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## Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

### The Omnipresent Christ in Jewish History.

BY E. M. CHESLEY.

II.

Let us turn to the second chapter of  
the Book of the Judges.

"And the Angel of the Lord came up  
from Gilgal to Bochim and said, I made  
you to go up out of Egypt and have  
brought you unto the land which I  
swore unto your fathers; and I said I  
will never break my covenant with you;  
and ye shall make no league with the  
inhabitants of the land; ye shall throw  
down their altars: but ye have not  
obeyed my voice; why have ye done  
this? Wherefore I also have now said,  
I will not drive them out from before  
you, but they shall be as thorns in your  
sides and their gods shall be a snare  
unto you; and it came to pass when the  
Angel of the Lord spake these words  
unto all the Children of Israel, that the  
people lifted up their voices and wept"  
(Judges ii. 1-5).

Here is another crisis in the history  
of Israel. Joshua had died and the  
Elders associated with him, and the  
people had lapsed into disobedience  
and apostasy. They had entered into  
an unholy alliance with the unsubdued  
foes with whom they were intermingled.  
They were losing their faith in God and  
their courage, and they were compro-  
mising with evil. A general relapse  
into paganism was imminent and the  
loss of their nationality. Israel must  
now suffer the just and unescapable  
penalties of its transgression of the  
Divine law. Through that long melan-  
choly period of the 14 Judges God  
withholds His presence in large measure  
from the people; graciously interposing  
only on their repentance, and saving  
the life of the remnant of the nation  
just so as by fire. Justice must be vin-  
dicated ever, even in the midst of abun-  
dant mercy. There must be a co-opera-  
tion of man with God in all the processes  
of his salvation from that evil which is  
the death of the soul. For this is in-  
wrought in the very texture of the  
Divine Economy of the world.

The Angel of Jehovah again appears  
upon the scene. He speaks with a  
superhuman authority and lays claim to  
the acts of Jehovah Himself. Here  
therefore is an undoubted Theophany  
or Divine manifestation of the Logos,  
the Word. Here stands revealed the  
veritable Christ, the Shepherd of the  
Flock and the Holy One of Israel, who  
assumes to be that same Angel who led  
the Israelites from Egypt and went  
before them in the Journey of the  
Desert. And as he warned them of the  
certain penalties that must follow their  
sins and brought to their remembrance  
his ancient covenant with His people,  
and with solemn and impressive sadness  
rebuked the nation for its disobedience,  
all the people lifted up their voices and  
wept. There is conviction of the con-  
science. And the occasion is most  
memorable. Six hundred thousand  
sinners in tears of penitence at the  
revelation of the awful Truth of God!

"Behold Jehovah's hand is not  
shortened, that it cannot save, nor is  
His ear heavy that it cannot hear; but  
your iniquities have separated you from  
your God, and your sins have hidden

His face from you, that He doth not  
hear." (Isa. lix. 1-3).

And so it is also under the New Dis-  
pensation, in accordance with the words  
of the Historical Christ: "I am the  
true vine and my Father is the husband-  
man. Every branch in me that beareth  
not fruit he taketh away: and every  
branch that beareth fruit, he cleanseth,  
that it may bear more fruit." (John  
xv. 1-3).

But let us turn to the Prophecies of  
Isaiah: "I will celebrate the mercy of  
Jehovah, the glory of Jehovah, accord-  
ing to all that He hath done for us;  
His great goodness to the House of  
Israel, which He hath bestowed on it  
in His tender mercy and His great  
kindness. He said, Truly they are my  
people; children that will not be false;  
so He became their Saviour. In all  
their affliction He was afflicted; and  
the Angel of His presence saved them;  
in His love and compassion He redeemed  
them, He took them up and bore them  
all the days of old. But they rebelled  
and grieved His Holy Spirit; then did  
He change Himself into their enemy;  
He Himself fought against them. Then  
remembered His people the ancient  
days, the days of Moses, saying, where  
is He that brought them up from the  
sea with the Shepherd of His Flock?  
Where is He that hath put His Holy  
Spirit within Him?" (Isa. lxiii. 7-12).

