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Help Him.

Mr. Spurgeon, in answer to a member of an almost deserted church, who writes how it may be filled again with worshippers, has given some excellent advice which may be useful to other people elsewhere. He says:

'Quite enough for the pastor to fill the pulpit well, and that filling of the pews depended upon the zeal, earnestness, and the diligence of those with whom he commenced his ministry; if they would support him by their earnest co-operation, the meeting house would soon be full. I remember, when I first came to London, preaching to eighty or ninety in a large chapel, but my little congregation thought well of me, and induced others to come and fill the place. I always impute my early success to my warm-hearted people, for they were so earnest and enthusiastic in their loving appreciation of the young man from the country' that they were never tired of sounding his praises. If you, any of you, are mourning over empty pews in your place of worship, I would advise you to praise your minister."

"Another one says: 'Do not be afraid of doing too much for him. If he has a conscientious appreciation of his duties, no man can carry about with him higher views of life or more pressing anxieties and responsibilities.' His labours for the race, especially his own flock, extend from the cradle to the grave. Help him."

It is a reproach to be in the bonds of sin, but to be in the bonds of prison for the sake of Christ is great glory .- Earl of Arundel, 1587.

have stumbled only long enough to recognize it quickly when you come that way again.

News from the Churches.

AVONPORT was visited by Rev. J. F. Avery a few weeks since just before the Central Association, and feeling disposed to attend a prayer meeting was invited to conduct it, he consented and was subsequently requested to hold another meeting, and then another, but was taken sick and then had to go to the Association. A week or two after be received a note from one of those present which says:

The work is still going on. We had a Harper's. good meeting last evening; about 25 young converts spoke, saying they felt and it is doing a great deal of good existing railways.

among them. The young women work seems to go on so quiet and yet | Plestine Exploration Fund. so deep. We have great reason to bless God that He put it into your heart to come to Avonport. Though you were tired and sick, yet the Lord made you a great blessing to the people and if your health had been good, and you could have remained with us two or three weeks, I think we would have had the greatest revival we ever had in Avonport, but the Lord is able to carry on His own work. Pray for us that many more may be brought into the fold of Christ, and may God bless your work, and give you many precious souls for your hire, that you may see even Special arrangements made for large better days than you have ever yet

> We are pleased to learn that our young brother, William C. Goucher, Licentiate, is supplying the churches at Acadia Mines and Great Village, for a few weeks during his vacation, and his services are much appreciated.

> OUR brother, Mr. H. E. S. Maider, informs us that while at McMaster Hall last year he supplied the Etobicoke Baptist Church. He has just received an invitation from the church to resume his labor's there, not only during the ensuing college term, but to continue. He has not yet decided to

Literary.

It is announced by Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls that, owing to the marked favor with which " Mumu," by Turguenieff, has been received, they will soon publish two more of the great Russian's powerful works -- "An Unfortunate Woman," and "Assya." Neither has ever before been translated into English, and the translation now to be given has been made directly from the Russiar, by Henry Gersoni, a countryman of the author. Sold by S. F. Huestis,

"Ten Years a Police Court Judge," is the title of a book soon to be issued in Funk & Wagnalls' Standard Lib

AN ANECDOTAL tricycling article, profusely illustrated by Joseph Pennell, will appear in the September CENTURY. It records the incidents of a journey from Coveniry to Chester, treating of Izaak Walton's country, with its quaint old-fashion inns, sequestered villages where the curfew still rings at sunset, the bicycle races at Derby, etc' etc As Mr. Pennell is an expert and enthusiastic wheelman, his dozen or more pictures will have a special interest in the line of character sketches.

The September number of Harper's Magazine promises to be in itself quite a tour of Europe. Mr. Rideing will Look at the stone over which you describe "A Run Ashore at Queenstown," including Blarney Castle and Killarney, with many illustrations. Further instalments of Roe's ' Nature's Serial Stery," wi h Gibson's and Dielman's illustrations; and Black's "Judith Shakespeare."

> Few people are aware of the important work now under way in Northern Minnesota, to guard against the dangers of high water and the inconveniences of low-water in the Mississippi River A number of lakes in that region are being connected into a reservoir system, which is to collect and feed water as it may be required. A full account of this great engineering work is promised, with illustrative diagrams, in the September Harper's.

