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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The MESSENGER AND VISITOR will be sent for the balance of this year to all new subscribers for ONE DOLLAR. Is it too much to ask that pastors will publish this notice from their pulpits Lord's day? Would it not be work for the Master to solicit for subscribers? So many have kindly interested themselves in the past that we are confident some will be found to act upon this suggestion.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1889.

THE READY WHY.

A brother who sees very clearly the reasons why Baptists cannot consistently open their communion to unbaptized people, does not see so clearly why baptized Free Christian Baptists may not be received to the Lord's Supper in our churches, although they profess open communion.

The second objection is this: Did we receive all members of open communion Baptist churches to the Lord's Supper in our own, it would make it possible for the very communion from which they had been shut out, as members of another church.

At the same time, this must be remembered, in the most Free Baptist Churches, open communion is a sentiment and not a practice. For ourselves, we have no objection to receive to our churches those who are willing that their open communion should remain a sentiment, and are content to commune with the baptized alone.

strongest objection against receiving those who did make this their practice. This is a frank, straightforward answer to the question proposed, as the matter shapes itself in our mind.

It may not be out of place to offer a remark or two on the subject of the organization of new churches. For believers to band themselves together as a separate and independent church is a serious matter. They are to constitute what is likened in Scripture to the body of Christ.

There is no little danger that churches be formed where there is no good reason for a separate existence. When it is possible for a certain section to be cared for by the pastor of a field, it is seldom advisable to form a new church, unless there is some prospect of such growth as to ensure self-support in the not-distant future.

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While on this subject, we venture to call attention to a distinction between organizing and recognizing a church. In the organization of a church, those who unite in its formation are the active parties. It is theirs to band themselves together, and no one has a right to say them nay.

THE WEEK.

Politics in Great Britain, in parliament and out, have been at almost a white heat this week. The election in the Kennington division of London, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Gent-Davis, resulted in turning a Tory majority of over 400, at the last election, into a Gladstonian majority of over 700.

Salisbury, however, has declared his intention to hold on to power, and refuse an appeal to the people as long as the law shall permit. He also has insinuated that some of the Times' letters may be genuine, while he says that the government had no interest in the letters, as the Commission was appointed to consider a far wider question.

If Salisbury hoped to discourage the Liberals by his declaration that he could not resign, he has failed. There was one of the most fierce debates of the session in Parliament, on the 21st, on a motion to reduce the salary of Attorney-General Webster, and in connection with a question to Balfour.

abbing of popular favor and its flooding Gladstoneward, and are about to make an effort to turn it. Chamberlain has written a letter urging the government to bring in a substitute for Gladstone's Irish measures, and to grant to Ireland a measure of self-government.

The financial crisis in France is over. The shareholders in the copper syndicate have been ruined. Bouteanger has made a speech which has caused no little comment, as it seems to outline a policy. One item is a "non-parliamentary republic," which means, we suppose, a republic not governed by the people's representatives.

Lord Carnarvon's bill to prevent disreputable peers from sitting in the Lords had only 14 votes in its favor—a sad commentary on the morals of that Upper (7) House.

Student Missionaries.

Upwards of 40 students are looking to our Board for employment during the summer vacation. They are worthy young men, and we are anxious to give them employment, because they are dependent largely on what they can earn during vacation for means to continue their studies.

German Correspondence.

Berlin, Germany, March 7, 1889. May I be permitted to correct a statement which appeared in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR of December 5th, in regard to the number of places of worship in Berlin? The paragraph referred to says, "Berlin, with one million and a quarter of inhabitants has but 38 places of worship."

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of each, and to whose pastor or pastors belongs the care of all the souls within its limits. A weighty charge, judging only by numbers, but the trouble is the majority of souls are only too willing to relieve their pastors of all responsibility in that direction.

There are two kinds of repentance, and they can always be distinguished by the way they end. The real produces humiliation in the heart, but the false produces mortification in the mind. Here are two characters that illustrate these two phases of repentance. Judas betrayed his Master, and when he realized the guilt of his folly, repented, then turned to the gibbet and hanged himself.

