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## "BRIGHTEN THE SERVICE."

This is a term now often used, especially in England, to express the idea of giving more life and variety to the service of Public Worship. By the Ritualists it means greater display in processions and indulgence in ceremonials, so as to attract the masses. It is sad to see such things presented as parts of Christian Worship instead of devout, humble acts of adoration and praise.

It is not alone in the Church of England that the desire is expressed to "Brighten the Service." There is doubtless a general impression prevailing that everything that is possible should be done to make Public Worship a " Glad Service."

It may be that the attractiveness of the popular evangelistic meetings, and the large gatherings in many places where the singing is of a more than usual lively style, has led some to wish for services of a somewhat similar character. This has induced a desire to make the regular services of the Lord's Day "brighter." Some of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches have adopted a modified liturgy, but with very partial success; the question is still an open one, even with some Baptists, " How can we brighten the ser- land. Monmouthshire being on vice"? The complaint is, that the people have too little to do, that so much depends on the minister, and so little on the people.

The conducting of the singing is one principal feature in which these results is sought to be effected.

Christian worship on the Lord's Day consists of praise, reading of God's Word, prayer, preaching, fellowship, or the weekly offering. The enlivening of the singing is doubtless a prominent means of 'brightening the service,' and yet we must not persuade ourselves that good music and fervency of spirit are synonymous. Whatever aids us in drawing nigh to God, is to be chosen in preference to that which gratifies a refined musical taste. The music that would be appropriate and enjoyed in a sacred concert might be altogether out of place in public worship. The finely executed anthem might please the ear, but fail entirely to affect the heart or prepare it for the reception of Divine truth. In some of the churches in the United States there is responsive reading of the Psalms and other parts of Holy Scripture. This would doubtless be a pleasing variety, and in some cases might be used to edification, and lead many to the using of their Bibles more than they do at present. If the often beautiful words of the anthem were before the people they would be able to enter into the spirit of the singing of it more profitably as well as of the hymns.

There are doubtless other means brightening the service in perfect harmony with our faith and practice. If our readers have any suggestions on hand-bell ringers enlivened the service. this matter we shall be glad to receive them.

THE death of Mrs. R. J. Burdette the long afflicted wife of Mr. B. of the Burlington Hawkeye called forth excellent tribute from Rev. J. Hopper of the Visitor.

THE Union Baptist Education Society of St. John, N. B., was formed on the 20th ult. The following Board of Directors was elected :

Hon. A. F. Randolph, M. L. C. Judge C. N. Skinner, Foster McFarlane, M. D., John March, Esq., C. A. Everett, Esq., C. P. Baker, Esq., D V. Roberts, Esq., T. S. Simms, Esq. George E. Foster, M. P., E. McLeod, M. P. P., J. A. Vanwart, Esq., R. E McLeod, Esq., W. G. Simms, Esq., A. Palmer, M. P. P., John A. Owens, Esq., T. W. Musgrove, M. D.

At a subsequent Board meeting, the following were chosen the officers:

G. E. Foster, Esq., President. R. Chipman Skinner, Esq., Secretary C. A. Everett, Esq., Treasurer.

REV. EDWARD WHITMAN called at our office yesterday. We were glad to learn from him that the Church at Charlottetown is making some progress n the removal of the heavy debt on their church building.

Our list of Deaths contains that of an aged disciple who has long taken a deep interest in our denominational affairs. He will be much missed in our annual gathering, especially at the Eastern Baptist Association. We offer our sincere condolence to the members of the family of our late brother James W. Stevens in their bereavement.

POLITICAL parties are actively at work in Cumberland county. The retirement of Sir Charles Tupper leaves a vacancy for which the candidates are Mr. Townshend, who resigns his place in the Local House to contest the county for a seat in the House of Commens; Mr. Pipes is spoken of as his opponent, two seats in the Local House thus become vacant, and both elections will probably be held at the same time. Several persons have been named as the candidates.

ARRIVAL FROM ENGLAND. - Mr. W. Powell, late of the Baptist College, Pontypool, in Monmouthsire, England, arrived in the Nova Scotian on Friday morning, in response to the invitation of our Home Missionary Board sent to England a short time since.