And here again we have a clear refer-  
ence to that Princely Leader of the  
House of Israel, the Angel of the  
Covenant, the Angel of the Presence of  
Jehovah who has always been in the  
world, who has always been with His  
people, to guide, to counsel and to save,  
to convict of sin and unrighteousness,  
and to execute judgment on the evil,  
that the good may ultimately prevail.

And the Great God has put His Holy  
Spirit in the Christ, even as the glorious  
sunlight lighting our world from day to  
day is constantly interpenetrated by,  
and forms a part of, that universal sun-  
light which is in all the universe,  
lighting all the worlds. And these two  
are in essence One for the accomplish-  
ment of all gracious purposes and wise  
counsels having reference to the life of  
men, the eternal life of men.

We are told that because the children  
of Israel rebelled and grieved His Holy  
Spirit, therefore the Angel of Jehovah  
changed Himself and became their  
enemy. And how true is it in all time  
that the Truth of God is either a  
savour of life unto life or of death unto  
death. The Christ who is the Life and  
the Truth of God, becomes to those  
who are being saved, sanctification and  
righteousness and redemption; to those  
who are perishing, foolishness and con-  
demnation. Herein are made known  
the operation of the universal laws of  
spirit.

Let us now turn to the last and indeed  
the great standard passage of the Old  
Testament Scriptures in defence of this  
view we are maintaining, of the univer-  
sality of the Christ, of the pre-existence  
of the Christ, and his never ceasing  
agency in the Church of the World.  
The passage is to be found in the  
Prophecy of Malachi, wherein the Christ  
that is to come appears to be clearly  
identified with the Angel or Messen-  
ger of the Covenant. "Behold I will  
send my Messenger, and He shall prepare  
the way before me; and the Lord whom  
ye seek shall suddenly come to His  
temple; and the Messenger of the  
Covenant whom ye desire, behold He  
shall come, saith Jehovah of Hosts. But  
who shall abide the day of His coming?  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?  
For He shall be like the fire of the  
refiner, and like the soap of the fuller.  
And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier  
of silver, and He shall purify the sons of  
Levi, and shall refine them as gold and  
silver, that being holy unto Jehovah  
they may bring an offering in righteous-  
ness." (Mal. 3: 1-4).

It is to be observed that this Angel  
or Messenger of Jehovah who is iden-  
tified with God is yet represented as  
being sent forth by God. This is because  
the One Supreme God is the parent  
source of all the Divine manifestations  
and because the Son of God is yet  
essentially, in nature and in office, God,  
flowing forth from His boundless life,  
being His very life.

Let us turn to certain strong testimony  
of the Apostle Paul as to the relations

of the Omnipresent Word with Jewish  
History, as to the pre-existence and  
universality of the Christ as the Word.  
"For I would not brethren, have you  
ignorant, how that our fathers were all  
under the cloud, and all passed through  
the sea; and did all eat the same  
spiritual meat; and did all drink the  
same spiritual drink; for they drank of  
a spiritual rock which followed them:  
and that rock was the Christ!" (1 Cor.  
x. 1-5).

All material interpretations of the  
facts of this passage are ruled out by  
the evident and positive presentation  
of spiritual truth. The language of the  
apostle but verifies the view that the  
guidance of the Children of Israel  
through the Desert, the passage of the  
Red Sea and of the Jordan included,  
was a long succession of the manifesta-  
tions of the very Christ, the Word, the  
Expressed Thought of God. The food  
and the drink are termed spiritual  
because supplied by the living power of  
that Spiritual Rock who in all places  
was present. And not only did they  
partake of material food and drink,  
supplied by a spiritual power, but  
they also continually participated,  
through their moral natures, in such  
spiritual nourishment as their souls were  
capable of assimilating. This spiritual  
nourishment was that Bread of Life  
which comes down from heaven and  
which is still graciously continued in  
the Church of the Christ by means of  
the thousand ministrations of the  
Spirit.

