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#### Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. Victoria, B. C., Jottings.

Dear Brother,-

In fulfilment of my promise, I shall now attempt to tell you my first im- bits" or "four bits." The "bit" is pressions of the Capital of British the name of a coin that has no actual Columbia. As regards its outward aspects Victoria is a city

BEAUTIFUL FOR SITUATION."

Instead of being monotonously level, as the photographs of it would lead one to believe, it is quite the reverse. Entering the harbor, one sees on the right lays down a ten cent piece, which is an arm of the sea called James Bay accepted as full payment. It is a give overlooking which are the Government and take' process. Coppers are never buildings; on his left he sees another sheet of water called Rock Bay where are large lumber mills; just in front lies the city proper built on gently rising ground; while in the back ground | silver ten cent piece. A few years ago he perceives high hills. The broad, clean streets are laid out at right angles, cent pieces were imported into B. C. and are kept in good repair. The but the merchants gathered them all diminutive one story houses, so characteristic of the city in the past, are now being rapidly replaced by larger and see the contribution plates on Sunday; more attractive dwelling. Many of the for all the collections are silver collecpublic buildings are made of brick or | tions. of stone, and both in size and architectural beauty, would be an ornament to of this fair city may be classed as Enga large eastern city. It is now a city lish speaking, Chinese and Indian. ordinance that, within the fire limits, Reserving particular mention of the

rainy season has just set in, and rubbers, but little in the day time. The winter so-called lasts but a few weeks, or perhaps days. While taking a walk this have fruit orchards in Victoris, a fact that may surprise you as it did me; for I had imagined that on leaving Nova Scotia, I had said good-bye to fine fruit. The crop of apples, pears and plums has been magnificent. Wherever a tree is planted it seems to grow and bear fruit in profusion. I have seen both apple and pear trees fairly breaking down with the weight of their own luscious fruit. Kind friends have kept us well supplied with this luxury. Last week a Cornwallis friend, a good judge of truit, helped us eat some Gravensteins, and it was our unanimous decision that they had the genuine Nova Scotia Oh, no! 'twas to scrape the grease and

BUSINESS OUTLOOK. Victoria is "booming," to use a frequent western expression. Real estate built, wages are good, rents are high and even then vacant houses are difficult to obtain. We considered ourselves fortunate in securing a small one story cottage with five rooms for \$14.00 | carpets, curtains, supplies for the larder a month. So on the whole business &c. After eating a hearty supper proprospects look bright. Great hopes are vided by the ladies, the uninvited yet entertained that when the Island Rail- welcome guests said Good night. All miles) is completed, this city will be- kindly spirit, that it awakened within come not only the coaling station for us feelings of deepest gratitude. And the Province, but also the terminus of now, in conclusion, let me tell you the C. P. R. R.

THE COST OF LIVING is, of course, a most important con-

sideration to those whose purses are not progress. The preaching services are After his return to the house the For the Christian Messenger. is a curiosity.

THE HOBITAL ON A Strange and amusing is it to the uninitiated, on inquiring the value of an article, to have it expressed in "bits." He no longer hears about twenty-five cents, or fifty cente, but always "two existence, although its nominal value is twelve and one half cents. If the unwary settler purchases something worth one bit and lays down a quarter dollar, he receives only ten cents in change When he becomes more Westernized he seen here, and they are more missed than regretted; a five cent piece is regarded as a foreign coin; and the smallest medium of exchange is the several thousand dollars worth of five together, and sent the supply back home. It would refresh your heart to

THE INHABITANTS

nor shall one be repaired beyond a cer- shall here speak only of the English population, part of which are from the Mother Country, and part from Eastern | financial standing of the church. is mild, somewhat cool and moist. The Canada. The Lower Provinces are largely represented; only last week gossamers and umbrellas must be in four Nova Scotia vessels lay in the harconstant readiness. One redeeming bor, and as a result I feel quite at home. feature, however, is that it rains mostly My acquaintances have been confined in the night, interfering with business almost entirely to the Baptist congregation; -and regarding these I can grate- Last days of Mr. Ludowick Morine fully say that while they boast no titled ancestry, they possess kind hearts which afternoon, I saw bright blossoms in the are "more than coronets," and royal flower gardens; the Eoglish ivy was faith which is "more than Norman apples were not yet gathered. Yes, we tinued good, will of this kind people. Last Friday evening we had a

SURPRISE PARTY

of the genuine old-fashioned stamp Now some pastor may feel inclined to shed a tear of sympathy for us, as he remembers his former sad experiences,

"They carried pie to the parson's house, And scattered the floor with crumbs, And marked the leaves of his choicest

With the prints of their greasy thumbs.

