## The Christian Messenger.

## Halifax, N. S., March 14, 1883.

We regard the subject of the following paper as of the first importance. We had an article on the subject but on receiving this, decided to give it to our readers in preference, as a more practical view of the matter :

## BAPTIST BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY.

## COLPORTAGE FUND.

Two things our churches should know and teach. They should know what Baptists believe and why. These they should teach their children -and others with whom they may come in contact. Every legitimate means should be used to make them known. We are not to wait for mer to come to us to inquire, we must go to them,-must patiently, and constantly propagate the truth as taught by Christ and His apostles. If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet, must go to the mountain. Whenever Baptist churches put their light on a candlestick they grow; when they put it under a bushel they cannot expect to hold even their own.

impression respecting the morality of Our Sunday School libraries should Book Room, 104 Granville St. our fair city. We know that sin contain books and pamphlets which love of honesty, and their hatred of all THE Wesleyan has notices of Dona abounds, but not so much as this stategive a full and clear exposition of our affectation and shams. From their ranks tion Visits to some of their ministers. ment would seem to indicate. We principles as Baptists, and in what have sprung, more than from any other THE Sidereal Messenger for March, Converts are also being added to the class of tradespeople, men of great power have therefore made enquiry, and have respect we differ from other bodies of 1883, has an account of a brilliant and influence. The great Wesleyan membership at quite a number of learned from one of the lady officers of Christians, so that when our young Methodist denomination owes more to meteor which was seen on the night of places. the institution that the parentage of either the cobblers of England than to any people are converted and apply for the 3rd of January by several persons other class. Mr. Winks tells some exthe mother, or both father and mother church membership they may be fully in the States of Illinois and Indiana citing stories of some of them. Sammy are known, of all but seven of these WE need hardly commend the com-Bradburn was elected to the highest It is described by F. E. Hunter as persuaded that Baptist churches are office in the denomination, President of munication from Dr. Rand, "on the children, 22 of them are in the care of organized after the apostolic model. tollows : the Conference, and as he sat in the their mothers, who are nurses in the BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION I To assist pastors and churches in chair, wrote on a slip of paper: "At about 6:57 p. m., January 3 Home, 3 of the nurses are married the attention of our readers. Our "Exalted to dignity I, in the midst of this work a Baptist Book and Tract 1883. I saw a meteor in the northern women with babes of their own in the ministering brethren being most conthis wonderful crew, Society has been established with head sky which was unusually brilliant. It No longer a cobbler am I, therefore I'd started about 20° east of the North Home. The mothers of some are dead cerned will give it a careful examinaquarters in Halifax. As a centre for have you beware what you do; -fathers drunkards. Many of these tion ; and what affects our ministers My lasts I have now laid aside, no longer star and at nearly the same altitude, work, a Book Room was felt to be a going in a westerly direction. It was children would in all probability be in favorably or otherwise affects the I make or mend shoes, necessity, and that our people might at first about the second magnitude but And like leather I'll cut up your hides the hands of baby-farmers, if there churches and people generally, who will be more fully reached, a system of col- increased to the first magnitude before if you dare my high office abuse. were no Infants' Home. Here they also examine it with care. We might portage was projected. But Colportgoing 10°. It passed about 6° or • below the Pole star, being at that are rescued from the condition of vice offer two or three suggestions, but, in age work requires money to make it a LCOHOL, A course of six "Cantor point about one-third the size of the full Lectures delivered before the Edin success, and the Society has not been and crime, common to such children. all probability, when the Articles are burgh Society of Arts, by Dr. B. W moon. The sky was misty, with light In many other places such infants, in- seen in print by the managers they will in operation long enough to have much Richardson, M. A., F. R. S. clouds, but the light was almost that of stead of being received into a well- perceive where emendations may be This famous course of lectures has to spare for that department of its half-moon, being of a light green hue. been republished in New York by the At a point under the Pole star it seemed managed institution of this kind, and required. work. National Temperance Society, and