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DANCING.—A few months ago the  
following Circular was read in the  
Catholic Churches of Providence on  
Sunday morning:—

Reverend and dear Sir,—Persuaded  
from personal observations, as well as  
from the testimony of the greater part  
of the reverend clergy, that dancing at  
fairs and bazaars, whether held for  
church-purposes, or in behalf of societies  
or associations, is not calculated to  
elevate the moral character of the  
Catholics of this diocese; I, therefore,  
mindful of the responsible charge im-  
posed upon me to guard all my flock in  
the ways of modesty and virtue, forbid  
dancing on all such occasions in future,  
and reserve to myself and my vicar-  
general the grave sin of transgressing  
this precept. Please announce the  
above reservation to your flock on the  
Sunday after its reception.  
Very sincerely,  
THOMAS F. HENDRICKSON,  
Bishop of Providence.

CHRIST IS ALL.—When Dr. Kane was  
in the Arctic regions he one day wanted  
to light a fire, and being away from  
camp where he could not get matches,  
he took a piece of ice clear as crystal  
and cutting it in the shape of a convex  
lens, he held it up to the sun, and in a  
few moments kindled a pile of dry leaves  
and sticks into a blaze. I presume the  
ice in its turn was melted in the fire it  
had kindled. If any of us are in a  
cold state religiously—if in the place of  
a heart glowing with the love of  
Christ which we once had, we have only  
a frozen lump of religious respectability  
in our bosom, I wish we could go among  
the lost, and sinning, and impenitent,  
and just tell them as best we can how  
Christ died to save them, and I believe  
it would open their hearts as the sun-  
light opens the frozen bulb. And in  
him our own hearts would be thawed  
and melted.—Rev. A. J. Gordon.

PERFECTIONISM.—A gentleman of  
the Perfectionist school of thought  
called to see an old Christian of his  
neighborhood, and began enlarging upon  
that interesting topic. "Can you  
point to a single perfect man or woman  
in the Bible?" inquired the aged saint.  
"Yes," readily answered the other;  
"turn to Luke i, 6, you will there read  
of two—Elizabeth and Zacharias  
walked in all the commandments and  
ordinances of the Lord blameless."  
"Then you consider yourself a believer  
like Zacharias?" "Certainly I do,"  
said the visitor. "Ah," replied the  
old man, "I thought you might be;  
and we read a few verses further on  
that he was struck dumb for his un-  
belief."

AUSTRALIAN CAVE PAINTINGS.—  
A paper on this subject was recently  
read before the Royal Society of Victo-  
ria by Dr. J. Curl of New Zealand.  
It referred to some figures discovered  
in a cave on the Glenelg river by Capt.  
Grey in 1838, and a number of written  
characters accompanying them, which  
the author considered very closely ana-  
logous to the Syriac "Goliath he will  
be." After comparing the paintings with  
similar ones executed by the ancient  
Syrians, Dr. Curl concluded:—"Thus

we have an Australian family of abo-  
riginals calling themselves of the race  
of Dan, and with a Syrian type of fea-  
tures, and historians show that Syrian  
people sailed across the Indian ocean;  
and we find in a cave in Australia a  
remarkable figure, an idol, drawn fully  
clothed, among these nude black abo-  
riginals, and its hands and feet and  
dress are painted in different shades of  
red, the distinguishing colors of the  
Syrian Edomites, and with alphabetic  
characters on its head-dress and near  
its arm, which, when read, assert im-  
peratively that it is a representative of  
a great and mighty personage of that  
Syria whose merchants and travellers  
moved in those far off times over these  
distant seas, and who, long before  
England was a nation or Spain was a  
power, had discovered and lived upon  
these Australian lands."

"How glorious it is to be engaged in  
a purely intellectual occupation," mur-  
mured a Boston maiden, gazing raptur-  
ously into the admiring eyes of a country  
editor; "your own mental faculties  
for tools and the whole universe for a  
workshop. Now tell me," she added,  
"What do you find the most difficult  
thing connected with your noble pro-  
fession?" "Paying the hands," said  
the editor. Fact!

## Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.  
The Executive Board of the Women's  
Baptist Missionary Union held their regu-  
lar meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12th, in  
the Mission Room, 85 Germain St., eight  
members being present.