We have had the privilege of meeting Mr. Powell, and of hearing from him something of his past experience in preaching the gospel in his native borders of Wales, we doubt not our brother has some of the staunch piety and fervor for which the Welsh Baptists are so famous.

The Board have appointed our brother to the churches at Port Medway and Mills Village. heartily congratulate our brethren of those communities on receiving minister so well furnished as we believe our brother Powell to be, and trust he may find it a congenial field of labor where he may be very useful in the work to which he has been called.

Mr. Powell preached in Granvill Street Church on Sunday evening, very earnest able sermon.

WE are informed that it is probable Dr. J. R. Graves, of Memphis, Tennesse, will visit the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, at Moncton, in August next. A large number of Baptist people here know something of Dr. G's uncompromising Pre once contained about six hundred statements of Baptist principles and will be delighted to hear him and make his acquaintance.

ONE of the London Anniversaries was that of the Pastor's College-the 20th. It was held in the magnificent Tabernacle at the east end of London, under the pastoral care of Rev. A. G. Brown. Rev. C. H. Spurgeon gave a characteristic address on The Prodigal Son. Several of the former students were present and sung and spoke, making the meeting highly interesting to all concerned. In the evening meeting a choir of the orphans and a band of

THE Mount Allison College and Academies were under examination last week. The closing exercises were held on Friday and Saturday.

A sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. S. B. Dunn. the evening a service was held having reference to the students who were to have degrees conferrred upon them.

Immediately after this, a special service was taken part in by Revs. Dr. Pickard, Sackville; Dr. Pope, St. John; Dr. McMurray, Windsor, and Dr. D. Allison, Halifax, in commemoration of the inauguration of the United Methodist Church of Canada; the first Sunday in June being the date of uniting the Methodists, Methodist Episcopals, Bible Christians and Primitive Methodists in the Dominion.

On Sunday morning last, at the close of the service in Granville Street Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. A. Mac-Arthur, requested the members of the church to remain, as the Clerk of the Church had a letter to read to the body. The pastor having retired, one of the officers was called to the chair, and the letter was read. It contained a tender of resignation of the pastoral office by Mr. MacArthur, to take effect the last of September. In consequence of the expected absence of a number of brethren at Wolfville this week, it was resolved to meet on Tuesday the 10th, for the consideration of the matter.

#### GRAND PRE AND ITS EVANGELINE.

"The Issue" is a new weekly paper published in New York in the interest of Protection in Trade. Vol. 1. No. 4, is before us. It contains an article " Evangeline—a short history of Aca dia" from the pen of Mr. Edward Young of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington. It tells the story with which our readers are familiar of the deportation of the Acadians from Grand Pre and confirms the truthfulness of Longfellow's description. No one would have a better opportunity of knowing these than Mr. Young.

Acadia, now Nova Scotia, originally included New Brunswick and a part in 1604, and ceded to England in 1713. As the inhabitants refused to take the oath of allegiance to the King of Great Britain, and to bear arms against the French, their expulsion was ordered by the Governor and Council, and executed with but little regard to humanity. Their villages were burned to the ground, their farms laid waste, and they had no alternative but to submit to removal from the country.

The writer proceeds with the history and divests the principal characters of some of the poetry which has long surrounded them. He says of the Aca. dian, father of Evangeline:

In politics he was anti-British, and refused to take the oath of allegiance when it was required by the Government, and, in consequence, suffered expulsion. Thus he vegetated, but was contented and in a measure, happy. His daughter was not the original of Evangeline, but clad in coarse and untidy garments assisted her mother in field as well as housework, so that her father could indulge in idleness and the use of tobacco. If uneducated and unrefined she possessed the virtues of industry and chastity. She may be seen to day in settlements; near Halifax, and in Digby county; also in the Province of Quebec, and in Massachusetts cotton mills. The young lady who dotes on Longfellow would not, however, recognize Evangeline in the girl I have de scribed, should she see her at work in the field, or selling cranberries in the Halifax market, or tending machinery in a Fall River cotton mill. Great is the transforming influence of poetry, especially when the poet is Longfellow