"Next day the parson went down on his

With his wife, but not to pray;

From the carpet and stairs away." But not of this sort was our party, so spare your sympathy. About 8 o'clock is "up," houses are being rapidly a formidable army of friends invaded parcels. As by the touch of the magician's wand there appeared chairs, table, to be deprived of the privilege. way, from Nanaimo to Victoria (10 was done with such good grace and

> about our BAPTIST CAUSE,

I think we can report quiet yet steady "This day my soul has caught new fire."

amount of "filthy lucre." While in averages between 50 and 60; and the his room and he talked to them fifteen general the cost of living is consider- prayer and covenant meetings are minutes. It was better than any serably higher than in the East, it must be marked by good feeling. Last Sunday mon I ever heard. He told me a dream of malarial fever, and was buried at the borne in mind that this is more than the pastor, after having been welcomed he had that Sunday night. He thought off-set by the higher wages received for with his wife as a member of the Calvary he was travelling along a lonely road, post. labor. Rents and wearing apparel are Church, extended the right hand of when a terrible looking giant stood bevery expensive. The staple articles of fellowship to four persons who have fore him and said, "You have made a food, as flour, meal and tea are cheaper joined our ranks by letter and experi- fool of yourself in being baptized. God and better than in the East; while ence. Then a goodly number sat will now surely forsake you." He rethose things which may be classed as around the Lord's Table and partook of plied, "You are a liar and the father of luxuries are costly, e. g., butter, 50c. the emblems of his broken body and liars," when the giant disappeared and per 1b., eggs, 50c. per dezen; granu- shed blood. One of these new members he awoke calm and happy, He then said lated sugar, 7 lbs for \$1.00; milk, 10c. formerly resided at Port Williams, N.S., to me, "Maudie do you ever have a quart; and the daily newspapers (not and was converted about nineteen years hard struggle with the devil?" I said much inferior to the Haliax dailies) ago in the revival at Hall's Harbor "Yes, grandpa I often do." "O Maudie," \$10.00 a year. Good house furnishings under the ministry of the late Rev. said he, "fight him, fight him." These exceeding 25 words. All over are manufactured here at moderate James Parker. At our last regular were the last words he said to me." prices. It is a noteworthy fact that in business meeting, a very hearty and Through the following week he sufspite of the apparent high cost of living unanimous expression of thanks was fered intensely, but without a murmur actual poverty is very rare, and a beggar voted to the brethren in the Maritime striving all the while to comfort the Provinces who have so generously con- loved ones who ministered to his need. tributed money towards the erection of On the Saturday after his baptism his a house of worship. Building operations spirit gently passed away leaving the face, will not be pushed forward, however, before marked with the lines of suffering, until we can see our way clear financi- with the expression of calm repose. He ally. Former sad experiences in the slept in Jesus. history of this church have taught us, that debt means both danger and disgrace. Upon mature consideration the building lot now owned by the church has been declared to be unsuitable for the erection of a house of worship, as it is rather remote from the principal to the recommendation of the Convenstreets, and is too elevated to be easily tion touching a collection for the benefit approached. It is, however, very sale- of maritime students in McMaster Hall? able property, and will be put in the As yet very few of the number have market immediately and the proceeds carried out the recommendation. There deposited on interest. This is just the are now six students here from the reverse of a retrograde movement, for Maritime Provinces, and three others it is wiser and quicker in the end to are expected. To pay their railway fare wait and secure a central, pleasant here and tack, to say nothing of further location, than to hasten and build in a | help, will, require nearly five times the place where people cannot find us. We amount already received. McMaster now worship in Temperance Hall, a Hall is now the one Theological school convenient building centrally located. of the Baptists of the Dominion. Would and \$15.00 a month pays the rent in- it not be well for every Baptist church cluding heating and lighting. With to contribute to its beneficiary funds to this reasonable charge, we are enabled the extent of one collection a year, and to lay aside a little each week towards thus also keep alive its interest to the our new church. The envelope system work done therein? Otherwise our of contributions has been adopted and young men may still drift to other inworks satisfactorily, all expenses being stitutions, and thus be lost to our met promptly, and generous donations churches and to our country. made for benevolent objects. The Treasurer is required every morning of churches and persons have sent forward the second Lord's Day of each month no wooden building shall be erected, last two classes for another occasion, I to make full statement of the income and disbursements for the preceeding months, that every one may know the I shall endeavor to be brief in my

> WALTER BARSS. Victoria, B. C., Nov. 6, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger. of Kempt, Queens Co.