Mrs. William Allwood was called to  
praise and prayer was offered by Mrs.  
J. F. Marsters.

After the reading of the minutes of  
two previous meetings, the question of  
the form of certificate for life members  
was considered, and the President was  
authorized to procure a design not to  
include any portrait, and to submit it  
for approval to the Ex. Board.

Letters were read from the F. M. B.  
expressing gratification at the consum-  
mation of the Union, and thanking the  
Executive for the generous and promised  
help. They also informed the Union of  
the appointment of Miss Abbie C. Gray  
upon the staff of missionaries. And that  
she (with Miss Wright) would be  
stationed for the present at Bimlipatam.

Mrs. J. W. Manning, Treasurer reported  
that she had paid over to the F. M. B.  
the first Quarterly instalment of the  
Union grant-in-aid.

The price of pamphlet containing  
Constitution was fixed at five cents.

The secretary gave a report of the  
farewell meeting held in Granville  
Street Church, and of the departure on  
Monday Nov. 3rd of Miss Wright and  
Miss Gray per steamer *Hanoverian* from  
Halifax to Liverpool.

Miss Lizzie Evans of Hamilton, York  
county, sent to the funds ten dollars,  
she had raised by means of a tea meet-  
ing in her brother's house, for which  
the Union desires to express their  
thanks, and urges other workers to follow  
her example.

On motion it was resolved to publish  
in the *Messenger* and *Visitor* a summary  
of the meetings of the Executive Board.  
M. E. March, Cor. Sec.

## Notes from Chester.

Financially, times are dull in all this  
region. The land harvest small—fish  
very low price—the best business is  
coopering, and that only fairly brisk.

For the Christian Messenger.  
From India.

DEAR EDITOR,—  
Silence on the part of a missionary  
does not necessarily imply idleness.  
We are quiet people, who do a quiet  
work in a quiet corner of the vineyard.  
Moreover, silence is golden when one  
has nothing to write, as well as when he  
has nothing to say.

But the truth is we are not so still as  
we seem. All your missionaries, I  
believe, write frequent letters to the  
Board. For myself, I have not; to my  
present recollection, missed a single  
monthly letter since my arrival on the  
field. These letters contain full and  
what is equally important, connected  
reports of our work. It has always  
seemed to me a pity that excerpts  
could not be made from these monthly  
letters of the missionaries, and pub-  
lished monthly in the denominational  
papers. The information thus conveyed  
would be comprehensive and contin-  
uous. Your mission would come to  
seem like a friend, and to be considered  
an important, if young, member of the  
growing denominational family. But  
these excerpts are not forthcoming, and  
much valuable information is lost to the  
denomination; or, at best, is only pre-  
sented in a general way in the annual  
reports and in such letters as this.

Some of the difficulties in the way of  
furnishing this information are, an un-  
paid and unpaid Secretary; two de-  
nominational papers which like to be  
served alike; and indifference on the  
part of the people.

The Board can scarcely afford a paid  
secretary, while one unpaid cannot be  
expected to devote much of his time to  
supplying copies of letters to two news-  
papers. He might, however, divide the  
task among two other good-natured  
members of the Board. At one time  
we thought the difficulty solved: the  
Board announced an organ. But af-  
fairs seem to have taken an unexpected  
turn. The Board having "an organ"  
furnished nothing to the two news-  
papers, while "the organ" published  
nothing from the Board.

Our people on the other hand, are  
too content with the crumbs dealt out  
to them by the Board. Like good chil-  
dren they take what they get and  
neither ask nor cry for more. Ask, and  
ye shall receive. True, the Board pub-  
lishes a good report; but everything  
cannot be jammed into a report. If  
the grim "parliamentary" decorum of  
our Associations and Conventions were  
diversified by a little parliamentary  
agitation, it would be a good thing.  
And I very much fear that so long as  
our people are content with the meagre  
information they get, they will get no  
more.

The second session of our Telugu  
Association (of native churches) sat  
here in April. I believe it was a suc-  
cess. The delegates entered into the  
thing with zest. It was pre-eminently  
their Association. It seemed to bring  
out a spirit of manly independence  
which is not common among Hindus.  
Yet this independence was tempered  
by a Christian courtesy equally strange  
to them.

