

The Christian Messenger.

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RECONCILIATION.

The great object of the gospel of Christ is to effect a change in the state of men, bringing them from a condition of rebellion against the laws of God into that of reconciliation and peace with Him, and harmony with his will and laws.

The great object of an army going forth is not the destruction of men's lives, but the bringing of them into subjection,—the putting down of rebellion and the protection of the weak against the combinations of the more powerful, when they are arrayed against the best interests of the people.

In these times of revival and the reception of converts into the Churches of Christ, there is the greatest need of the church ascertaining the true condition of those who present themselves for membership—whether they are indeed reconciled to God.

The condition of the sinner when made a new creature in Christ Jesus is put by the Apostle in this form—"you that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works yet now hath he reconciled."

Whilst therefore we rejoice in every accession to the ranks of Christ's army. We do not hesitate to recommend the greatest care in the reception of members lest we become weakened by improper additions, and so help to deceive any by receiving those whom the Lord has not first received.

There is no reason why we should think that the present movement amongst the people has yet reached its highest point. It may be that we are but just on the threshold of great changes, when the power of truth shall become far more general than has yet been known.

"THE SUM OF ALL VILLAINIES."

The troubles arising from the abominable liquor traffic seem to be increasing and taking a new lease of life.

The Scott Act which was supposed to be a grand panacea making up for the failure of former laws has now been quashed in our Supreme Court. In the case of Lynde vs. Hoar which was held as a sort of trial one, a motion was made to quash the conviction under said Act.

This will entail a vast amount of trouble on Temperance men until it is settled and it is known what is the law made and provided. Then the license question has become so full of complications by the uncertainty which has arisen as to who has the power of issuing licenses—the Dominion or the Local Legislature—and the question between our House of Assembly and Legislative Council as to whether the latter may seek to amend an Act, that there is some doubt whether or not we shall not have to suffer all the trouble and inconvenience of the traffic without any revenue to pay the officials employed to keep the peace.

It is most humiliating to find that men are willing to so degrade themselves and their fellow citizens as to trade in this "sum of all villainies"—who take money for an article that steals away men's brains, that makes families desolate, takes the children's bread, and turns them into the street and often murders them and their mothers. The immorality of the trade seems largely lost sight of in the license troubles. It is a great pity that the public sentiment does not arise and demand entire prohibition and pronounce the dealing in the article a crime not to be longer borne.

GEORGE MUNRO, himself formerly teacher of the Presbyterian Academy in our city, is determined that nothing shall be wanting on his part to give efficiency to the staff of instructors in his favorite institution. Dalhousie College has been made the recipient of another Professorship from Mr. Munro's beneficence. Dr. Schurman has heretofore had English Literature and Metaphysics. By this additional chair Dr. C. is to have the charge of metaphysics, and Dr. W. G. Alexander of Hamilton, Ont., nominated by Mr. Munro, is to take that of English Literature. This of course, is a boon to Dr. Schurman and affords him an opportunity of prosecuting his favorite subject to whatever extent he may choose.

The new professor Dr. Alexander we learn from an exchange, is an alumnus of the university of Toronto, in which he carried off a scholarship in English. In 1874 he won the Gilchrist scholarship, on which for three years he pursued, with great success, his studies in University college, London, graduating meantime in the university of London with first class honors in English literature. In 1877 he was appointed instructor of English and French in the Prince of Wales college, Charlottetown P. E. I. a position which he filled with conspicuous ability till his resignation

in 1879. Entering then the first-graduate classes of the Johns Hopkins University, he was in a short time elected to a scholarship in English, from which, in the following year he was promoted to a fellowship in Greek. He graduated Ph. D. in 1883, his thesis appearing in the American Journal of Philology. He has since been pursuing his literary studies at the University of Berlin; and at the present time, he is enjoying a vacation in Italy.

The faculty of Dalhousie are to be congratulated on these benefactions. It is a great pity that they should have to spend their lives in the very unsuitable building on the Grand Parade. If some wealthy Presbyterian would make them a donation of a new building in some less confined and more healthy situation, it would be a worthy means of perpetuating and enlarging the benefits of these noble endowments. They will hardly care for any further additions to the faculty or students until they have more breathing room.

A BIRTH DAY PRESENT.

At the close of the regular prayer-meeting of the Granville Street Baptist Church, held in the Spring Garden Vestry on Wednesday evening last, the friends present were asked to remain for a few minutes. After they had resumed their seats a very handsomely framed portrait, 3 ft 2 inches by 2 ft 8 inches in size, was brought from the library and placed in the centre of the platform.