The Messenger has already favored its Mrs. C. V. Rawding, " ... 2 00 readers with an account of the death of Further contributions sent either to climbing over the portices in wild lux- blood." Frequent neighborly acts, done the above named brother who in ad- Dr. Castle or to myself will be thankfulurariance, and in some orchards, many unostentationsly, testify to the con- vanced life was baptized by his pastor ly received and faithfully appropriated. Bro. Bleakeney. I have had the pleasure of perusing a detter written by one of his grand children giving an account of the closing scenes of his life which if published in full, would be good reading not only to a large circle of friends, but to your readers generally. I will not, however, ask for its insertion in your columns.

He had been entertaining serious thoughts for some time previous to the visit of Bro Wallace to the place last winter. At that time he was confined to the bouse, but was, nevertheless anxious to follow his Savior in baptism "not," as the letter says, "that he thought that baptism was a saving ordi nance but he teld me that he had lived all his life knowing that it was God's commandment to believers to be baptized, and that in failing to obey that one command he was guilty of breaking our quiet home; but their only weapons the whole. So strong was his desire at were loaded baskets and mysterious that time to obey the Lord that he said he would rather die in the attempt than

The letter thus describes the event. "He had not been dressed for some time, but he got up on Sunday, ate a hearty dinner, and appeared strong and well. He rode to a mill pond about half a mile away and before a large concourse of people was baptized. What a happy man he was! Coming home he sang the lives commencing:

long and who possess only a moderate well attended; the Sunday School young people crowded around him in

For the Christian Messenger.

DEAR EDITOR. Will you kindly allow me to call the attention of the churches in Nova Scotis

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D. M. WELTON. Mc Master Hall, Poronto, Nov. 11, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger. W. M. A. Society.

Dear Mrs. Selden,-

Yarmouth Co., on my return from Convention, I talked with the sisters of the church about the needs of our mission, and of their duty to assist in sending the gospel to the benighted.

I found them ready and willing to work. A meeting of the sisters was convened on Sept. 2nd, and a W. M. A. Society of seven hembers was organ-

Mrs. P. S. McGregor, of New Glasgow being on a visit to her home, rendered us valuable assistance, and united with the society. The society at a meeting a few days after received ten more members, making seventeen. The zeal, consecration, and system of

the sisters betoken a successful society. I think at no distant day this society Later on his request was granted, will have at least one life member. The

President-Mrs. Ww. T. Lent. Vice-President-Mrs. E. C. Simonson. Treasurer-Miss Alice McCo m.c. Secretary-Miss Annie L. Harfield, I hope shortly to be able to report the resuscitation of an old society and

Mrs. A. L. Foster. Osborne, Nov. 5th, 1884.

Fred. J. Higgins, only son of James M. and Melinda A. Higgins, of Newport, cemetery of the Hudson Bay Company's

By this death a very worthy family has been brought into deep affliction. They mourn not alone an only son and brother, but one who was greatly endeared by many noble qualities of mind and heart.

This young man learned at an early age the fear of the Lord, and delighted to walk in wisdom's ways. He professed faith in Jesus at the age of sixteen, and united with the Baptist church at was ever ready to lend his influence to he ness, doing with his might what he found to do, and when remunerative employment failed him at home, he sought it abroad. He exulted in his manbood, and willingly measured his strength with the necessities of toil (Would there were more like him in this respect.) He loved his home as but few can love it, and was all ready to return to its endearments when met by was laid low.

He was well cared for in his sickness and died as die the brave, with armour on and at his post. He died just when most men begin to live, but not till he had won for himself a name and place among the true and good. The memory of the just is as precious ointment of sweet perfume, that severed hed ab

Newport, Nov. 20, 1884.

TANCOOK, &c .- A short time ago had the pleasure of spending a Sabbath on this wild but friendly island. Mr. A. Whitman, Lic. has been labouring

here for some considerable time off and on. The people look to be in very comfortable circumstances. Have a good house of worship and better still fill it upon a Sabbath. They could have one of the best Sabbath Schools in the County; but to my utter astonishment. they had only one teacher for the whole school, whereas, they could have had powers of the people were beyond all expectation. They seem to enter so heartily into whatever they do. We had ing. One after another arose and testified of the love of Jesus. It was happy close of a delightful day. The They tell me that there is a grand op portunity of doing good work at Blanour position, our awful responsibility to God! Others press in and form so. cieries to advance their doctrines, and how to tell time. The charts are issued While spending a few days at Tusket, blind leaders of the blind. Here is a noble opportunity for forming an excelleut field of labor. Gt. Tancook, Little Tancook, and Blanford could give good support and a rich barvest gathered for God's Kingdom. Mr. Whitman has some warm friends here who testify of the good work God has done here through him.

