American Baptist Publication Society, November, has the conclusion of the excellent story "The Endless Chain," and the commencement of "Kathleen, the story of an English Home," which our readers have enjoyed for several weeks past. Also, an excellent article from the pen of Dr. MacArthur on Christianity and Culture, with the usual supply of smaller pieces, the Question Box, Current Events, Fancy Work &c. It is a capital magazine at \$1.50 a year.

BAPTISM.—Wallace River on 21st inst., two, by Rev. H. Bool.

The attitude of Baptists towards their children. I believe, as the fruits of my prayers and teaching, that my children will all be converted and become members of the church, I must therefore instruct, discipline, and train them with this end in view.

HON. MESSRS PIPES and Fielding have returned from Toronto to [O]tawa and have had several interviews with the Acting Minister of Railways with respect to the Pictou Railway. The Herald despatch states that the government of the Dominion of Canada can only hand over the Pictou branch after the Eastern Extension railway and ferry have been completed, equipped and established, and the tariff of freight charges settled.

Mr. Schriber, advised that the minimum rolling stock requisite for the proper working of the Pictou branch and Eastern Extension combined shall be 21 engines, 10 first class cars, 10 second class cars, 7 baggage cars, 140 box cars, 150 flat cars, and 550 coal cars. The Nova Scotia government have been informed that as soon as the necessary equipment is placed on the road, the ferry completed and established, and a tariff of freight charges submitted to council and approved, the Pictou branch will be transferred to the government in pursuance of the act of parliament to that intent.

The Chronicle despatch says the Dominion Government have materially changed their ground since the negotiations respecting the Branch began, and are now offering to transfer the Branch, but on conditions which the delegates claim are contrary to law, and so unjust to the Province that no Nova Scotia Government could accept them. Further progress in the business is arrested by the absence of the Minister of Justice, who has gone to New York, and will not be back until the last of the week. Meanwhile Messrs. Pipes and Fielding will return to Halifax and consult their colleagues.

THE BAPTIST TEACHER for December contains a glowing account of the new issues of our Publication Society, in the line of Lesson Helps for 1884. Of course, every Baptist Sunday-school will want these excellent periodicals. Write and get samples, at once, if not familiar with them. A supply sufficient for the needs of any school that has not heretofore taken them can be had free on application to the central House of the Society, No. 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Price, in clubs of five or more, 50 cents a year.

Bibles and Hymn Book in great variety—direct from the Publishers at the Baptist Book Room.

Literary.

OUTLINE OF THE WORLD'S HISTORY: by William Swinton, Revised for Nova Scotia. Prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction for use in the Public Schools. Halifax, A. & W. MacKinlay.

This work is a most valuable addition to the list of superior books for our Public Schools, and is produced at a marvellously low price. A careful study of the six double-page colored maps would give a very intelligent general idea of the progress of history and civilization from the earliest ages. This edition is enriched by a pretty full and clear epitome of the history of the United States. This will be of much value to the young people of these Provinces. This addition of reading matter is made without any addition to the price of the book. The publishers' enterprise will doubtless secure a large sale. The study of history in the schools from such a book as this is but little less inviting than a popular story book. The work may be read and studied with interest by any persons who wish to refresh their former acquaintance with history.

THE SINGERS' WELCOME.—A Collection of New Music for Singing classes. By L. O. Emerson. Price, 75 cents. Published by Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston. For sale by J. & F. W. Harris 143 Barrington Street.

A new and really good Singing Class book is always welcome. The elementary course is good, and has plenty of interesting exercises. This is a new and fresh book, in which every-thing, is novel except a few of the old favorites. It is a book of 192 pages, containing about 150 pieces, sacred and secular. Some of these are short, meant for elementary practice in the singing class. Some are medium length for general use, and there are some first-class anthems and choruses. One hundred are secular and about fifty sacred. There are ten good rounds, which are thought to be good practice, and are said to prepare one for singing in parts. The well prepared sacred music commends the collection to choirs as well as singing classes.

THE NOVEMBER CENTURY attempts to raise its own standard of excellence—a significant way of beginning the new magazine year. Among the engravers of the number, five are women who contribute seven engravings. T. Johnson's engraving of Queen Victoria at the age of nineteen, is the frontispiece of the number. Mrs. Oliphant's paper is valuable for its analysis of character, which is interestingly shown, also, in several anecdotes of Queen Victoria's courtship and of her attention to public affairs.

Charles Dudley Warner's recollections of "The Bull-Fight" in Spain are impressive for the evident fidelity of the description, and the picturesque and humorous treatment.