The Word, not yet Incarnate, was  
ever moving in the midst of Israel, was  
ever mercifully preserving and cultur-  
ing that Divine life already in His  
people, giving it yet more abundantly,  
and preparing the world for that kingdom  
of heaven which is the glorious provision  
of His grace and for that dispensation  
of the Spirit which is the splendid  
consummation of His work.

In that pavilion round about Him, in  
that opaque or luminous cloud, in  
that holy veil wore out of the perishable  
elements, in that pillar of smoke and  
of fire, was the Word.

Above that grand and solemn Drama  
at Sinai, where the will of God towards  
man, the elements of the universal  
moral law, were given in the presence  
of innumerable angels, there was the  
Revealing and inspiring Word.

And this Word is God graciously  
manifested to man, not now or here  
only, but always and everywhere.  
In all that I have written above I  
have simply systematized and presented  
the views of the ablest modern Evan-  
gelical students of the Bible.

For the Christian Messenger.

### The Dominion Government and St. Stephen, N. B., Lottery.

For many years a great lottery swindle  
has been carried on through our Cana-  
dian Post Office. In consequence of its  
proximity to the American border, and  
its adjacency to a large American town,  
the Post Office at St. Stephen, N. B., has  
been selected as a convenient point  
from which to carry on what is known  
abroad as the Royal New Brunswick  
Distribution of cash gifts. This organ-  
ized swindle is a reproach to us as a  
people, and the Dominion Government  
has offered no adequate explanation of  
its inability to protect our post office  
system from being prostituted to the  
uses complained of. The people of St.  
Stephen have repeatedly implored the  
Government to remove this stigma from  
their town, but nothing is done. At the  
Woman's Temperance Convention of  
the Maritime Provinces, held at Port-  
land, N. B., the other day the President,  
Mrs. Todd of St. Stephen, said that  
"when lotteries and dram-drinking were  
prohibited in St. Stephen she would not  
be ashamed to register her place of  
residence." The income to our postal  
revenue is about \$32,000 a year from  
the St. Stephen Lottery Swindle. We  
have a postmaster there whose income  
is swelled by this means to nearly  
\$5,000 a year. Goldsmith and Company  
sent out, it would seem, over a million  
circulars, through our St. Stephen Post  
Office last year, asking investments in  
their cash gift enterprise from fifty  
cents to five dollars. There are so many  
foolish people in the United States and  
Canada that Messrs. Goldsmith and

Company (a purely fictitious firm)  
manage no doubt to do a thriving busi-  
ness from year to year.

The Post Office Department professes  
not to be able to seize the circulars sent  
out by the Lottery Swindle as it can  
not surely identify them. The Govern-  
ment of Canada can not be in earnest  
in this matter. It has been suggested,  
and we are informed that it is entirely  
competent for the Government to carry  
out the suggestion, that the Post Master  
General issue an order to send to the  
Dead Letter Office at Ottawa all letters  
addressed to J. Goldsmith and Company,  
St. Stephen, N. B., or to the Royal New  
Brunswick Distribution of cash gifts, or  
to Box 290 St. Stephen, N. B., or to  
Hugh McKay, Commissaire of the  
Royal New Brunswick Distribution of  
cash gifts, or to W. D. Simpson & Co.,  
St. Stephen, N. B., or to any other style  
the firm may adopt in its circulars.  
Let all such letters be opened at Ottawa,  
and let the money be returned to the  
senders with a printed notice from the  
Post-Master General of Canada, that the  
so-called St. Stephen Lottery is a fraud.  
The people of Canada can not afford  
longer to be partners in this disgraceful  
business. Public opinion will sustain  
the Government in any action necessary  
to break up this outrageous and long  
standing swindle. R. H. T.  
Wolfville, Sept. 13th, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger.

### Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board held its  
regular meeting on the 8th inst.

The officers of the past year were  
re-elected, viz: A. C. Robbins, Esq.,  
Chairman; Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., Vice-  
Chairman; Rev. A. Cohoon, Cor. Sec'y.;  
Rev. J. D. Skinner, Recording Secretary  
and Rev. C. Goodspeed, M. A. Tremain,  
Rev. J. A. Gordon and T. B. Crosby,  
Esq., were chosen Auditors.

REPORTS.

Reports were received from Brethren  
J. W. Porter, M. B. Shaw, H. B. Smith,  
J. H. Jenner and W. O. Dunham. We  
are glad to know that these young men  
have been so well received and that  
some of their fields have contributed so  
generously to their support.

WHAT WE NEED.

The Board feel much encouraged in  
being able to commence the year with-  
out a debt. They hope to do much  
more this year than in any former year.  
Brethren and sisters will you not give  
us \$8,000. We need \$6,000 for work at  
Home, and \$2,000 for work in Manitoba  
and the North West.

MEN WANTED.

Several fields both self-supporting and  
mission are asking for men. I should be  
glad to hear from ministers wishing to  
settle. One young man of some expe-  
rience in preaching, and good speaking  
ability is needed for a field occupied by  
one of the students during the Summer.  
If there are students not able to return  
to their studies for want of funds I  
should be glad to hear from them.

The fields are white for the harvest,  
who will come and help us reap.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.

Hebron, Sept. 11, 1884.

## Home News

Nova Scotia.

A Concert was given in the Pine Grove  
Baptist Church, on Monday evening last  
by the "Eastern Light" Mission Band of  
Middleton, for the purpose of raising  
funds to support a little Telugu girl in  
Mrs. Archibald's school at Bobbitt.  
The exercises were of a missionary  
character. A most interesting and in-  
structive original Essay was read by Miss  
Clara Porter.

The closing piece of the evening was  
quite effective,—six characters dressed  
in costume each played the cause of  
the nation they represented.

Proceeds of Concert, fifteen dollars.

Pictou had a large fire on Wednesday  
last. A two story building occupied by  
A. C. Henderson and a building north  
owned by the Primrose estate and oc-  
cupied by Watt & Fraser, harness  
makers, and Henry Fraser, dentist, and  
also the next building, owned and  
occupied by D. N. Murray & Co., har-  
nessmakers, were also burned. They  
were insured.

On Thursday night we had vivid  
lighting and copious showers of rain.  
Saturday, Sunday and Monday were  
exceptionally cold. The thermometer  
on Saturday and Sunday nights making  
33 degrees, but one degree above  
freezing.

The Amalgamated Trades Union made  
an effort to boycott Messrs. Moir, Son  
& Co's. establishment last week by  
advertising in the papers that "no  
member of the Union shall purchase  
from" them! Their complaint is that  
the men work too long hours. A  
reporter of the Recorder says: In  
conversation with Mr. Moir, jr., he did  
not think the boycotting would amount  
to much. No complaints had been  
made to them by their men, and all the  
statements and allegations in previous  
assertions regarding the firm and their  
employees were incorrect.

Mr. Moir, Sr. did not wish to say  
anything about it yet; their men had  
been perfectly satisfied, no complaints  
had been made by them.

The Brunswick Street Methodist  
Church held its fiftieth Anniversary on  
Sunday last. Appropriate sermons  
were preached by Rev. J. A. Rogers  
and Rev. John Lathern. It was a  
singular circumstance that the Sabbath  
of the opening 50 years ago was Septem-  
ber 14th. A meeting in connection  
with the jubilee was held on Monday  
evening, Lieutenant Governor Ritchie in  
the chair. A historical paper was read  
by the Rev. B. C. Borden. Addresses  
were also given by Hon. S. L. Shannon,  
Rev. Dr. Lathern, Rev. T. Watson Smith,  
Rev. S. F. Huestis, and Rev. Jabez A.  
Rogers, and the benediction pronounced  
by the Rev. Mr. Brecken.