Allow me also to thank the kind friends at Waterville, Hants Co., for a very pleasant surprise on Monday even- Price 60 cents. A. S. BARNES & Co., ing Nov. 3rd. They met at the home of Bro. James Vaugh in and presented Mrs. A. and myself with some very suitable gifts. These tokens of regard are deeply felt.

Yours truly, S. J. ARCHIBALD. New Ross, Nov. 20th 1884.

The Musical Herald for November contains articles of interest on Wind Instruments, Organs, Organists and Church Music, also reviews and the formation of others in the County Foreign Notes, and several musical compositions. This journal is alike adapted to professional musicians, and the people at large.

## Literary.

JOSEPH PAYNE. New York: E. L. Kellogg & Co. 1884. pp. 256.

The above lectures are selected from the English edition of the posthumous papers of Professor Payne, edited by his son. The selection is wisely made. This compact volume contains all that was characteristic in Mr. Payne's instructions. When a young teacher be became acquainted with the pring iples of Jacotot, and was fired with the enthusiasm which Jacotot succeeded in kindling far and wide both in his own country and in Belgium. These principles entirely changed his notion Ellershouse, and maintained his Chris of the teacher's office. They turned tian character unsullied to the end. He routine into a course of never-ending was a faithful Temperance worker, and experiment and discovery. Forthwith preached the new educational a good cause. He was diligent in busi- evangel. Both as a theorist and as a practical teacher, he made it the business of Lis life to expose the futility of the unintelligent routine with which educators have too commonly contented themselves, and to rouse teachers to replace it by methods which would call the expanding faculties of the young scholar into healthful activity. He insisted that the only teaching worthy of the name is that which the foe stronger than the strong, and that which awakens in him the desire for knowledge and guides him by the surest and readiest methods to its attainment. Such teaching proceed upon the principle that knowledge is the abiding result of some action of the mind. Whoever causes the mind of the pupil to take the necessary action teaches the pupil. This is the only kind of teaching which Mr. Payne would hear of. This view was not ledged Jacotot as his master-but he presented it with such treshness and power as to awaken a new conception of the teacher's function. The teacher sets the learner's mind to work, directs it and regulates its rate of advance.

Mr. Payne was the first English professor of the Science and Art of Education He was chosen to fill this chair in the College of Preceptors in 1872, which position he held till his death in 1876. Short as his tenor of the professorship proved, he succeeded in doing much towards elevating the teacher's conception of his calling As we have intimated, the substance of his instructions are embraced in five or six thriving classes. The musical the volume before us. These lectures fully set forth the principles which he so ably advocated and expounded. They are full of the spirit of the true teacher, and will prove fresh, stimulata delightful prayer meeting in the even- ing, and helpful to all engaged in the great work of education.

PRINCIPAL GIFFIN, of Newark, N. J., and SUPT. MELENEY of Patterson. wild, rugged, beautiful scenery, the N. J., have made a Reading Chart on kind, warm-hearted hospitality of the a new principle. It is made to hang people drew one to them very closely. from nails on a wall and does not re-Almost the entire island are Baptists. quire racks or easels. It has a patent chart is wanted. The lessons are wisely arranged and easily graded. ford. When are we going to recognize The "color chart" is prepared on a new idea, teaching color from fruit and leaves. The "clock face" chart is also a most valuab'e feature for teaching some are working for Christ, others are in two parts, price \$5.00 each, and called The Popular Reading Charts. A, S. BARNES & Co., Publishers, New York & Chicago.

> Mrs. MARY H. HUNT, Supt. of Scientific Instruction W. C. T. U. has had prepared a capital primary treatise on Physiology with reference to narcotics and alcohol, which the W. C. T. U. is strenuously recommending to Schools and Boards of Education. It is such a book as will instruct and interest whole families as well as schools. Publishers, New York.

Anson D. F. RANDOLPH & Co., will publish immediately, THE I AMS OF CHRIST: A Contribution to Christological Thought. By Samuel H. Giesy D. D, in which the author seeks to show that nothing is so remarkable as the way in which Jesus Christ turns thought upon Himself personally, and not merely officially. The book is an earnest effort to show how inexplicable these claims are on any purely human conception of His Person.

The Agricultural Societies throughou the Province must hold their Annua Meetings on the 2nd day of December.