Sti

val

Chi

reg

gui by son pet suc

rea

Gal

ner sto ing ley Me ous

sut

An

Be we fen for

ter cisc plication Monor Constant

sho the by 200 gro was

Pas

wri in Rh for the

### The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., July 9, 1884.

# TO JANUARY 1st, 1885, for 50 cents.

TWO FOR ONE DOLLAR.

Every family should have it weekly Christian newspaper, giving information of what is passing in their own country and in other lands, in the Churches and in the State. We are doing our utmost by the above offer to induce families to receive its visits, feeling satisfied that to many, an introduction is this object.

We respectfully ask our patrons, who desire to do good and spread the truth, to kindly aid us in this endeavour. The 50 cents does not pay for the paper and labor, but we venture on the offer with the hope that a large addition may be made to our list of Subscribers, so as to, eventually, repay the loss.

be sent with the names. For every TEN NEW SUBSCRIBERS, with FIVE DOLLARS,

A Handsome Pocket Bible will be sent, with the fact stated in it in LETTERS OF GOLD.

In our present issue we commence highly interesting

SERIAL NARRATIVE,

specially suited to this year, 1884. The date of the story is about the latter part of the fourteenth century, shortly after the death of John Wickliffe, whose semi-centenial is to be celebrated this year. Those who read this nar rative will after doing so be better able to appreciate what it cost to become a follower of Christ in England at that period of English History, and how those who did so were treated by "the powers that be at that time. It will be like living over again for a short time about 500 years ago, and will form a most instructive series of lessons for comparison of the past and present, and of thankfulness for the glorious liberty we enjoy so far in advance of that day.

The Lollards were the descendants of the Wickliffeites and in most respects in accord with the present Baptists. The period of this story is that in which the bones of Wickliffe were dug up, burned, and the ashes cast into the River Swift, whence it was afterwards said they were carried to all parts of the world. His works, especially his translation of the Bible into English have followed his ashes, and will doubtless continue to spread until all the nations shall hear and read in their own tongue the great and eternal truths of Holy Scripture.

### A CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

In attending a Council, called to advise in reference to the ordination of a brother to the Ministry of the Gospel, a few days since, we were struck with the remark of the candidate, when asked for his reasons for considering that he had been called to preach the Gospel. He replied that several years ago he had felt much concerned about how he could best serve the cause of Christ, and thought he ought to engage in more direct work in making known the truths of God's word to his fellowmen. He applied to his pastor for advice, and made known to him his feelings and views. Instead of any instruction on the subject, he advised him to obey the injunction, "Go and preach." Try and find out some neglected neighbourhood where he could hold meetings and present the gospel to those who came to hear him. He had followed this advice and for some time had gone two or three miles every Sunday for this purpose, and felt that much blessed in his labors. From that time he had concluded that the Lord had intended that he should spend his life in preaching the gospel, and proceeded to obtain the advantages of further education to aid him in that work. This course we think must commend itself to every right thinking Christian man, and an incident well worthy of imitation by others in similar circumstances.

#### OUR ANNIVERSARIES.

N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT NORTH KINGSTON - Concluded.

In our last we gave our notes of the discussion of the report on Education up to Monday noon. In the afternoon the discussion was resumed, Rev. E. M. Keirstead made a number of comparisons or perhaps we should say contrasts between the present and the past, as to the educational and religious privileges enjoyed by the people generally and by Baptists in particular. We have now and here what our forefathers for centuries have been contending for-Freedom to worship God and Educational advantages. It is for us now to shew all that is needed to accomplish our appreciation of our privileges and be faithful to the trust committed to us so as to hand them down to posterity unimpaired.

Rev. W. H. Warren said he was glad to find by his visit to Hillsburg, that the brethren of the Western Association retained their genuine loyalty to Acadia. And now coming to this section of the province he found here In all cases the money must also the same feeling prevailing. He could but feel assured that great good was resulting from the course pursued by the Governors and Faculty of Acadia. He believed that a very large addition might be made to the number of students in the institutions by a little judicious effort in shewing young men and women how to proceed, and what advantages might be derived by them from taking a course of study in the Higher Educational institutions of the body.

Prof. Tufts said he had seen and watched the progress made by students at Acadia. Those who have spent a portion of time there had by that means become intensely interested in the institutions, and had acquired a thirst for knowledge which had followed them into future life, making them useful members and pastors of churches.

J. W. Barss said he began to feel that he had no certainty of meeting with the Associations from one year to seeking to promote the welfare of our College, and was glad to know that it often predicted that it would fail had thus far been disappointed and he believed they would continue to be. other bodies who supposed because we have so few wealthy men we would be unable to live, but when they saw that the College belonged to the people who would not long let it suffer, they conbefore it. He recommended that confidence should be placed in the goverpeople, and with this mutual respect lows :and esteem, the means of sustenance would always be forthcoming.