the to be retarded in its progress for an properly cared for, till adopted under The Managing Committee feeling book is being sold in pamphlet form, instant, and to lose some of its brilliancy, proper regulations into Christian famithe importance of having one or more Our readers are entitled to know at 50 cents, by Messrs. MacGregor and but I attribute it to a cloud which ob lies, and so reared up into healthy chil-Colporteurs in the field at an early day the reply our neighbor of the Presstructed the view, although it looked Knight, Halifax. dren, are farmed out and allowed to It would be well that the people, like mist. Just below and little to the - careful deliberation propose to byterian Witness gives to what appear. every where, were put in possession of linger on for a few days or weeks, and estabus. Colportage Fund. west of the Pole star a beautiful train ed in our pages last week. He says: the facts and arguments here so ably about 15° long was visible for halt a then consigned to an early grave. We The number of men employed will We rejoice to believe that Baptist displayed with respect to this fiendish minute after the meteor disappeared, infinitely prefer the Home. All honor be in proportions to the amount conparents very often do consecrate their Only a short train was visible behind production alcohol. It is unfortunate to the ladies engaged in this good work, children to the Lord, and bring them that so little is 'known of the real tributed for this specific object. Two it as it moved, the head of the meteor ble-sing the little ones, and often rescuup as Christian children ought to be qualities of what is made from it and brethren have already pledged fifty seeming to leave a blaze immediately ing their mothers from suffering, crime trained. Our earnest wish is that sold as beverages! It would seem behind it, with a train probably 6° or dollars each, and two others twentyand premature death. Presbyterian parents should do likewise, that what is most generally known con-9° long. The head together with the five dollars each for Colportage work. and show their appreciation of their cerning alcohol is what is gathered tail was cone-shaped. I saw it traverse WE noticed a week or two since the high privileges by doing even better, it all unsolicited. from sad experience, mostly by two probably 60° or 70° when it went possible. Infant baptism will signify anxiety of our Methodist friends over The Committee hope to get one or classes. First and foremost the sellers behind a building. Judging from the nothing to our advantage unless our the matter of Union of their two great of the deadly alcoholic compounds. more brethren to undertake the support duration of the light I suppose it ex children are trained to love and obey The trade in these articles has been bodies in this Dominicn, the Epishausted itself about 10° from the of a Colporteur. It this be done we Gcd in all things." properly styled "the sum of all villhorizon, keeping in the direction in copal Methodists and the Methodists can have three men at work as soon as This may be regarded as a very wise anies," whilst it degrades and destroys which it was moving while I could see the season opens. We are convinced of Canada. The following from an and safe conclusion. The misfortune is it. It was visible about fifteen or the purchasers it puts so large an editorial in the Wesleyan of last week amount of the "fool's pence" into the that the attention of brethren has only twenty seconds, moving apparently that when the children who have in inwill perhaps show the points of diffi pockets of the seller, that almost withvery slowly. The North star could be to be called to this work to secure a fancy received what is called Baptism, out labor or effort they become wealthy seen plainly but the sky was not clear. culty better than anything we might hearty and generous response. " The if subsequently converted and conthat they find the temptation to con-I heard no sound and as I did not see men of Issachar had understanding of offer :-vinced that " to obey God in all things" tinue in the business too strong to resist. it disappear I do not know whether it "While some good brethren are worthe times to know what Israel ought and therefore they go on adding up they should then be baptized on a proexploded or not. It was light enough rying over anticipated dangers from to do." Baptists it they are wise will to recognize a person across the street. their dollars by tens, by hundreds, and fession of their faith, that which was General Superintendency, some of our some become very benevolent even on imitate them. previously substituted for baptism is The Sidereal Messenger is a monthly Methodist Episcopal friends grow this side of the grave, whilst others repository of stellar phenomena and dis-Every one can help. This work equally sad over what they deem the raised up as a barrier against such when they cannot retain it longer, apcussion ably conducted by Prof. W. W. destruction of Episcopacy. Some of belongs to the many and not to the few. obedience, their parents insisting that propriate it to the cause of benevolence. their