The wheat-fields of the great basin You will be anxious to hear how the of the Columbia River, a region that is meetings are by this time. The Free to become one of the most notable in Baptist minister has been here taking the United States for its productiveness, charge of the meetings, and the Metho- will form the subject of a paper by Mr. dist ministers have been here also. Earnest Ingersoll in the September

RAILWAYS IN INDIA .- The Select their sins were all forgiven and they Committee of the House of Commons were happy. There are about 8 or have agreed to report in favour of the 10 young men and boys. Two young proposal of the Government of India to men rose last evening for the first spend £28,000,000 in laying down railtime. The young men have a prayer ways for the prevention of tamine, and meeting before the public meeting, £5,500,000 for the improvement of

PALESTINE TO DAY .- Out of the Mission Band, Granville Street have a prayer meeting here this 620 places in Palestine, west of Joratternoon. Surely we are led to ex- dan, mentioned in the Bible, 430 have claim, What hath God wrought! What been identified, 132 of which identificareason we have to praise Him. The tions were made by the staff of the

> un'ortunate fact, that Nonconformist torates over the same congregations for so long an average of years as they used to do. The "Society for the Relief of Aged Ministers " reports that in 1818; duration of pastorates appears to have been about twenty years. It may now be reckoned at not more than half that period; and even this average will probably continue to decrease."

AVERAGE OF MINISTERIAL LIFE. " Baptist ministers, as a general thing, appear to live to a good old age. There are 102 deaths reported in the 'Year book' during 1883. Of these the ages of eighteen are not given, two were under thirty years of age, seven between thirty and forty, nine between forty and fi'ty, eight between forty and sixty, twenty between sixty and seventy, thirty three between seventy and eighty. twenty between eighty and ninety, and two over ninety. More than one-half of the whole, fifty-five out of 102, were about seventy years of age. From another source we learn that in the British Islands thirty-nine Baptist ministers died, and twenty-three were over seventy years of age."

the past term. Marquand Hall, costfrontiersman" when he landed in New said to the inevitable interviewer. All he peeds is a few weeks' rest; and then Mr. Moody and he intend to resume their work, but they have not yet deciled where. He declares most emas ever it was.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. W. M. A. Central Board Meeting.

meeting at Convention, and accepted.

prepared by Mr. March for the guidance of the Central Board were read over carefully and discussed. It was decided that from the amounts received from the Societies by this Board, the following

Ladies' Salaries.....\$400 00 For Schools...... 400 00 Preachers, Colporteurs, Bible

The Secretary was instructed to forward \$250 to the Secretary of Foreign

W. M. A. Societies at the Convention of June 26th: 1883, be appropriated to the general fund of the F. M. Board for its current expenses.

Bands &c., &c., during the past quarter amounted to \$106.00 Quarterly remittance in advance \$250.00. Sent to Foreign Mission Board July 5th, \$356.00.

THE LENGTH OF PASTORATES .is an important, and perhaps an ministers do not now retain their paswhen it was founded, "the average

burdens of the denominational schemes

MESSRS. MOODY AND SANKEY .-- Mr. Moody's seminary at Northfield, Massachuseits, has had 169 stud nts during ing 66,000 dols., is to be opened in November. A new recitation hall is being erected, and still more buildings will be required on account of the growth of the institution. Mr. Sankey was looking hale and hearty and "as brown as a York. "I am feeling a little worn out but pretty well, as you can see," he phatically that, in spite of reports to the contrary, his voice is just as good

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Central Board was held in the Vestry \$755.47 had been received, and \$601.01 a rich return. expended, leaving a balance of \$155 .-47. The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were submitted for adoption, and presentation at the Women's M. A.

The estimates of mission expenditure items be chosen from the estimates to which the funds shall be appropriated for the coming year, viz. :-

Women..... 100 00 Girls' Boarding School..... 100 00

Mission Board, as the first quarterly instalment in advance. Resolved, That our proportion of the \$2500.00 reported to the credit of the

The appropriations from Mission

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. List of amounts sent in to Foreign Mission Board, quarter ending 31st July: information.

Church, Halifax, for support of "Lizzie"......\$25 00 Mission Band, Windsor, to be

sent to Mrs. Archibald in aid of the Gadaba School...... 32 00 "Bessie" for support of Chinnie From the Halifax W. M. Aid 6 00 Societies for support of Harriamah...... 25 00

Mission Band, Salem, Wilmot, for Mrs. Archibald...... 3 00 Invalid member of Temple Ch., Yarmouth, for support of a child in India..... 15 00

For the Christian Messenger. Convention Accounts.