One of the Deacons explained that it had been intended to make this presentation on the seventieth Birth Day of Mr. William Ackhurst the conductor of the choir, but that this had been prevented by unavoidable delay in the preparation of the portrait. He believed the artist Mr. W. D. O'Donnell had been highly successful in producing what Robert Burns had wished for, when he wrote:

"Wad some power the giftie gie us To see ourselves as others see us."

This power Mr. Ackhurst would now have, as far as the exterior was concerned, the inner meaning of the picture would be more fully developed by an address in the hands of one of the ladies who had been active in promoting this pleasant work.

The following address, printed in gold, was read by Miss Barnstead:—To WILLIAM ACKHURST, Esq.:

The members of the choir and a number of friends in the Granville Street Baptist church and congregation, have been desirous of giving an expression of their regard for you, and of their appreciation of your long and very efficient services as Conductor of the music of the church. Bearing in mind that you have attained the venerable age of three score and ten years, and that of these about two thirds—nearly fifty years—you have been using your endeavors to aid this congregation in their songs of praise in the public worship of God, we regard this as a pleasant duty and privilege.

We have been associated with you in these endeavors—some for a long—and others for a shorter period, and can bear testimony to your zeal and exemplary diligence in this service, and your readiness to employ your time and talents, and sacrifice your ease and other enjoyments on behalf of the church in its important service of praise. Considering the mutations of time and the changes incident to our surroundings in this life, we have thought it would be pleasant for yourself as well as for the members of your family and friends, to have some Memento that might be looked upon in future years, and one that would recall to affectionate recollection one beloved and esteemed by them. We have therefore obtained this accompanying portrait which we regard as a very successful effort on the part of the artist to represent you on canvas, which we now ask you to accept, and which we hope may have some pleasant associations for others besides ourselves.

We could wish that you might still long continue in the service so long rendered, and we hope that your life may long be spared and your health continued many years so as to fill the office which even King David felt it an honor to hold, and that when you shall have filled up the measure of your days on earth you may be permitted to take up the strains in the bright world above with many of those who have gone before, and join with them in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb before the Heavenly Throne.

Even so, may it be to us all. Signed on behalf of the choir and friends,

AGNES BARNSTEAD, CLARA A. PAYZANT. Halifax, April 2, 1884.

Mr. Ackhurst then came forward and expressed his high appreciation of the present, and the accompanying address. He said it would be held as an heirloom that would be greatly valued by the members of his family after he should be called away from this world.

Mr. A. also presented his views of what the music in the Christian church should be, and alluded to the efforts he had made to bring up to his ideal this important part of the worship of God.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. MacArthur then offered a few words of address, congratulating Mr. A. on the handsome work of art now presented, and believed that his family would value it highly in years to come, after the original had joined the great choir above, and was engaged in praising God in purer strains in that world of brightness and glory.

COLLEGE MATTERS.

It will be perceived that the matter of the Colleges is before our Legislature. We are informed that two of the Governors of Dalhousie College have given, in writing, their decided opinion that the grant of \$400 a year, made to the other Colleges, was agreed to by all the parties concerned, and in good faith was intended to be in perpetuity, as a settlement of the matter of the public funds held by Dalhousie, and on the consideration of which the latter was permitted to retain the funds loaned to them.

These two gentlemen will not be likely to consent for this matter to remain as at present. The injustice will not be allowed to slumber. The amount for the years it has been withheld is fairly due the said Colleges, or the agreement entered into should be so corrected as that the moneys held by Dalhousie be refunded, and fairly disposed of by the Legislature.

THE Halifax Post Office clerks are in general careful intelligent men, and do not often make mistakes in sorting the letters, cards &c., and putting them into the proper places. With the thousands that pass through their hands every day, it is a wonder that many more do not get misplaced.

But last week one of the postal cards that should have been placed in our box some how got into the Methodist Book-room box, and of course we failed to get it in time for our last week's paper. We make this explanation that our brother the writer may know the reason for its not appearing as was expected. Our Methodist brother must have been pleased to read on the postal card the following:

"On March 16th I baptized two persons into the Shelburne Church. We expect others shortly. Yours &c., L. M. WEEKS.

P. S.—The Messenger has a firmer hold of my heart this year than ever before. I intend to preach it up. W."

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

Railway matters have been the great subject of debate in our Local Assembly up to Thursday afternoon. The question was very fully considered. The grave interests of the Province involved demanded this. It is not always well to accept of gifts if they involve obligations which we are not able to fulfil. This was felt by the Nova Scotia Government, and the impossibility of building the railway through Cape Breton induced the Government to prefer transferring the railways in their hands to the Dominion Government, so that they might have a better chance given them than if they had been held by them. The debate was brought to a close on Friday about 6 o'clock, with the following result:—

For—Pipes, White, Church, Gayton, Johnson, Robichau, Buchanan, Mack, LeBlanc, Fielding, MacCoy, Longley, H. Munro, Haley, McCurdy, McNeil, Dodge, Ross, Cooke, Power.—20.