Absence of independence of thought  
and action is the great barrier to all  
progress—industrial, social, religious—  
in India. The people bend under the  
yoke of bondage, and know it not.  
Cringing deference to might, slavish ad-  
herence to custom, are the curse of the  
land. And what little independence  
does exist is as selfish as sin.

In June I made a short tour. It was  
very hot. The work seemed to be mov-  
ing on well at the three out-stations.  
The Akalatampara chapel was about  
completed, and will serve the purpose  
of the little flock there admirably.  
The greatest enemy of that church is itself.  
Decent is their besetting sin. Three  
times have they deceived me, covering  
sin, shielding transgression, giving place  
to the devil. And three times by the  
undoubted leading of One who is wiser  
than they, have I detected the deceit.

The walls of the fold are very thin in  
India. Many a ravenous wolf breaks  
in. The hedge is very low. Many a  
thief, and robber climbs over. And  
many of the shepherds flee when they  
see the wolf coming, for they are  
hirelings.

The work in Kimeri goes on not  
without opposition. It is a teeming  
town, and the Lord undoubtedly has  
much people there. But they come  
slowly. Some there are among them  
who are ever learning but never able  
to come to knowledge of the truth—half  
persuaded, fearful ones. Pray for them.

A sadly-pleasant day was spent at  
Tekkali; Gorahathee was very sick and  
weak. As we sat about the Lord's  
table, the certainty that one of our  
little band would soon see Jesus, not  
through earthly emblems, but eye to  
eye, filled us with a sorrowful joy. That  
was the last time I saw Gorahathee.  
He died on the 26th of July. He had  
"made his time," as the Telugu has it.  
Like Paul he could say, "I have fought  
a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith." As he lay  
dying Savara Ramadass read to him  
the wondrous story of old. "Ah," he  
said, "that is sweet to me!" Then, as  
the angel of death hovered over him,—  
"Jesus calls me; I am going." And  
saying this he fell asleep. He was the  
flower of our mission. I can pay no  
higher tribute to his worth than this:  
among all my native helpers he alone  
never tried to deceive me. He was a  
man in whose spirit there was no guile.  
He lies now on the hillside near  
Tekkali, "waiting for the adoption, to  
wit the redemption of the body."

His wife, Herriamah, who cared for  
him during the last year of his lingering  
illness, returned to Chicacole, where she  
is again engaged in Bible work. I  
believe that a life sketch of Gorahathee  
is now in course of preparation. I  
bespeak for it a hearty reception and  
careful reading.

The brethren in Tekkali are now  
being ministered to in spiritual things  
by Sookriah, who comes down from  
Kimeri once a month. We have no  
man for Tekkali. "Pray ye the Lord of  
the Harvest."

The summer months have by no  
means been idle ones. In addition to  
the every-day mission work, we have  
studied constantly. In my own case  
study has taken chiefly the shape of  
work upon a Telugu translation of a  
Bible Geography. This task was assigned  
me by the Conference, "because it was  
easy." However, to a mere beginner in  
the language it was difficult enough.  
Such a work is much needed in Telugu.  
I have also obtained permission from  
Dr. Dewes of Pendlebury, England, to  
translate his admirable "Life of St.  
Paul."

For two weeks in July and other two  
in August, the helpers were engaged  
with me at the station in Bible study.  
The Acts of the Apostles was read care-  
fully, and I think with great benefit  
to all. We hope to repeat the experiment  
next year with even better results.

Four have been added to the church  
since January, two by letter and two by  
baptism. The baptisms occurred a few  
weeks ago at Akalatampara. Several  
others are awaiting baptism. Others  
still are in a hopeful state, and with  
careful attention and instruction will  
yet reach the kingdom.