Mr. Editor,how much each Association raised; the readily traced. Also would it not be well to insert the name and number of members of each church, in each Association whether contributing or not? a blank of course would be left in them where remittances were nil, but it would result in informing the churches themselves of being non contributing and might lead to a new departu: e in future. It might also lead to methods to be employed, to induce such churches to fall into line with those bearing the

of the churches non-contributing. HINTS.

> For the Christian Messenger. From India.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

of finance, a star might mark the name

Very much like a condensed donation was that " Home Box." I cannot at tempt to say what it contained; for the cheery editor of the MESSENGER would consign the "acknowment" to the waste basket because of its length. But in it were articles "useful and ornamental"; numerous, varied and valuable. Our friends seem sud. dealy to have multiplied an hundred fold. Some benign spirit seems to have said "to the North, give up; and to the South, keep not back "-and North and South obeyed, while East and West followed suit

It is impossible to express our thanks personally to the many kind friends who have thus remembered us. These tokens of regard and sympathy will be highly prized and the donors long and of the North Baptist Church, on Monday gratefully remembered. And the mis the 4th of May. After the usual de- sionary, his wife, and their little boy votional exercises the minutes of will present frequent petitions at the previous meeting were read and con- Throne of Grace that each one of our firmed. The accounts for the past dear friends who have contributed to quarter were presented, showing that their happiness and comfort may receive

J. R. HUTCHINSON. Chicacole, India, June 27, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger. A Suggestion.

That each member who receives a copy of the Indian Report of the Canadian Baptist Mission.

(a) Read it carefully in his study; (b) Read one of its Reports each month in the Missionary Concert making the writer of that Report, his family, station and work, the subject of special

(c) Lend the Report to his deacons and to as many of his church members as care to read it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson both write in terms of the greatest thankfulness to all the contributing friends, but most of all that the amount was raised for the purchase of the new chapel in Chicacole. Mrs. H. says under date

Oh how glad we were to know that the Central Board of Nova Scotia had voted the amount asked toward the chapel! Now that it is finished I wish you could see it, I feel more thankful every time I enter that it belongs to

A letter from Mr. Clinch to day saying he had remitted the \$400 for the chapel, but did not say by whom the other \$200 was given. I suppose however Mr. March's letter will give that

Mr. H. writing June 27th says: The action of our sisters of the N. S.

Central Board in voting the \$200* towards the chapel was a very agreeable surprise to us. May the Lord reward them! As I write the whole of the purchase money, 900 rupees, is in hand. We have much cause for gratitude to God in this matter of the chapel.

The action of the Boards in so promptly responding to our call for reinforce. ments, in the appointment of Misses Wright and Hamilton, is very encouraging. They will receive a warm welcome from all on the field.

*\$20.25 of this amount was a donation from the Chester Basin Mission Band.

For the Christian Messenger. Dear Editor,-

I see from the last Year Book that I would suggest as an improvement over forty Licentiates are reported as on former methods, that the receipts connected with the different Associabe grouped under the several different you permit me through your columns to Associations. It could be then seen say to these that if any of their number wish to go to McMaster Hall, I shall be amount could be more easily compared glad on their writing me to give them year by year and the gain or loss more any information that may be required. D. M. WELTON.

News of the World.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday of last week Mr. Gladstone announced that the Earl of Northbrook, First Lord of the Admiralty, had been appointed to go to Egypt with instructions to report upon the condition of affairs so far as to advise the English Government as to what counsel should be given to the Egyptian Government in the present circumstances.

On Wednesday Mr. Parnell opposed the grant to Queen's College in Ireland. These colleges, he said, should be swept away and their advantages conferred upon denominational colleges. As it was, the interests of education were sacrificed and the money squandered in order to fill the Queen's Colleges with ill trained students. T. P. O'Connor supported the grant which was carried 100 to 35.

The Right Hoo. Joseph Chamberlain in a lengthy speech at Bingley strongly attacked the House of Lords. He said the divine right of kings was dangerous, the divine right of peers is a ridiculous figment, and the Lords are obstinate.

John Bright has written a letter, in which he says: "America, France, Germany and Russia, which are protected countries, are suffering more in the present condition of trade than England.