statements ought to reassure the Pledges or contributions may be sent Payne, director of the Carleton College The experience of the other class of they have already been baptized. We timid. A correspondent in the Canada to A. P. Shand, Esq., Windsor, our individuals respecting the nature of Observatory, at Northfield Minnesota, have known many such cases. The Christian Advocate claims that two alcohol and its compounds-those who Treasurer, or if more convenient to things "have been considered essen- children of Baptists are happily free price \$2 a year. buy and use it as a beverage, is that it to establish an agricultural school or either of the undersigned at the Baptist tial to constitute a Methodist General from such barriers. produces in them and for them poverty, Book Room, 104 Granville Street, Superintendent or Bishop, to wit; crime, disease, wasted life, beggared election by the General Conference WHILE it is the duty of Baptists to children, broken-hearted wives, misery Halifax, N. S. Biterary. 5-12and consecration, and that no man make known their principles in every in this world and everlasting destruc-A. L. WOOD, would think of exercising the functions legitimate way-it must be borne in tion from the presence of the Lord. C. H. WHITMAN, of this office without both these. He Temperance men should make them-MEYERS' COMMENTARY ON ACTS .- A critimind that one of the best ways to call Managing Committee. says that the "theory and practice of cal and exegetical handbook to the selves familiar with the contents of the attention of others to their New the Methodist Episcopal Church for Acts of the Apostles. By H. A. W. of 19 to 13. this book. It has become a standard near a hundred years has been this. Meyer, Th. D. Translated from the Testament doctrines is to live them on the wine question as well as all Here is our starting point. If we have Fourth Edition of the German by A Halifax correspondent of the scientific knowledge of the properties every day. Rev. Paton J. Gloag, D. D. - The not a man elected and consecrated we Amherst Gazette says : In this connection we would call our and effects of alcohol. Translation Revised and Edited by have no Bishop." \* Wm P. Dickson, D. D., Glasgow, with The Great German discovery of readers' attention to the following from " And yet by some the adoption of Preface, Index and Supplementary preserving fresh fish and meats, with-The STANDARD LIBRARY by Funk Mr. Spurgeon, and ask that they be an eight years' term instead of a life-Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D. D., LL. D., out salt, for several weeks, is receiving & Wagnalls, 10 and 12 Dev Street, is term and the absence of any special prayerfully considered :-attention here. This antiseptic process growing by the addition of a new volume New York. Large octavo, 544 pages. torm of induction are declared to We who have been baptized upon is being taken hold of by capitalists every two weeks. We learn that it is Cloth \$2.50. Funk & Wagnalls Pubamount to nothing ! Is there no here. The apparatus has arrived and profession of our faith, were taught in proving very successful. 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In fact, it is 20,000; and for WINK's "Lives of difficult to say where its preserving commendations of this valuable work. with the Lord Jesus in baptism unto be called the Tabernacle French Bap-Illustrious Shoemakers," the advance powers will stop, or how great a revo-DR. T. W. CHAMBERS, New York, says : death, and we were immersed into tist Church. The opening services lution it will effect in the methods of -"Meyer justly has been called the orders were over 15.000. were held on Friday, Feb. 23. Their the name of the Triune God. It our prince of exegetes, being at once acute The demand for the Library proves, supplying foods. baptism meant anything, it declared that minister is the Rev. Mr. Lalleur. The and learned." we think, that other books may be made DR. THOMAS ARMITAGE, New York, as popular with the masses as works of we were henceforth dead to the world, edifice is of uncut limestone with cutsays :- " It is of immense value in its THE FEBRUARY CENTURY is again secret of beauty is pure blood. Erup-tions and all blotches that disfigure the face, may be quickly cured by Burdock fiction. IF there be a Baptist mission for the and owned no life but that which came stone ; immings. The inside is said world there is for every part of it; and to us by the way of the resurrection of to be a marvel of chastenesa. The DR. JESSE B. THOMAS, Brooklyn, N. Y. we should be proud to mission it any. Jesus. Over our heads the liquid contract price of the building was \$9000 says :- "Am glad that Meyers' 'Acts out of print, and a third edition is on has received additional value from anwhere and everywhere. Had Peter water flowed for we resigned the brain, Several of the leading ministers and notations from a hand as wise and skill- the press. The March number is also this remedy, after suffering for two and John been as timid as some of the | with all its powers of thought, to Jesus; | brethren took part in the proceedings. ful as that of Dr. Ormiston."