But in point of fact the evil is not of such huge dimensions as to overshadow the signs, not only of hope, but of actual advancement here and there. German preachers are making an attempt to overcome the former too-wide separation between religious and individual life.

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ment of the text. Both before and after the sermon there was congregational singing and also several voluntaries rendered by a choir of forty or fifty voices. To our great delight the "copper tone" was one of Moody and Sankey's. The great evangelists once paid a visit here, we were afterwards told. Then came the baptism. Dressed in pure white, and with veils over the hair, the candidates, six in number, stood in a semi-circle about the large basin directly below the pulpit, while the organ played softly and scores of glowing lights shone over the heads of the silent congregation.

Bible Topical Studies for April.

BY H. F. ADAMS, YARMOUTH, N. B.

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Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

HALIFAX.—Seven were baptized in the First Baptist Church, on Sabbath evening the 17th inst., by pastor Cole. The work goes on.

NEWTON RIVER, P. E. I.—Bro. CARNEY reports progress on his field. He is a little retarded in his work by the loss of his horse, which was drowned in West River by falling through the ice.

HANTS CO. AUXILIARY BOARD.—In case some of the many readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR might be pleased to hear a little of the doings of some of the Baptists in Hants Co., N. S., we offer a brief account of the meeting of the Auxiliary Home Mission Board since last August. Unless something very unusual occurs to prevent, the meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, having been held as follows: Last August, at New Ross; September, at Walton; October, at Windsor Plains; November, at Falmouth; December, at Hantsport; January, at Winslow; February, at Waterville; and the present month at Newport village.

St. John, N. B. WAFFLE.—The Lord is still blessing this church. We continue our special meetings. The pastor gave the right hand of fellowship to eight persons on Sabbath last, five of whom were received by baptism and three by letter.

BIO TRACADIE.—Lord's day, the 17th inst., it was our soul-cheering privilege to visit the baptismal waters, being the fourth time since I came to this place last fall. Two happy converts were baptized in the presence of a large concourse of people—Baptists and Catholics—who behaved in a praiseworthy manner.

JAMES, QUEBEC CO., N. B.—Some three weeks ago we commenced special services and God has blessed our efforts with his reviving power, and a goodly number have followed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism. Six were baptized on the 3rd inst., and 11 on the 10th. Seven more have been received and we hope more to follow ere we visit the baptismal waters on Sabbath next. Truly God is working wonderfully in our midst while many are happy inquiring the way of salvation.

CAMBRIDGE, QUEBEC CO., N. B.—We have had the blessed privilege of baptizing believers in the Lord Jesus, on each Lord's day in this month, making in all 23 since the work began. Our conference meeting on Saturday was a season of great blessing. The brethren and sisters still long for the salvation of others; and will continue to put forth special effort in the way of further meetings.

LETTERS RIVER, SUNBURY CO., N. B.—Three were received into the fellowship of the new church at this place on Sabbath, March 17th. Two I baptized and one came on experience from the F. C. Baptists. Total number baptized at Little River, 14; number received on experience, 15. The Canning and Sheffield Church, now 89 years old, is justly proud and thankful for its promising daughter.

WOLFVILLE.—In reviewing my recent labors in connection with our institution of learning in Wolfville and with the Baptist Church there, it gives me pleasure to say that I have seldom spent three weeks in any locality with more pleasure or with more marked manifestation of the Divine favor than those recently spent in that classic and beautiful vil-

lage. I enjoyed the operation of the college, and the brethren I have acquaintance with, but to me I universal expressions beloved of teachers known to be too, my co-operation of the Academy since blessing. say that I believe my increase of the pupils of of the community be said, also, of brethren (Sawyer) has greatly assisted on accounts especially adapted. Parents as students on accounts especially adapted. Parents as students on accounts especially adapted.

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