Early in the present month I planned  
a tour. The tent having been sent on  
ahead, I started alone for camp, some  
20 miles away. The night was dark,  
and there was a troublesome river to  
cross by ferry. The hour was late, and  
the men unwilling to put me over.  
They had been drinking heavily. To  
relieve their feelings, about twenty of  
them set upon me in the river bed, and  
beat me with fist and stick until I be-  
came unconscious. Thinking that I  
was an ordinary traveller and that I  
would go on my way without saying  
anything about the assault, they then  
ferried me over the river. I went on  
six miles to the nearest police station,  
got a palanquin, and came home next  
morning. The affair was placed before  
the Chief Magistrate and the police.  
Nine of the culprits were caught, and  
are now awaiting trial. As assaulting  
travellers on the highroad is a serious  
business even in this country, they will  
probably get the full benefit of the law.  
My only loss was a little blood, a cane,  
and a night-camp. The affair will un-  
doubtedly result in the greater security  
of travellers in all this part of the  
country.

Our summer has not been very hot;  
but it has been unusually dry. Up to

the middle of September only about  
one-half the usual amount of rain had  
fallen. Rice went up to famine prices,  
and distress seemed imminent. But in  
the past week over eight inches of rain  
has fallen; and, although the crop will  
be short, there will now be no distress.  
The sanitary condition of this town is  
good. There is no small-pox, and but  
three cases of cholera have been re-  
ported.

There seems to be a misunderstanding  
at home as to the present wants of  
the mission. Some of the Associational  
reports state that another family is  
wanted. This is a mistake. Either a  
family is wanted, or two young ladies.  
For many reasons it seems best to send  
the two ladies. If they come, the  
family should not. An additional family  
now will necessitate the opening a new  
station on the return of brethren  
Churchill and Sanford. That means  
another outfit, another passage to India,  
another salary, and an extra expendi-  
ture of at least Rs. 5000 for buildings  
at the new station. If it be also taken  
into consideration that two families  
are, or soon will be, on furlough, some  
adequate conception may be obtained  
upon the already overstrained treasury.  
There are plenty of stations waiting to  
be manned; but are you able to man  
them? "For which of you, intending  
to build, &c."

J. R. HUTCHINSON,  
Chicacole, Sept. 25th, 1884.

## The Institutions at Wolfville.

There are upwards of seventy students  
in the College. This is the largest at-  
tendance in its history. Everything  
betokens a prosperous year's work.

The Academy can readily accommo-  
date more students. It has not for  
years been in a position to offer advan-  
tages equal to those it now offers.

## ACADIA SEMINARY.

The Seminary has a pretty full roll,  
and was never more worthy of patron-  
age. On Friday evening a literary and  
musical entertainment was given in  
College Hall, under the direction of  
Miss Hattie E. Wallace and Miss Jennie  
E. Hitchins, which was well attended.  
The programme was as follows:

- Piano Duett..... Opening March.  
Misses Holly and Dickie.
- Recitation..... The Twilight Lull.  
Maggie Bishop.
- Vocal Solo..... Light of my soul.  
Ernie Day.
- Recitation..... Sandalphon.  
Nettie Fitch.
- Vocal Solo..... Remember now thy Creator.  
May Vaughan.
- Recitation..... A Marblehead Ballad.  
Miss Wallace.
- Piano Solo..... By Lila Williams.
- Vocal Duett..... The Swallows' Flight.  
Misses May and Bessie Vaughan.
- Recitation..... Learning to pray.  
Miss Dickie.
- Vocal Solo..... Will he come.  
Miss Wallace.
- Recitation..... Josiah Allan's Wife.  
Nettie Fitch.
- Vocal Solo..... Carrier Dove.  
Miss Hitchins.
- Recitation..... Sister and I.  
Maggie Bishop.
- Vocal Solo..... Under the Daisies.  
Ernie Day.
- Recitation..... The Bells.  
Miss Wallace.

## NATIONAL ANTHEM.

The young ladies did their parts well.  
I was particularly struck with their  
simplicity and brightness of manner.  
The entertainment was a pleasing one.  
Miss Hitchins and Miss Wallace must  
have been gratified with their pupils'  
performance. It is ungracious, perhaps,  
to add a word of criticism; but a public  
entertainment in a literary institution  
is open to kindly criticism. If Poe's  
"Bells" be excepted, the only gem of  
English literature that graced the pro-  
gramme was Longfellow's "Sandalphon."  
It cannot be that the masters of our  
literature are to be sent to the rear in  
College Hall to give place to the writers  
of the artificial and meretricious? Pro-  
fessor Caldwell presided.