The poetry of the number is contributed by Emma Lazarus, John Vance Cheney, Richard Watson Gilder, Juliet C. Marsh, H. H. Helen Gray Cone, Robert Underwood Johnson, George A. Hibbard; and in "Eric-a-Brac," by James A. Macdonald, Bessie Chandler, Frank Dempster Sherman, and others.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for NOVEMBER, 1883, concludes the sixty-seventh volume. Its articles are timely and entertaining.

Some glimpses of Artistic London are given in an article by JOSEPH HATTON, illustrated by fine portraits of Leighton, Fildes, Millais, Boughton, Alma-Tadema, Pettie, and Herkomer, and views of their studios.

An interesting biographical sketch of Sir Moses Montefiore, the Jewish philanthropist, now entering on his one hundredth year, is contributed by Mrs. Z. B. GUSTAFSON, with a portrait and other illustrations.

Mr. WILLIAM BLAQUIE's article, entitled "Our Children's Bodies," strikes vigorously at some defects of our home and school training, and his suggestions will command general attention.

Dr. H. H. Kane describes a "Hashish House in New York," and the curious adventures of an individual who indulged in a few pipefuls of the narcotic hemp.

St. NICHOLAS for NOVEMBER, is the first number of a new volume, and is full of promise of good things for the coming year.

"In the Land of Fire" begins in the Christmas issue; and Frank R. Stockton furnishes one of his inimitable fairy tales, entitled "The Beeman and his Original Form."

Natural history receives due recognition in accounts of some "Benevolent Birds" and the polar hare, with illustrations by Nugent and Beard.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Week of Prayer for Young Men.

The Young Men's Christian Associations throughout the world, by appointment of successive World's Conferences and International, State and Provincial Conventions, have for some years regularly observed the second Sunday in November, with the week following as a Day and Week of Prayer for young men and for the success of Christian effort in their behalf. Active preparations are now in progress for the meetings which will be held simultaneously during the week beginning Sunday, November eleventh.

The growth of this young organization has been marvelous. The number of Associations in various countries is over 2400. The International Committee of the United States and the Dominion of Canada reports statistics for 1883 of 737 Associations, of which 679 have an aggregate membership of 52,376.

TOPICS suggested for Young Men's Meetings during the Day and Week of Prayer, Nov. 11-17, 1883:

Nov. 11, Sunday morning—"The Holy Spirit: Have you Received Power from Him?"—Acts i. 8: iv. 31-33.

Sunday afternoon—"What Seemed Impossible, Commanded and Accomplished."—Luke vi. 6-11.

Sunday evening—"Questions Worthy of Thoughtful Consideration."—Matt. xvi. 26; Luke xii. 16-21.

Nov. 12, Monday—"Opportunities: Used—Zaccheus."—Luke xix. 1-10.

Nov. 13, Tuesday—"Opportunities: Unused.—Agrippa."—Acts xxvi. 22-29.

Nov. 14, Wednesday—"Opportunities: Improved.—The Eunuch."—Acts viii. 26-40.

Nov. 15, Thursday—"Opportunities: Abused.—The Husbandmen."—Matt. xxi. 33-46.

Nov. 16, Friday—"Opportunities: Lost.—The Young Ruler."—Mark x. 17-22.

Nov. 17, Saturday—"One More Opportunity."—Luke xiii. 6-9.

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Dear Editor,—Please give notice through your columns that on the 6th of October some of the ladies of the Baptist Church in Chester met and formed themselves into a W. M. A. Society, adopting the constitution and by-laws of the N. S. W. M. A. Society.

The following officers were appointed: President,—Mrs. J. F. Kempton; Vice-President,—Mrs. DeWitt; Secretary and Treasurer,—Miss Jessie M. Smith.

A paper was read by Mrs. Kempton, giving an account of the work done by these Societies throughout our Province, and setting forth the necessity of greater activity among the ladies in all our churches for missionary work, asking of those present their money, their sympathy, and their prayers.

JESSIE M. SMITH, Sec'y.

Chester, Oct. 25th, 1883.

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Baptist Colportage to the Front.