The Charles Street Methodist Sunday  
School held a Flower show on Thursday  
last it was opened by speeches from  
Mayor Mackintosh and ex-Mayor Fraser.  
It was a splendid affair and received  
large patronage as it deserved.

The Mayor, City Engineer and a  
special Committee of the Chamber of  
Commerce held an interview with Sir  
Alexander Campbell, Minister of Justice,  
last week on the subject of the Short  
Line Railway, special facilities for the  
Windsor and Annapolis Railway at  
North Street and other matters of  
importance.

The illegal sale of Liquors is being  
detected and the dealers fined with all  
the rigor of the Law.

The Rev. John F. Duxton son of Mr.  
Duxton of Dartmouth, is under call to  
the Presbyterian church, Truro.

The new Presbyterian church on  
North Park Street is to be opened for  
service the second Sabbath of October.  
The old church on Starr Street is to be  
disposed of.

Nova Scotia Militia Camp at Alder-  
shot, Kings Co., opened Tuesday. About  
1,200 men are in attendance to take  
part in the ten days drill. On the 19th  
there will be a review and sham-fight,  
when General Middleton, the new com-  
mander of the Canadian militia, will be  
present.

CONTRACTION OF THE MUSCLES—"I had  
the muscles of my hand so contracted  
that I could not use it for 2 years. I  
used Minard's Liniment and now have  
the use of my hand as well as ever—  
Mrs. RAGHAB SAUNDERS, Dalhousie.

SCOTT'S EMULSION OF PURE Cod Liver  
Oil, with Hypophosphites, In Consumption  
and Scrofula. Dr. J. R. Burton, of  
Valdosta, Geo., says: "I have for several  
years used Scott's Emulsion, and find it  
to act well in Consumption and Scrofula  
and other conditions requiring a tonic  
of that class."

The government steamer being built  
by Jotham O'Brien, at Maccan, caught  
fire on Saturday night and was badly  
damaged.

Mahone Bay is said to be growing fast  
Less than 60 years ago about 60 acres  
of the land on which the village stands  
were purchased for \$40 and regarded as  
dear at that price. It was then a place  
of Indian Camps only.

The building at Wolfville formerly  
occupied by A. W. Archibald as a knit-  
ting factory, and recently used by A. C.  
Reid as a storehouse for pianos,  
organs and sewing machines, was  
destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Quite  
a number of instruments were in the  
building at the time of the fire and were  
destroyed. The building and contents  
were insured. The origin of the fire is  
unknown.

It is said that the potato crop in the  
eastern part of Kings County is such a  
bad failure that it is doubtful if the far-  
mers will raise enough to supply their  
own tables.

The 11th anniversary of the settle-  
ment of Pictou was held there yesterday  
the 16th. Athletic and other games were  
to be the great attraction there was an  
Excursion train from Halifax at reduced  
fares.

Pure rich blood gives us health, long  
life and a "green old age," but how  
few pay any attention to the state of  
their blood? Parson's Purgative Pills  
make new rich blood, and taken one  
night for three months will change the  
blood in the entire system.

Rev. J. F. Avery advertizes for more  
flowers for his mission. Last Wednesday  
151 bouquets were made up.

I had a valuable colt so bad with  
mange I feared I would loose it. I used  
Minard's Liniment and it cured him  
like magic.—CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS,  
Dalhousie.

If there is anything in this life that  
will give one a foretaste of hell, as some  
represent it, that thing is Neuralgia.  
It is the refinement of torture. But  
there is a simple and inexpensive  
remedy for it. Johnson's Anodyne  
Liniment snuffed up into the head will  
give instant relief.