over the heart, the veins, the hands, Baptists who are not Peters and Johns the feet, the eyes, the ears, the mouth. when the angel of the Lord brought the significant element poured itsell, them out of the prison and commanded them to go, stand and speak all the symbol of that universal consecration which deluges all the inward nature of words of this life, repentance, confesevery sanctified believer. My baptized sion and haptism would soon have brethren, I charge you. belie not your ceased altogether. profession. As Baptists our gifts to

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extend the gospel of Jesus Christ fall

far short of that of many of our bre-

thren whose faith and practice are not

so Scriptural as our own. We love

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THE N. B. editor of the Visitor wa

in Haifax a week or two since. On

his return he informs his readers that

he visited the Infants Home, and says,

"On the day we called there were 44

little castaways being kindly cared

On 'reading this we could not help

thinking that our brother was under

some misapprehension regarding many

of the inmates of this excellent benevo-

lent institution. Without intending it

probably, such a statement disparages

the institution, and conveys a wrong

for," &c.

EACH church should have a supply of leaflets and tracts and pamphlets on the principles and practices of the Baptists, to scatter broad-cast with the most generous freedom. A dollar or two invested in this way will yield abundant interest.

Send to Baptist Book and Tract Society, 104 Granville St., Halifax and have your orders filled.

Dr. Hovey in a little pamphlet of 32 pages, entitled ' Evils of Infant Bapti m,' makes the following points : 1. Infant Baptism takes away from the Christian ordinance a large part of

its meaning. 2. Infant Baptism ascribes to the ordinances an imaginary virtue." 3. Infant Baptism mars the consti-

tution of the Christian churches. 4. Infant Baptism facilitates the

union of church and state. This little pamphlet ought to be put

into the hands of every thoughtful and candid pedobaptist. Send to Baptist

The copy of the Canadian Baptist from which we learn the above is printed with so little ink that we cannot possibly get more from it. There are we doubt not several other good

things in the paper but proper regard for our eye-sight compels us to pass them by. the ward of the party party of THE Wesleyan says :- "We are glad to learn that prompt measures at Mount Allison at once arrested the

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spread of diptheria there. No danger need now, we think, be feared."

REV. L. B. GATES has been in the city during the past week, on Agency for the Lunenburg Baptist Church, having previously visited several places in Annapolis, Kings and Hants Counties. He has received contributions from a number of friends.

REV. E. C. SPINNEY, D. D., of Burlington, Iowa, was in our city recently, at first on his way to his parent's home on account of the illness of his father, who died while he was there. Again he was here on his way to his own home in the West. We regret that we were not in when he called at our office.

DR JOSEPH T. DURYEA, Boston, says -" Meyer is always helpful in matters of Lexicography, Philology and Syntax. DR. CHARLES ROBINSON, New York says :- " It is among the very best, and most needed for our use on this side o the water."

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THE MAN OF THE HOUSE -By Pansy With numerous illustrations. Boston D. Lothrop & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is really one of the most fascinating stories Pansy has written. and aside from its interest as a story, calculated to exert a powerful influence for good upon the minds of young readers. The hero is a faithful, honest boy, who in his search for work has to withstand a good many temptations. How he withstood all attempts to lead him astray, how he fought off temptation, and how he worked his way to honorable success is graphically and interestingly

LIVES OF ILLUSTRIOUS SHOEMAKERS .- By William Edward Winks. In Standard Library. Price, 25 cents. Funk & Wagnalls, 10 & 12 Dey St., New York.