Dear Bro. Selden,—

On my return from Cape Breton I found the Committee's hands filled with applications from approved men for work as Colporteurs. The Society being without funds for the support of Colportage it was thought best to spend a little time visiting churches that had already given freely to the Capital Fund in the interest of Colportage. To this end on the Sabbath of the 7th inst. I addressed two congregations at Chester and the Basin. By the hearty co-operation of Rev. J. F. Kempton, the energetic pastor, the collection amounted to \$5.90. Old friends gave as largely as they gave to the capital, so that in Chester and Tancook \$61.90 was contributed. Though this result is cheering yet it is not thought to be expedient to further leave the work of raising capital at present, but to do work in the Colportage department only as the means are furnished by interested individuals. All experience proves that the work of a good Baptist Colporteur is more effectual for good than is that of the average pastor, and the former can be run at far less expense than the latter. Rev. A. Cohoon tells us that there are now 25 fields probably aggregating 60 churches pastorless. If Baptist Colporteurs could go over these fields three or four times during the year giving the people an opportunity to spend the money they would have spent in pastor's salary in good books, the like of which they have never yet had the opportunity of seeing, helping in public meetings and Sabbath Schools, would it not be good economy, and tend to sustain intelligent spiritual life and activity.

Referring to Cape Breton, several friends have pledged liberal sums for the support of a Gaelic Evangelist for Cape Breton. Thus far none has been found willing to occupy the ground. Colporteurs speaking both languages can be obtained. Ought we not to be willing to use the possible means put within our reach to save souls? We look hopefully to a few prosperous brethren in Cape Breton that they will speedily supply the means necessary for the employment of one or more Colporteurs in that sadly neglected section. Spurgeon employed 80 Colporteurs last year. To any section guaranteeing £40 which is equal to \$200, he sends a man for one year. The usual estimate on this side the water has been for \$250 bonus. The necessity for each member to have a team perhaps makes the difference. Will not men and women who are the Lord's special stewards be found willing to support a Colporteur? As far as they wish they can have the selection of the man and assign him a field of labour. Would it add to their present happiness to pray for his success? and to their eternal happiness to know that of the hundreds of souls that he shall be the means of saving, the Lord will put a goodly portion of them to your account that shall be as stars in your crowns of glory.

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From France.

PARIS, Oct. 10, 1883.

M. Jules Ferry, the French Prime Minister, speaking this evening at a public meeting at Rouen, maintained that the Parisian mob which insulted King Alfonso was irresponsible and incapable of making the Government responsible.

The Americans in Paris who at first felt strong resentment at the insult to Alfonso, now laugh over the matter as the best and most effectual advertisement, the youthful Spanish King could have secured. They say that if the incident had been prearranged by the King's friends in his interests it could not have been managed better, as it has made Alfonso "solid" with his own subjects, with whom as a king he was somewhat "shaky" before. In Berlin the Parisian occurrence is now viewed as a political fortune to Alfonso. The Germans say the French by acting like fools have put an end to revolution against the Spanish throne, fastened the attention of Europe upon Alfonso, and elevated Germany's new ally to a prominence in European affairs which a decade of conquest might not have brought him.

rejoicing and gems in the Redeemer's crown, and all because your money or the money the Lord made you a steward of was used to pay the worker's salary. Oh! who would not work more for eternal rewards?

Fifteen or more Baptist men most of them trained may be said to be obtainable. Already several good men, tired of Union shoes, which cramp and blister their feet, so that they cannot walk erect in the ways of God's requirements, desire to be shod with a proper "preparation of the gospel of peace," even with Baptist Colporteur Shoes, so that they may be able with their tongues and books to declare the whole counsel of God, are offering for the work. The God of truth is going before us saying—"This is the way walk ye in it." Now brethren would you promptly respond with money or pledges addressed to our Secretary, Geo. A. McDonald, No. 104 Granville St. Don't say "There are too many calls;" but rather get down on your knees and thank God that there are so many calls to noble effort to accomplish our mission as Baptists, and that in responding to them we have the privilege of crucifying the spirit of worldliness and covetousness which so hinders our usefulness and growth in grace. Then "Devise liberal things" and God himself shall stand by you to prosper you in your good plans for His glory. It is His work to save men, to destroy error, and all other hindrances to success, but we are co-workers with Him.

DIMOCK ARCHIBALD.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 25, 1883.

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Home Missions.

A special meeting of the Home Mission Board was held on the 22nd inst. in the vestry of the 1st Baptist Church, Yarmouth.

Treasurer's statement showed that only \$10.00 had been received since the last meeting making \$157.26 since the Convention. It is needless to say that we are in great need of funds, as the amount received since Convention is not sufficient to pay one-third of the indebtedness of that date. We are waiting anxiously to hear from the "Finance Committee." Brethren of the churches will you not put it in their power to send us liberal supplies and that as speedily?