The present state of the locality he describes:

Grand Pre is situated in the lower part of the township ot Horton, near Horton Landing, some miles from the beautiful village of Wolfville, the seat of Acadia College. The historic Grand houses and barns, some mills, and about two thousand people; what is now termed Grand Pre is perhaps three miles long by less than two miles wide. It now rests in silence, not one human habitation on its lonely but beautiful soil; it is highly cultivated, but its cultivators live on more elevated ground. Some of the old apple trees yet remain; and, when a boy, I have eaten fruit from French apple trees at least one hundred years old. Near this historic ground is Horton Landing, the shipping port of Lower Horton now, as it was the place of the compulsory embarkation of the native Acadians a cen-

tury and a quarter ago. The township of Horton, separated from Cornwallis by a river, is also of great beauty, and is best seen from North Mountain. Another point of observation is Acadia College, from whose grounds the outlook, nearly fifty years ago, is remembered by the writer, then a school boy, as of surpassing beauty. merely described some of the natural scenery of Acadia. Its " forest prime val" has given place to highly cultivaed fields; its thatch-roofed village to beatiful cottages and comfortable farm houses, but on more elevated ground; its ignorant but contented people, to intelligent and cultured men and women; its primitive ox carts to fine carriages; its lack of school houses to public schools of high grade, and to Acadia College, with its female seminary.

WE shall be glad to hear from Subscribers who have not yet paid for

The worst things are the perversions of good things. Abused intellectual abused sensibilities make the accomplished tempter; abused affections engender the keenest of all misery. -Mc-

Kind looks, kind words, kind acts, and warm hand-shakes-these are secondary means of grace when men are in trouble, and are fighting their unseen troubles .- Dr. John Hall.

# One Thousand

might be added to our list in two or three months if each of our Ministers, Deacons, and Church Clerks, would use a little effort in their own localities and make known to their congregations

#### THE VALUE OF THE CHRISTIAN MESSENCER.

We propose therefore to make a real sacrifice by sending the Christian Messenger to New Subscribers of Maine. It was settled by the French from the date of receiving their subscriptions up to the end of this year for

## 50 cents, TWO FOR ONE DOLLAR.

We will hold this offer open for the ensuing three months.

ENCOURAGE ENTERPRIZE.

#### 50cts. to the End of the Year, TWO FOR ONE DOLLAR.

FURTHER. To any person sending us the names of TEN NEW SUBSCRIBERS with the FIVE DOL-LARS we will send a Handsome Pocket Bible, with this fact printed in it in LETTERS OF GOLD.

THE names of New Subscribers are coming in by every mail. We have sent the paper on to all, and are prepared, by an improved arrangement to guarantee promptness in sending them in future.

### News from the Churches.

Rev. Alfred Chipman has removed to Lee, Maine, U. S. After making his visit a few weeks since to the Lower Stewiacke and Musquodoboit churches, where he had indications of successful labor, he received a very kind invitation from Lee which offered excellent educational advantages for his family, and regarding it as direction of Divine Providence he decided to accept and removed there after seeing Stewiacke well supplied by Brother E. T. Miller.

During the stay of brother Chipman at Stewiacke, meetings of an interesting character were held at St. Audrew's and four converts were added to the church by baptism.

REV. ISAIAH WALLACE IN GUYS-BOROUGH COUNTY .- Dear Editor,-It has been my privilege to baptize twelve persons since I saw you in Halifax a week or two ago, one at Isaac's Harbor and eleven at Seal Harbor. At the latter place gracious revival is now in progress. Many years ago under the ministry of the lamented Father Whidden and Manson Biglow a Baptist Church was planted at Seal Harbor, known as the "Seal and Coddle Harbor" Baptist Longfellow created his Evangeline, but | Church. This church through untoward circumstances had lost its visibil-At the result of our recent efforts, the old church has been resuscitated and the converts were thus welcomed. Last Lord's day, May 25, was a high day for Seal Harbor. After the baptism of 10 persons and the preaching of the Word, and the giving of the hand of fellowship, the church unanimously elected brother Charles Fanning to act as their deacon and he was duly ordained. Rev. D. McLeod of New Harbor assisted in the service. Bro. Elijah Crooks was chosen clerk. The prospects of this little church are now quite hopeful. The population increasing and the people are improving materially. This remark will apply to gifts make the dangerous villain; these Harbors generally and hence the importance of our present missionary operations among them.