## ONE PRESENT.

We have received another notice of  
the above entertainment. The writer  
says of it:  
The entertainment was of a high order  
throughout, and all present agreed in  
pronouncing it one of the best ever held

in Wolfville. The readings were ad-  
mirably given, and formed the subject  
of much favorable comment, being varied  
and interesting in character, and eliciting  
the hearty and well merited ap-  
plause of the audience.

We trust that these entertainments  
may be of more frequent occurrence in  
the future, and that the rhetorical and  
musical talents possessed by the stu-  
dents at Acadia Seminary may continue  
to improve and develop under the care-  
ful tuition of their pains taking instruc-  
tors, Miss Wallace and Miss Hitchins.

## For the Christian Messenger. Home Missions.

Board meeting was held Nov. 10th.  
The Treasurer's report showed that only  
\$72.70 has been received during the  
month, and that quarterage now falling  
due made the need of more funds very  
urgent.

Mission Reports were received from  
Brethren Wilson, J. E. Bleakney, Mo-  
Gregor, Caldwell, Anderson, Bill, Hen-  
derson, S. J. Archibald, D. Freeman and  
C. W. Williams.

## Grants made.

1. To Kings Co., N. S., Mission field,  
\$150 for current year.
2. To Newcastle field, Northumber-  
land Co., N. B., \$200 for one year from  
Sept. 1, 1884. Rev. I. E. Bill, pastor.
3. To New Glasgow and River John,  
Pictou Co., N. S., \$250 for one year from  
Sept. 2, 1884.
4. To the Grand Bay field, St. John,  
Co., N. B., \$100 for one year, to be ex-  
pended under the direction of Fairville  
Church.
5. To New Ross field, N. S., \$50 for  
one year from Nov. 1, 1884. Rev. S. J.  
Archibald, pastor.
6. To Barrington field, Shelburne Co.,  
N. S., \$100 for current year. Rev. W.  
H. Richan, pastor.
7. To Cow Bay field, Cape Breton,  
\$125 for current year. Rev. J. C. Spurr,  
pastor.
8. To Fort Medway field, Queens Co.,  
N. S., \$150 for current year. Rev. Wm.  
Powell, pastor.
9. To East Dalhousie field, N. S., \$50  
for current year. Rev. W. J. Bleakney,  
pastor.
10. To Ludlow, North Co., N. B., \$75  
for current year. Rev. W. M. Edwards,  
pastor.
11. To Shulee and Sand River, Cum-  
berland Co., N. S., \$50 to assist in secur-  
ing a portion of the services of the Rev.  
I. R. Skinner, pastor of River Hebert  
Church for one year from Sept. 1, 1884.
12. To Pirchagen and other stations,  
\$32 for current year. Rev. James  
Trimble, Missionary.

## Appointments.

1. Rev. A. H. Hayward, of Carleton  
Co., N. B., to the work of General Mis-  
sionary.
2. Bro. Thomas Stackhouse, Lic., of  
Bloomfield, Kings Co., to a mission of  
four weeks to North Esk and Little  
South West, North Co., N. B.

## Remarks.

1. As will be guessed from the small  
amount reported by the Treasurer, we  
are in great need of funds. We hope  
the brethren appointed by the Conven-  
tion to assist in working up the Con-  
vention Funds in the several districts are  
already at work. But churches and parties  
need not wait for these. A quarter of  
our Convention year is now past, and  
returns should be coming in. We need  
to work all the time, and to all work,  
"Come over and help us."  
2. Rev. R. Waters, who lately came  
to us from England, has received a  
hearty call to the Lower Economy field.  
This field is not receiving aid from the  
Board, and have not asked it. They  
asked us if we could recommend a pas-  
tor to them, and the one sent they are  
we believe, well pleased with and are  
cheerfully supporting.

Rev. D. Price has been invited to  
come to Nova Scotia, and will arrive  
some time week after next. Rev. J.  
Miles, of Clerphilly, Wales, has also writ-  
ten me, and enquires are now being  
made concerning him.

"The harvest truly is plentiful and  
the laborers are few, pray ye therefore  
the Lord of the harvest that he send  
forth laborers into his harvest."  
A. COHOON,  
Cor. Secy.  
Hebron, Nov. 13, 1884.