A most interesting book, written in a very popular style. Mr. Winks has written what everybody will love to read. The shoemakers of England have always been remarkable for two things : first, they have always been in advance of other tradespeople in their love for religious and political freedom. In al movements in England for progress they have stood together as one man. The shoemakers of England have also been remarkable for their intelligence, humor,

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Century Co. have undertaken the revision of the "Imperial Dictionary," a new edition of which, containing 130 .-000 words, with extensive and important alterations, has just been issued in Great Britain, after a labor of ten years by English experts. The revision is under the charge of Professor William D. Whitney, of Yale, as editor in-chief, aided by a corps of assistants. It will be thorough in every respect. and, in fact, muy almost be considered a new and original work, taking the "Imperial Dictionary" simply as a basis. It will be issued inder the title of "The Century Dictionary," a name which already has been protected by copyright and trade-mark. As many American scholars will probably wish to have a copy of the English edition without any change or revision. and as several years must elapse before the work of revision can be completed an arrangement has been made by The Century Co for issuing the "Imperial Dictionary" in its present form in the American Market. This edition was announced for publication in December.

but it will not be ready until March first.

John W. Lovell Co, have arranged with the Rev. R. Heber Newton, to publish in their popular ' Lovell's Lib. rary,' the sermons now in the course of delivery, on the 'Right and Wrong Uses of the Bible.' The whole series of sermons, seven in all, will be issued in one volume, printed from large type in neat 12mo form, paper covers, for 20 cents.

THE MARCH CENTURY will have a biographical sketch of the late Dr. Leonard Bacon, by his son An excellent portrait accompanies the paper. Readers of William Cullen Bryant's poetry will readily remember the many verses addressed to his wife, who died in 1866. In addition to those that have been published, one dated " Roslyn 1873," was found after Mr. Bryant's death, uncorrected and unfinished. which recalls her memory in a very tender way. It will be printed in the MARCH CENTURY. Mrs. Runkle contributes a plea for the higher education of women. This No. will also contain two illustrated historical papers, "The Migrations of American Colonists," by Dr. Edward Eggleston, and "The End of Foreign Dominion in Louisianna," by George W. Cable.

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

On TUESDAY of last week the Halifax Bill was read a third time and passed. The Eastern Extension Railway Bill was also read a third time and passed. Mr. Longley after suitable remarks moved that a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of some better mode of heating the Province Building. After discussion it was amended to apply to the Assembly room only.

The Sheriffs Bill was then taken up giving the appointment of Sheriffs to the Government and was discussed at length.

An amendment was made by Hon. Mr. Pipes, that "every sheriff so apappointed shall hold office during good behaviour." which was carried.

On WEDNESDAY the bill to incorporate the Bras d'Or Steam Navigation Company; the bill to alter and amend the Acts relating to the Halifax Sugar Refining Company, and the Bill to enable School Section number 19, in the County of Annapolis to borrow money, were read a third time.

Mr. Blair presented a petition from the Provincial Grange and Patrons of Husbandry, asking that steps be taken

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Several other petitions were presented after which Mr. McCoy moved the second reading of the bill for the abolition of imprisonment for debt, which after a lengthy debate passed by a vote

The Sheriffs Bill was then under debate and passed through committee.

The House sat till 11 o'clock at night. On THURSDAY the house did not meet till 4 o'clock in order to allow members to attend the Fruits Growers' Convention at the Masonic Hall on that day. The business of the House was of a very miscellaneous character, a number of petitions were presented and questions asked.

On FRIDAY the Lieutenant Governor attended and gave his assent to the Eastern Extension Railway Bill and ten or twelve other bills that were ready. After which the House adjourned to Monday.

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES .- The great Blood Bitters. Annie Heath, of Portland, certifies that she was cured by