Yours in the work, ISA. WALLACE. Isaac's Harbor, May 27, 1884.

CAVENDISH, P. E. I.—Dear Sir,— Permit me to say through the Messenger that I intend (D.V.) to remove from Cavendish sometime before July 1st. \$25,000.

This field is therefore vacant and greatly needs a pastor. There are three congregations at present on the field. We have a comfortable Manse and grounds well fitted up. The devotion and zeal of the brethren and sisters all over the field is such as will cheer the heart of a paster. And there is ample opportunity for abundant work and rich promise of reward.

I will ever remember the unremitting kindness of the brethren and friends here, and look back to my pastorate of seven years with feelings of peculiar pleasure. May the Lord speedily send the right man to this field.

J. B. WOODLAND.

CANNING, CORNWALLIS.—Rev. W. H. Robinson writes on the 2nd Inst. " It was my privilege to baptize eight young persons on Sunday, 1st inst. A very large number of all denominations were present to witness the ordinance."

CANARD, CORNWALLIS .- Rev. S. B. Kempton writes: "I had the privilege of baptizing a young man on the 11th, and a man and his wife on the 25th of May, into the fellowship of this church. The work of the Lord still moves on among us, we hope. To His name be the praise."

Jan. 2nd, 1884.

WINDSOR, June 2nd .- The pastor, Rev. Herbert Foshay baptized six on Lord's Day last, and subsequently received seven into the fellowship of the

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Nova Scotia.

OUR PUBLIC GARDENS are beginning to put on a Spring appearance, but the lateness of the season is much against

An effort was made on Wednesday evening to inaugurate an open-air concert in the north area of the Province Building. Several pieces were played and enjoyed by a large number of people in the streets. It was, however, cut short by a shower of rain about half-past

Judge Thompson and Robert Sedgewick, started Saturday to walk to Wind sor. The judge covered the distance all right, and looked good for another fifty miles, but the lawyer funked five miles this side of the winning post. His feet gave out and he retired from the contest. -Herald 30th ult.

This paper has done as much as any other to expose the worthlessness of the big pack Condition Powders, and means to keep it up, too. We know of only one kind that are absolutely and strictly pure, and that is Sheridan's.

The eleventh annual session of the Nova Scotia conference of the Methodist Church opens in Grafton Street Church, Halifax, Wednesday, June 18th. Sabbath school, educational and missionary anniversaries, will be held on Wednesday, Thuesday and Friday evenings. Methodist preachers will occupy the various city pulpits on Sunday, the 22nd. On Tussday, the 24th, Rev. E. Evans of New Brunswick, will lecture on behalf of the theological union. A mass temperance meeting will be held on Friday the 25th June, in Brunswick Street Church.

To FARMERS & HORSEMEN. - Minard's Liniment, the great horse aud cattle remedy, cures bruises, sprains, soreness, lameness, stiffness, swellings, scratches, colic, cramp, stoppage of bowels or urinary organs; and relieves all painful ailments of live stock as require internal and external remedies.

The Woodside Sugar Refinery at Dartmouth, is approaching completion. The amount of capital expended must command some very extensive works, when it goes into operation. Several of the higher class operatives from Scotland arrived in the Nova Scotian last week.

Andrew Paul, Indian, of Lookout Hill, Porter's Lake, passed through Dartmouth, en route for the County Treasurer's office, with three bear snouts to claim the bounty of five dollars each. The bears from which they were taken | phia, Pa. Sold by Druggists. were two, three and four years old, respectively .- Times.

A serious fire occurred at Annapolis early on Saturday morning. The establishment of A. W. Corbitt & Sons, with its contents was totally destroyed, together with the telegraph office which was on the upper flat. The flames soon spread to and consumed A. W. Corbitt's dwelling. Loss about \$45,000. Insurance between \$20,000 and 30,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

The chief clerk of the Government Dispensary says that no medicine chest is now complete without Johnson's Anodyne Linament. No medicine known to medical science for internal and external use possesses the wonderful power of this Anodyne.

