

The Christian Messenger.

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.

It is not alone in the Church of England that the desire is expressed to "Brighten the 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.

The conducting of the singing is one principal feature in which these results are 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.

There are doubtless other means of brightening the service in perfect harmony with our faith and practice.

THE death of Mrs. R. J. Bardette, the long afflicted wife of Mr. B. of the Burlington Hawkeye called forth an 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.

REV. EDWARD WHITMAN called at our office yesterday. We were glad to learn from him that the Church at Charlottetown is making some progress in 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.

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 Commons.

ARRIVAL FROM ENGLAND.—Mr. W. Powell, late of the Baptist College, Pontypool, in Monmouthshire, 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 land.

The Board have appointed our brother to the churches at Port Medway and Mills Village. We heartily congratulate our brethren on these communities on receiving a 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 Granville Street Church on Sunday evening, a very earnest able sermon.

We are informed that it is probable Dr. J. R. Graves, of Memphis, Tennessee, will visit the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, at Moncton, in August next.

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.

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. In the evening a service was held having reference to the students who were to have degrees conferred upon them.

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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 Acadia" from the pen of Mr. Edward Young of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington.

Acadia, now Nova Scotia, originally included New Brunswick and a part of Maine. It was settled by the French in 1604, and ceded to England in 1713.

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 Acadian, 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.

The present state of the locality he describes: Grand Pre is situated in the lower part of the township of Horton, near Horton Landing, some miles from the beautiful village of Wolfville, the seat of Acadia College.

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.

THE worst things are the perversions of good things. Abused intellectual gifts make the dangerous villain; abused sensibilities make the accomplished tempter; abused affections engender the keenest of all misery.—McCosh.

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 NEW SUBSCRIBERS

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 MESSENGER.

We propose therefore to make a real sacrifice by sending the Christian Messenger to New Subscribers 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 ENTERPRISE.

50 Cts. 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 DOLLARS 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 a 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. Andrew's and four converts were added to the church by baptism.

REV. ISAIAH WALLACE IN GUYSBOROUGH 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 a 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 Church.

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WOMEN'S WORK.—Last year the women of the United States gave \$600,000 towards christianizing the heathen. Of this large sum Presbyterian women gave nearly \$200,000, Baptist women \$156,000, Congregational women, \$130,000; Northern Methodist women, \$108,000, and Southern Methodist women, over \$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 pastor.

I will ever remember the unremitting kindness of the brethren and friends here, and look back to my pastoralate 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.

WINNSOR, June 2nd.—The pastor, Rev. Herbert Fosby baptized six on Lord's Day last, and subsequently received seven into the fellowship of the church.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

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

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.

Judge Thompson and Robert Sedgewick, started Saturday to walk to Windsor. The judge covered the distance all right, and looked good for another fifty miles, but the lawyer fumbled his feet this side of the winning post. His feet gave out and he retired from the contest.

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, Thursday and Friday evenings. Methodist preachers will occupy the various city pulpits on Sunday, the 22nd. On Tuesday, 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 and 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.

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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 well.

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.

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, and 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 sailing 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 a 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 Vardolom, which had just been completed, was struck by the lightning and burned to the ground. It was fortunately unoccupied. Fences were destroyed, two barns struck, and some sheep were killed. It is very rarely that a similar storm of such severity visits this part of the country."

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

John L. Boutillier, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Liniment cured his daughter of a very severe attack of Diphtheria, after she was pronounced incurable and recommended all to use it should they be afflicted with the same disease. Feb. 14.

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.

ITCHING PILLS.—SYMPTOMS AND CURE.—The symptoms are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, increased by scratching, very distressing, particularly at night, seems as if pin-worms were crawling in and about the rectum; the private parts are sometimes affected. If allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Tetter, Itch, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Barbers' Itch, Blotches, all scaly, crusty Skin Diseases. Sent by mail for 50 cents; 3 boxes, \$1.25, (in stamps). Address, DR. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists. June 20. 1 y.

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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 withered. 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 felt.

The Japanese Government have written to Ottawa asking for full particulars regarding the C. P. Railway and its completion; also as to the prospects of steamship communication between the terminus of the road in British Columbia and the Asiatic coast.