John Daley, the convicted dynamiter, has been interviewed by a representative of the press. He says he was one of four conspirators who-e movements were directed from America. The bombs that were found in his possession at the time of his arrest were handed to him on the street in Liverpool by a fellow conspirator, who hastened away. The bombs were not for use in Birmingham, but in London, from different sections rushed to the where Daly would have handed them rescue. The old-fashioned praire way to another conspirator. Daly suspects of fighting a fire was resorted to. At that one of the conspirators turned in 3.30 p. m., after a desperate struggle, former. Members of the society who the fire was under control. The streets have arrived from America have their there and at Oakdale were afterwards eyes on this man and will interview filled with men with scorched faces

direct commission from the Queen dwellings were destroyed; loss a hundwhich will give him the title of High red and fifty thousand dollars. Commissioner. In the House of Lords Earl Granville said that Sir Evelyn a distinct shock of earthquake felt Baring, the English representative in Ezypt, would accompany Lord Northbrook to Egypt. Mr. Gladstone, in moving for a credit of £300,000 to provide for the expedition to the Soudan, said that the purpose of the expedition was merely to relieve General Gordon and not to crush the Mahdi. It would be sufficient to secure good government in the Soudan. The evacuation of that country was now out of the question. England was bound to protect Gen. Gordon. Labouchere objected. height. The streets were swarming The vote now asked for, he believed,

was a mere sop. Next year the House would be asked to vote £3,000,000 to carry on the work. The credit was agreed to by a vote of 174 to 14. The minority was composed of the Parnel- shrieking, and the men either swearing lites and a few Radicals.

Mr. Gladstone has been assured that nearly halt an hour. there will be no opposition in Parliament to the Australian federation.

The steamer Faraday, having on board the whole of the deep sea section of the second Mackay Cable, sailed from London on Thursday night.

In South Africa a severe engage- serious damage has been done.

ment has taken place between followers of Montsioa and the Boers, in which the latter were defeated. Many warriors were killed, including several English-

The Sultan of Morocco has caused a massacre of the whole tribe in Angara Kabila because they asked for French protection. The men were killed and the women and children made slaves. Five thousand men from different tribes have gathered to attack the Cherif of Ouadizan, and war with France is pro-

Several thousand tons of coal have been ordered to be taken to Wady-Halfa for use by the expedition for the relief of General Gordon, General Wood will proceed at the end of the week to Wady-Halfa and Dongola.

The autumn expedition for the relief of General Gordon will proceed up the Nile by way of Dongola. Suakim from churches on Convention Scheme, tions of the Maritime Provinces. Will has been abandoned as a base of operations. The project of constructing a railway from Suakim to Berber has likewise been abandoned, and the plant has been taken to India.

Ex-Empress Eugenie is building a grand mausoleum at Flamborough, in England, where she lives: It is expected that it will be ready in October to receive the remains of her husband and her son, the Prince Imperial.

It is understood that Secretary Lincoln has decided upon the promotion of the survivors of the Greely party. Steward Bieder Beck and private Carroll will be made sergeants, and sergeants Crainerd, Frederick and Long will be made 2nd Lieutenants. Lieut. Greely, it is understood, bas refused to accept promotion to the captaincy except through the ordinary course. This action on his part is highly appreciated by those officers whose promotion would have been deferred for two to three years had he accepted office. He will be ordered to Washington about the first of November and will be occupied for a year or so with his report.

The Thetis, Bear and Alert arrived in the harbor on Thursday about midnight. A salute of 21 guns was fired from Castle William as the ships were approaching. The bodies of the dead were conveyed from the ships to the island by the navy. During the transfer minute guns were fired from Castle

On Thursday last an unknown colored man from St. John was run over in Winn, Maine, by a train and cut completely in two. From papers found near the body his name is thought to have been Abel Josephs. The man stole a ride on the night train from St. John and was put off at Winn. He walked down the track about four miles and laid on the rail and probably fell asleep. He was about eighteen years old.

At Modesto in California on July 21 a fire started at ten in the morning in a wheat field. The alarm was instantly telegraphed and telephoned to all available points, and two thousand men and singed heads of hair. Six thou-The Earl of Northbrook will hold a sand acres of grain and several large

On Sunday afternoon last there was throughout the cities of New York and Brooklyn. People rushed excitedly from their houses and sought the most open parts of the streets. Windows were broken, crockery smashed and policemen were called to preserve order among the affrighted crowd. Children screaming with fright were borne out by their parents, who were no less panic-stricken, and the whole population massed itself in the centre of the streets. In Ludlow Street the panic was at its with people-men, women and children huddled together like sheep-many of them expecting every moment to see the walls of their dwellings fall upon them. The women and children were or praying. This was kept up for

The disturbance was felt with more or less severity in many towns in Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Delaware, Massachusetts, including Boston, and Vermont but reports do not indicate that any