### THE CIRCULAR LETTER

was then submitted by Professor Coldwell. A document of more than ordinary value, seeing that it treats of the relation of pastor and people it deserves a careful perusal. The Association requested that it be published in the pages of the Christian Messenger, and by that means reach the churches fo whom it is intended. It may be on our second page.

THE REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL

LITERATURE warm endorsement of the Messenger, \$116.28. and a strong recommendation to the ministers and members of the churches to introduce it to their people. It also gave a very firm and cordial approval of the Baptist Book and Tract Society in Halifax.

Bro. George Maedonald, the Secretary of the Baptist Book and Tract supplying books to Sabbath Schools and Baptist families-that during the past 41 menths the sales had amounted to about \$2,700.

Fund is about \$7,000 of which sum \$4,000 has been paid in. He also Telugus, he would be glad to go out to shewed that the Society had secured British Columbia. privileges with the London Religious Tract Society equal to any Society in the Dominion.

engaged for a short time in collecting begun, and the condition of the people forth labourers into His Harvest, we

also addressed the Association and elicited commendations for the work he so well advocated.

A. L. Wood was called for and referred to the great advantages the Society possessed and the facilities that had been afforded in importing books from England. He noticed the attempts made in certain quarters to disparage the work, and the untrue statements made by some who had so plainly shewed the spirit by which they were animated. He believed the operations of the Society had been carried on in the most economical scale possible, but it had paid, as well as sent forth a large number of volumes of truth which otherwise would not have been circulated. It is a part of Christian work that should be en-

Dr. Welton referred to the coarse unmanly position recently taken in an endeavour to damage this Society and its work. He stated that the effort to get a branch of the Toronto Publishing Company was altogether unauthorized; and deprecated the attempt to interfere with the operations of this Society which had been commended by the Baptist Convention. The people of Nova Scotia and other places want good books and he believed they could get them from the Society in Halifax as well as from anywhere and he wished the Society all prosperity.

MISSIONARY MEETING

Monday evening the Missionary Report was read by Rev. J. F. Kempton, Rev. J. A. Gordon presented the cause of Home Missions. He noticed the appointment of Rev. Isa. Wallace as an act of the Board which had been eminently blessed in the conversion of many souls, and had given help and encouragement to the churches he had visited and where he had labored.

Bro. Walter Barss was then called upon to speak, and did so at some length on British Columbia. He referred to it as an important part of this Dominion which will be soon more closely united by the Canada Pacific Railroad. He another. He had spent much time in described the resources of the country as being abundant in gold, timber, coal fish and all kinds of agricultural prois growing in usefulness. It had been ductions with 60,000 inhabitants but not one Baptist minister. A small but it had been seen that its enemies church of 27 members in Victoria had sent him an invitation to come and help them and preach the gospel to We have taught important lessons to them, and he had accepted the invitation, but they had no house of worship. He was anxious to aid them in their efforts to provide themselves with one, and made an appeal for aid. On Mr. B. taking his seat, Rev. J. F. Avery cluded that it has a long career yet rose up and said he had been so deeply interested in what had been stated that he had come to the conclusion to give nors, and the same confidence should \$10 towards it. Others then came be placed by the governors in the forward with their donations as fol-

83			
	Rev. J. F. Avery\$	10	0
	Parker Spurr	2	0
	Mark Curry	10	0
	Rev. T. A. Higgins	10	0
	S. B. Kempton	5	
	J. C. Dumaresq	10	
9	Prof. Kierstead		0
q	Rev. J. A. Gordon	2010/09/09 12:25	0
1	Bro. A. P. Shand		2000
Ü	Rev. E. J. Grant	10	3320
	Rno A Coldwall		0
	Bro. A. Coldwell	5	0
	L. O. Neely	5	0
	Rev. J. F. Kempton	5	0
	E. W. Sawyer	5	0
	Rev. W. J. Gates		0
	J. Hall		0
	Dr. D. F. Higgins		0
	Two Friends		0
	是一种,我们们是一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一		
	A proposal was then made to	4	1

A proposal was then made to take up a collection. This was done and was read by Dr. Welton. It gave a \$13.28 was realized making a total of

There is something peculiarly pleas ing in this connection formed between the two extremities of the Dominion with thousands of miles between. It must be peculiarly gratifying to Mr. Barss, a delegate to this Association who was to be ordained at Wolfville, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church Society, stated what had been done in at Victoria, B. C. to have his appeal so well endorsed by the Brethren of the Central Association.