Send to Baptist Book & Tract Society  
for the Photograph of the Canadian  
Baptist Missionaries and Samulcoota  
Seminary, 50c. each.

HOW GREAT THE CHANGE.—It is com-  
paratively a short time since the intro-  
duction to the profession and the public  
of that valuable preparation known as  
BUDD'S CREAM EMULSION, and which to  
day, stands higher than any other known  
compound in British North America.  
It has been universally adopted by the  
profession who pronounce it excellent,  
and another, and the highest, recom-  
mendation it could obtain that it is the  
ONLY ONE USED IN THE HOSPITAL.

I certify that I obtained immediate  
relief during a severe case of bronchitis,  
when in Camp Sussex this year, by the  
application of Minard's Liniment.  
C. CREW-READ, Lieut.-Col.

Dominion of Canada.

The Dominion Exhibition at Montreal  
formally opened by the Governor-Gen-  
eral on Tuesday the 9th, was daily  
attended by thousands.

Owing to the coal at first supplied for  
fuel to the engines being of poor quality  
and unsuitable, a supply of Reserve  
Mine coal was obtained and the en-  
gineers express themselves as being  
highly pleased with it.

In the main building, J. Lewis & Son,  
of Truro, show an assortment of lasts  
for shoe makers, machine pegs and  
shanks. In the industrial department  
prizes are taken by McAvity & Sons, of  
St. John, for steam valves, and a silver  
medal by the same firm for a metal hand  
pump for ship's use. In the geological  
department J. F. Torrance, of Folly  
Lake, N. S., has been awarded a bronze  
medal for asbestos. The Universal  
Knitting Co., of Moncton, took a first  
prize. The horticultural and dog show  
attract a large share of attention. The  
total gate receipts up to Friday morning  
amounted to \$11,700. The exhibition  
closed on Friday afternoon.

Messrs. Townsend, of Cumberland,  
Tupper and McDougall, of Pictou, and  
Col. Snow were at Ottawa last week in  
connection with the Short Line Railway.

It is reported that Hon. John  
O'Connor, ex-Postmaster General, has  
been appointed Puisne Judge in  
Ontario.

Lord Lansdowne will open the Domin-  
ion exhibition at Ottawa next week.

A Canada Gazette, extra, issued on  
Wednesday last, contains an Order-in-  
Council prohibiting the importation of  
cattle from the United States and  
Territories into Manitoba and the North-  
West except on certain conditions.

Five College students named McIn-  
tyre, of Leamington, Ont., Kennedy, of  
Thorndale, Ont.; Mellus of Agincourt;  
Lamphir, of Grahamville, Ont.; and  
Benjamins, of Niagara Falls, while rowing  
on the Welland Canal on Wednesday  
evening were run down by a ferry boat  
and the first four drowned.

It is rumored that The Canadian  
Pacific Railway Company are negotiating  
for the purchase of the North Shore  
Railway.

The Nile contingent left Ottawa on  
Friday last. A great crowd cheered  
them on the way. They were entertained  
at luncheon by the citizens before  
departure.

Newfoundland.

Latest Labrador news is appalling.  
The cod fish catch is short half a million  
quintals. On the north east coast of  
Newfoundland famine is imminent.  
About 800 families are reported to be  
starving and sustaining life on squids.  
Advices from Trepassy report two more  
marine disasters. A large western  
schooner, with all hands on board was  
lost on the Virgin Reef, Placentia Bay.  
Another was lost with every soul on  
Mistaken Point.

The British schooner *Fordant* colli-  
ded with an iceberg in Conception  
Bay on Saturday last and was almost  
totally wrecked.

Three hundred and nineteen icebergs  
are now drifting southward between  
Cape Freels and Cape Race.

A telegram from Betts' Cove on Sun-  
day reports the caving in of a copper  
mine, resulting in the killing of Alonzo  
Briggs. Several other workmen were  
seriously injured.