Against—Bell, McLennan, Campbell, Corning, Townshend, Blair, Patterson, Dr. Munro, Hockin, Weeks, Fraser, Whidden, McRae, McDonald, Harrington, Harris, Spence.—17.

The Herald pronounces this measure the most momentous that ever passed this local legislature.

On Tuesday after a number of Bills had been read a third time, the Hon. Prov. Secretary laid on the table of the House petitions from St. Mary's, Acadia and King's Colleges, (in respect to College Grants), laid on the table of the House last session.

The vote for the amendment to the government measure was 15 to 22. The vote afterwards taken on the Government Bill was 20 to 17. Messrs. Weeks

and Fraser having opposed the former as well as the latter. There was an evening session on Friday for the purpose of completing the Act and sending it to the Legislative Council.

Rev. H. H. JOHNSON, having resigned the pastorate of the African Baptist Church in this city, has been requested to undertake an Agency on behalf of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, formed in Virginia, for the purpose of sending Missionaries to Africa. Several have already gone, and it is in contemplation that other qualified men of African descent shall be sent forth as means are provided. This is a great work, and one on behalf of which Mr. Johnson may present a strong appeal to Christian people generally.

We understand that the Church in Cornwallis Street are desiring that Mr. Johnson will withdraw his resignation and remain with them, and that they have given him a unanimous and earnest request that he will do so. He has been very useful while he has been here, and we should be glad to learn that he had complied with their request.

Literary.

LITERARY.—Funk & Wagnalls, 10 and 12 Dey street, New York, announce the following works to appear shortly:

SAPPHO.—by ALPHONSE DAUDET, to be issued simultaneously in Paris, New York and London.

THE BUNTING BALL.—A Græco-American Tragedy, being a satirical poem modelled after an old Grecian tragedy, telling how a certain family made a number of efforts to enter New York society.

THE CLEW OF THE MAZE.—By REV. CHARLES H. SPURGEON. Modern scepticism, and the way to meet it. This book is to be printed from advanced sheets sent us by Mr Spurgeon.

MEMOIRS OF DAVID BRAINERD. Missionary to the Indians, based on JONATHAN EDWARDS and SERENO E. DWIGHT'S Memoirs of Brainerd; with Essays on "The Spirit of Missions," and "The Life and character of Brainerd." Edited by J. M. SHERWOOD, D.D.,

My Musical Memories. By H. R. HAWES. No. 6 of Funk & Wagnalls, Standard Library, 1884 series. S. F. Huestis, 141 Granville Street Halifax.

A series of interesting Chapters of recollections of the early efforts of the author, and his experiences with prominent musicians.

Stradivarius, Paganini, Liszt, Wagner, come in for a part of his attention. A chapter on "Old Violins" shows the touch of a connoisseur and is written in an animated style that arouses and holds even the most languid reader. In fact for a popular work on music, it would be difficult to name a book equal to this. The writer's critical tastes are supplemented by an infallible instinct as to what points are of interest to the greatest numbers of readers, and by an easy conversational style which engrosses one's attention before he is aware of it. The author is full of his subject, and his writing is evidently a work of love. pp. 280. Price 25 cts.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, for March 29th and April 5th, contain the Aristocracy of Letters, My Schooldays from 1830 to 1840, The Brutes and their master, and The Exile in Siberia, Frederick Denison Maurice, Glimpses of the Soudan, James Hope-Scott, The American School of Classical Studies at Athens, The Monk-Fish, The Fabric of Westminster Abbey, The Epitaph on the Countess of Pembroke, with the conclusion of "The Wizard's Son," instalments of "Gracie," "The Baby's Grandmother," "Phebe," and "A Vendetta" and poetry. The number for April 5th begins the 161st Volume.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each, the subscription price (\$8) is low. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

The Candidates for the Mayoralty, Alderman J. C. MacKintosh, Dr. Jennings and Mr. Connolly have their cards out before the public. They are all well known to the citizens and each should receive votes according to his merits. If even the best man should not be chosen, there will be the supposition in the minds of the majority that he is the best.

John L. Boutilier, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Liment 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 diseases. Feb. 14.