Reports were received from Brethren W. L. Parker and S. March.

Grants.

In response to applications for aid the following grants were made:

- 1. To the Margaree and Mabou field, C. B. Island, \$100.00 for one year. Rev. C. Haverstock pastor.
- 2. The Digby field, N. S., \$50.00 for one year from August 1st, 1883, to assist especially in the work done in out stations. Rev. Jos. Brown pastor.
- 3. To the 2nd Falls Church, including Lee Settlement, Charlotte Co., N. B., \$50.00 to assist them in remunerating Rev. James Trimble for six months mission work among them, from Aug. 1st, 1883. At the expiration of that time it is hoped that this church will be united with the 1st St. George Church in supporting Rev. M. P. King.

Pastors wanted.

Several fields have applied to us to send them pastors but we are unable to do so as we have no applications from men wanting to settle. If there are any faithful men waiting settlements we should be glad to hear from them.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.
Hebron, Yarmouth Co., N. S., }
October 24, 1883. }

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The news from St. Petersburg shows a singular renewal of activity among the Nihilists. A great sensation, almost unequaled in its ramifications, has caused by summary arrests at the Maria institute of several daughters of the noblest families. Not only have the pupils been arrested, but seizures of property have been made, including many thousands of treatable pamphlets and propaganda tracts. This is said to be but the beginning of a series of arrests consequent upon special information received by the police. The Spanish socialists in congress at Valencia have discussed various methods of improving the condition of rural laborers. Among the projects proposed by this congress is the establishment of co operative farming. The idea meets with popular approval, but the government threatens to prohibit any movement in that direction.

AUGUST.

Thanksgiving Day.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger,

Dear Brother,—Will you allow me to remind our churches of the needs of the Infant's Home? I wish to do so in view of Thanksgiving Day, and in the earnest hope that all who helped us last year, will help us again, and that many more will "haste to the rescue." I need not tell you of the good work we are doing, and the heavy burdens which some have to bear from the beginning of the year to its close. You can render valuable aid, dear brethren, by remembering us in your prayers, and by your gifts on Thanksgiving Day.

Yours very truly,

A. NORDBROOK,
Treasurer Infants Home,
M. K. F. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.

RECEIVED FOR INFANT'S HOME.

Mrs. Jos. Shaw, Yarmouth	\$5.00
Mr. W. Skinner, Weston	1.00
Mrs. A. Chipman, Berwick	1.00
Mr. Joseph Rawling, Canada Creek	.50
Mr. Collins	.25
Miss Lizzie Rawling	.25
M. K. F. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.	

In Memoriam.

DEACON ELIAS KILCUP,

departed this life at his late residence, in Woodville, on Sunday evening, Oct. 14th, 1883, at the age of 39 years. He had been laid aside from the active duties of life, for about eleven months with consumption. For nearly 16 weeks he was entirely confined to his bed, during all this weary time, his sufferings were continuous, and frequently intense. But now he is relieved from suffering and toil, and has departed "to be with Christ which is far better." Kind and unremitting attentions of relatives and friends supported him in his sufferings, but he never lost sight of his Elder Brother, nor did he forget to recount with grateful remembrance His boundless love and mercy. His last words to one who often visited him during his illness were; "Brother, I am not like some, carried away with joyous feeling, nor am I dark or sad. I feel safe, I know I have nothing in myself to rely upon, but I am trusting in the complete righteousness of the Saviour, and am sure it is sufficient." Many other words spoken at death's door will long be remembered by those who stood by as he breathed his last. He leaves a widowed mother and several sisters to mourn and rejoice. These with a vast concourse of other relatives and neighbors followed his remains to the grave at Billtown. A discourse founded upon 1 Cor. xv. 44 was delivered by the pastor. Brother Kilcup was baptized and united with the Billtown Church when about 18 years of age. He was modest in his professions, but faithful in his Christian duties. His interest in the church of Christ was strong and intelligent. His ability and zeal were soon recognized and appreciated; in the prayer meeting and Sabbath School; and the community and church delighted to honor him with positions of trust and responsibility. For years he successfully superintended the Woodville Sabbath School. In 1875 he was chosen deacon, and served faithfully in that office until prostrated by disease. His interest remained unabated till the last. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Rev. xiv. 13.

Billtown, Oct. 24, 1883.

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 time he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels.

Though numerous causes may operate to turn the hair gray, all that is needed to restore the natural color is Hall's Vegetable Sillian Hair Renewer. For more than twenty years its sales have been enormous, but we have yet to