This pleasing episode was brought to a close by the call for Rev. George The amount subscribed to Capital Churchill to address the meeting. He said if he were not a missionary to the

for this Association, under appointment said there was a want of youths to enter to go to India. He would be glad to the sacred ministry, and while we look Bro. Austen de Blois who had been give the audience some idea of the work to the Lord of the Harvest to send

and labored. He described the visit to hold of earnest labourers who look Siam, then the field of the Telugu forward to the ministry not as a profescountry, occupied by the Baptists of the sion, but as a holy calling acceptable to Maritime Provinces. He led the congregation by imagination to a hill 1,700 feet above the level of the sea where the whole expanse could be seen. three stations the triangular space which they embraced he said there was a population of about one million, but dwelling in heathenism, wretchedness, and misery. Mr. Churchill presented strongly the claims of the Board at St. John, to sympathy and support from their brethren. Their hands should be upheld, and funds sent in to enable them to meet the obligation under which they had placed themselves on behalf of the churches.

Rev. Geo. F. Currie was next called for, who gave a very interesting description of the provision made for giving educational advantages to those who were converted, and who wished for a further course of study before going out to teach or preach. A number of questions were now put to Mr. C., all of which were replied to readily. A collection was taken up for the Convention Fund.

On TUESDAY MORNING the Report on Obituaries was read. It referred to the death of D. R. Eaton, Avard Longly, Rev. Dr. DeBlois, Bro. Grinton. It was adopted as far as rendered, but death of Dr. Clay.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT. After a general commendation of the Sabbath School Institution, the Report proceeds:

We believe that the prosperity of our churches depends very much upon the efficiency of our Sabbath Schools, and as we desire the one we must not neg-

Your Committee would most heartily recommend the Sabbath School Convention of this Central Association as an excellent institution, calculated, if properly sustained, to become an important factor in advancing our Sabbath School work; and recollecting the pleasure and profit derived from the Convention of last year at Woodville, we would urge upon all who may be able to do so to attend the Convention this coming Autumn at Somerville, Hants. We have no statistics to enable us to state the number of schools in connection with this Association, or the attendance, as the information in the letters is so imperfect that nothing can be gathered from it; aud your Committee recommend that considering that our Statistics are sent to the Convention for publication in the Year Book, the Clerks of the churches be requested in future to furnish as full particulars as possible with regard to Sabbath Schools in the letters from the churches to this

OUR readers are entitled to know what is being done by other bodies as well as their own, and whilst we give the following, taken from one of our contemporaries, we can but smile at some of the features it presents of the doings of these grave divines. They indulge in talking of "dissenters" and " unbaptized persons." Perhaps they will not like to be reminded that they are dissenters, as much as any in Scotland and Canada, and further that they do not often administer baptism even according to their own Prayer Book, and therefore but few of them are baptized and entitled to church burial.

### THE ANGLICAN SYNOD

was in session, (the seventeenth) at St. Lukes, last week. The first meeting was on Tuesday. The Bishop and clergy met in St. Luke's Hall, and robing there, marched in procession to the cathedral. There they were met at the door by the Rector of the cathedral and his choir, and the procession moved slowly towards the altar, chanting a processional hymn.

After the celebration of the Commumunion, the procession returned. The Bishop formally opened the Synod by reading his charge. In this he reported that since the last Synod, he had ordained 14 deacons, 11 priests, and received 3 priests from other dioceses, and has confirmed 2,459 people. He spoke hopefully of the educational institutions at Windsor. About \$25,000 had been subscribed to the Endowment fund, but Eleven years ago he had stood be- only \$9,000 have been paid in. He for the Colportage Fund of that Society among whom he had since then lived must try and do our share in getting must be scattered.

On the second day of the Synod Rev. E. J. Hodgson presented a memorial complaining that in Nova Scotia the consecrated church burial grounds were desecrated by the burial of dissenters and unbaptized persons, and concluded in the following words:

"That your memorialist in his sore distress must earnestly pray that the Synod may take such steps as to render impossible the future continuance of so grave a scandal, and permit no variance regarding the burials of the unbaptised from the laws and usages of the Catholic Church."

Opposition arose to the appointment of a committee of enquiry.

The Rev. F. R. Murray said the question was not a matter of burying dissenters, he had buried a great many and would bury a great many more if brought to him (laughter), but the question was one of burying unbaptized persons, and on this the rule of the church is inviolable. If the Church of England had her rules and regulations, they must be observed.

The memorial was laid on the table The Rev. V. E. Harris moved the following resolution:

"That in every church in the Diocese an address be given annually upon the position and claims of King's Col was referred back to Rev. Dr. Saunders, lege, and that at the same time contrithe Chairman, to add some notice of the butions be solicited for the maintenance of a Professor of Divinity."

> In consequence of some opposition he afterwards withdrew it.