Women's work.—Last year the women of the United States gave \$600,000 towards christianizing the heathen. this large sum Presbyterian women gave nearly \$200,000, Baptist women \$156,000, Congregational women, \$130,000; 000, Congregational women, \$130,000; its completion; also as to the prospects of steamship communication between the terminus of the road in British

Kingsport was the scene of some interest on Tuesday last, by the launch of the large ship Karoo of 2,079 tons, which was highly successful. After being rigged she will load with deals at West Bay for Liverpool, England.

George, the eldest son of George W. Baillie, publisher of the Pictou Standard, aged 4 years, was accidentally drowned in an opening that had been sunk for a

CANNING.-Mr. J. W. Longley, M.P.P. by invitation visited us and delivered his very excellent lecture on the late "Joseph Howe." The evening was stormy, and hence a comparatively small audience greeted the lecturer. The lecture was highly appreciated, and we feel assured that we may guarantee Mr. L. a very large audience should he visit us again for a like purpose.

W. H. R. The Dominion Government paid into the Bank of Montreal, to the credit of the Government of Nova Scotia, the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars, in part payment of the account in connection with the transfer of the Eastern railways.

Quantities of ice have been lingering about in the Straits of Northumberland, an vessels have been seen from the coast detained by ice. The Prince Edward Island has been blocked by it in many places. The Pioneer last week said that fishermen all ready for sea are anxiously awaiting the departure of the ice, and that the "oldest inhabitant" fails to produce an instance of navigation being interrupted by ice till such a late date.

Despatches from Newfoundland on Friday stated that the sealing brig Confederate, Captain Thomas Greene, of Harbor Grace, with a crew of 79 men, was caught in a formidable ice nip in Notre Dame Bay on the 28th April, and thrown completely on the floe. The ship lies over on her side with her yard arms on the ice. On the 20th May five of the crew volunteered to travel to land s distance of nearly 20 miles, and report on the situation, at imminent peril to life, and in an exhausted condition they reached Twillingate, boarded the steamer Hercules and arrived at St. John's on Friday. They report all provisions consumed except bread, and the last pound of fuel was exhausted. There is a frozen ocean all around, and as the ship thus beset is now drifting out to sea, there is danger of the whole crew being starved to death. A powerful sealing steamship would be at once despatched to the rescue. Captain Cross of the steamer Hercules, reported ice to the eastward of Notre Dame Bay as far as the eye can reach, and innumerable icebergs.

The Digby Courier of last week says that on the previous Saturday evening "a heavy storm of thunder and lightning passed over, expending its greatest force about Brighton and its vicinity. A house belonging to Mr. Charles Van-Blarcom, which had just been completed, was struck by the lightning and burned to the ground. It was fortunately unoccupied. Fences were destroyed, two barnsstruck, and some sheep were killed. It is very rarely that a similar storm of such severity visits this part of the

Henry Pelerine, while engaged with a companion overhauling lobster traps off Desrabbis Island on Saturday last, fell into the water, and was drowned. He leaves a wife and two children.

John L. Boutilier, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Liniment cured his daughter of a very severe attack of Diptheria, after she was pronounced incurable and recommended all to use it should they be afflicted with the same diseases.

How great the change. - It is comparatively a short time since the introduction 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, recommendation it could obtain that it is the ONLY ONE USED in the HOSPITAL.

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#### Dominion of Canada.

The upper provinces of the Dominion were visited with damaging frosts on Wednesday and Thursday nights of last week. In some places all kinds of crops over the ground were seriously wilted. The damage to young vines, fruit trees and early vegetables is very great. This season's yield in the Ottawa valley will be much shortened by the present extremely unfavorable weather.

Excellent reports were previously received of crops from different sections but the need of rain is beginning to be

The Japanese Government have written to Ottawa asking for full particulars regarding the C. P. Railway and Columbia and the Asiatic coast.