Johnson's Anodyne Liment is, without doubt, the safest, surest, and best remedy that has ever been invented for internal and external use. It is applicable to a great variety of complaints, and is equally beneficial for man or beast. Find out about it and thank us for the advice.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

A terrible catastrophe occurred at the mouth of Halifax harbor on Thursday night. The steamer Daniel Steinmann, from Antwerp ran ashore on Mad Rook shoal, during a dense fog and a fierce gale, about 10 o'clock at night. A hole was broken in her, and her stern sunk in a few minutes. Efforts were made to reach her next morning, but from the gale and the thick weather it was impossible to approach the ship. The steam tugs and the Newfield all returned. They went down again about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and learned further particulars. It appears that about 11 o'clock men on Sambro Island observed a boat making for the shore, and guiding it by torches around to a calm cove, its seven occupants landed safely. Five of them were of the crew and two were passengers. When daylight broke in the morning the only portion of the wrecked steamer visible was her topmast yard, and to this two people were made out to be clinging. A boat at once put out and rescued the pair from their perilous position. They proved to be Captain Schoonhoven and a passenger who had clung to the unsubmerged spar all night, and were in such an exhausted state that they must soon have dropped into the sea and found a watery grave with the other long list of victims. About nine o'clock on Friday morning Charles Martin, pilot of boat number four, touched at Sambro Island, received the meagre facts given, and then proceeded to the mainland with the following message from Captain Schoonhoven to Chipman Bros., the agents of the White Cross line in Halifax:

"Belgian steamer Daniel Steinmann, Capt. Schoonhoven, wrecked on third April, about 10 p.m., between the rocks of Sambro. Ninety passengers and thirty-four of the crew drowned. Five of the crew, three passengers and the captain saved. Please give assistance. (Signed.) H. SCHOONHOVEN.

It appears that all the passengers and crew, except these nine, found a watery grave. The Daniel Steinmann was an iron vessel of 1,785 tons, built at Antwerp in 1875, and owned by Steinmann and Ludwig, of that place. She was schooner rigged, had engines of 183 horse-power, and 5 bulkheads.

The soldiers on the island say they heard women's cries in the water for an hour after the accident, but not having suitable apparatus, could not do anything to save them. The station is complained of as being very inefficient. There are no life boats, no rockets; the fog whistle is not a success, and as much a source of danger as a benefit, because seamen listening for it, often do not hear the sound until they are on the rocks. A piece of stupidity on the part of those on the island was not to have fired the guns.

The following is a list of the saved, and where they hail from:

Henri Schoonhoven, captain, Antwerp; Fritz Vaek, boatswain's mate, Barnoftas, Ger; Otto Krause, sailor, Wittgendorf, Ger; Desire Van Geissel, sailor, Antwerp; Charles Ven Looi, stoker, Antwerp; Petrus Maedelman, passenger, Begeen, Sweden; Eugene Nikolai, passenger, Stuttgart, Sweden; Saco Nikolo Dincenco, passenger, Smalle, Italy; Petrus Feintson, trimmer Antwerp.

Captain Schoonhoven is staying with B. W. Chipman. The other survivors are at the Sailor's home. The passengers will be forwarded to New York; the crew sent home in the Herman.

The ship was worth \$180,000 and was fully insured. Capt Schoonhoven has been to sea 24 years, 3 1/2 as first mate and captain of the Daniel Steinmann, and never before had an accident.

The ship remains in the same position and experienced persons are of the opinion that she is settled in a gulch between two ledges, and will not break up. It is considered perfectly feasible for divers to operate, and thought that all the cargo can be got out in safety.

Eleven bodies were recovered on Sunday. Hundreds of fishermen were at the scene in boats on Sunday grappling, numbers of whom continued during the day. The scene at the Island when each body is brought ashore is a striking one. The faces of nearly all are disfigured from contact with the rocks or vessel and present a terrible sight.

THE HALIFAX DISPENSARY publishes its report for the month of March, showing that there have been 387 consultations in Halifax and 42 in Dartmouth, and 886 visits in Halifax, and 96 in Dartmouth, 58 Dental operations and 1586 Prescriptions dispensed. This is a large amount of free medical service given to the poor of our city.

There is another project of a Horse Railway in Halifax, notwithstanding the failure of the former one eight years ago. It appears some of the same names as were in the former are in the company now. They have applied for an Act of Incorporation. Instead of Water Street, as before, the line proposed is through Campbell Road, Lockman, Barrington and Pleasant Streets, to the foot of Inglis Street. This will be much less objectionable than Water Street and Grandville Street, and there is to be but a single track, 4 feet 8 inches wide, so as not to interfere with other traffic. The application was made on Tuesday last, and the City Council are disposed to favor the movement. The names given are Messrs. A. G. Jones, Robie Uniacke, Wm. J. Lewis, Wm. Duffus and John Starr, with such others as may become shareholders. The capital stocks put at \$100,000, in shares of \$100 each, the company to commence operations as soon as \$40,000 of stock is subscribed and twenty per cent thereon paid up. The company ask for the ex-