The condition of King's College was made the subject of much and earnest discussion. A desire was expressed to make it a Divinity School.

Notice of motion was given by Prof. Wilson: "That the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be requested to furnish a Prayer or Collect for the success and prosperity of all Church Educational Instruction of the Diocese, particularly of King's College: The said Prayer or Collect to be used at least once every Sunday and holiday in public worship where service is held."

The Bishop suggested that a canon be adopted recognizing the work of woman in the church. This was subsequently adopted.

The question of having a Church Bookstore and Depository was considered, and a committee appointed to make arrangements for the same.

There was quite a discussion on the Wine question for Communion, and a committee was appointed "to investigate the qualities of materials used in the celebration of the sacraments, and especially the Communion Wine, and obtain information as to where and at what price the best material could be obtained.

The session closed on Friday after

THE New Brunswick Synod had a great discussion last week, as to whether women should be allowed to vote in the vestries. After a long debate, the vote was taken as follows: For the amendment, (giving women the right to vote) 9 clergymen, 5 laymen; against 32 clergymen, 22 laymen.

## OUR MINUTES: OF ASSOCIATION.

Much regret has been expressed by some persons in each of the Associations, that the publication of the Minutes in separate form has been discontinued. The Year Book fails to give all that is done in each of the Associational gatherings, and several important particulars are necessarily omitted. But few persons comparatively have the Year Book, and the history is consequently less perfectly kept. One of the New Brunswick Associations, the Southern-the one which takes in all the St. John churches-refuses to come into the arrangement again this year.

This would seem to indicate that our brethren in the New Brunswick capital are opposed to the arrangement with regard to the Year Book being the depository of our statistics, and breaks up the combination. We in Nova Scotia have for the past two years given up what was required to secure uniformity but if the object is not secured we had perhaps better reconsider our action.

Charities should be diffused. will not grow if piled in a heap; it

OUR readers will observe that in our reports of the doings of the Associations the facts are pretty nearly alike, the difference being mostly in the personnel, and it would hardly be acceptable to our readers to have the Associational Reports on Missions, Education, &c., given with our notes of the proceedings at the three gatherings, seeing they are so nearly similar. Under the present circumstances, the N. S. Western having precedence, has these Reports, but we could not repeat them in the Central and Eastern, unless they contained some expression of opinion differing from that of the Western.

Although the accounts of the several Associations appear in the MESSENGER so much sooner after being held than they would in the minutes, yet that does not provide the full Minutes as formerly to the families of the members generally.

On Sunday last Rev. Walter Barss preached in Granville Street Church in the morning and in the Dartmouth Church in the evening. His discourses were able and calculated to be very useful and we can but think he is the right man for the position to which he is called in the far West, British Columbia. He will have the good wishes and prayers of a host of friends following when he goes westward.

REV. GEORGE CHURCHILL and family came to the city on their way from Kingston on Sunday last. In the morning he was present at Granville Street Church and took part in the service. In the evening he gave a Missionary address in the North Church which awakened deep interest in the large audience present.

WE regret to learn that Rev. Isa. Wallace has been compelled to relinquish his missionary labours and return to his home for rest. His labours in Guysboro county have been greatly blessed in the conversion of many and in reviving the drooping energies of the scattered churches along the Eastern Shore. He has baptized upwards of ninety persons since last April and held services at various places almost daily. Last Sabbath he preached at New Glasgow, and during the services became so completely exhausted that he was unable to finish his discourse. He fears that he is threatened with paralysis and has discontinued his contemplated labours in Pictou county for a season. We trust that the needed rest will with the divine blessing bring the desired restoration of health and strength.

### News from the Churches.

Bro. Wallace informs us that he baptized nine more since he reported last week; seven at New Harbor, and two at Tor Bay, and the good work still advances. He is now on his way to River John, in Pictou Co.

KEMPT, QUEENS, July 2nd, 1884. -The Lord is still favouring the people at Kempt. We baptized one person about four weeks ago, and one last Sabbath. The last baptism was under peculiar circumstances, the subject was an old man named Morine, who has been sick for some three years. Of late he became very anxious to follow his Lord in the ordinance of baptism, God gave him strength to go a mile to the water and be baptized. He returned to his home rejoicing, and expressed a strong desire to travel and tell the world what a hope had been found. He is now rapidly sinking, but is very happy in the Lord.

J. E. BLAKENEY.

NICTAUX.—On Sabbath last seven young men were baptised in the river by the Rev. J. Clark. One member was restored to fellowship, and another received by letter.

On the previous Sabbath one brother was received on his experience. Thus the work of the Lord moves on.

It is pleasing to notice that although it is some months since the good work began, the new converts resemble those of the early church, of whom it is said, "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."