

our Spanish Scriptures circulated, from the commencement of our work till the present time, exceeds twenty-four thousand.

We have an interesting letter from Rev. L. Jewett, who is engaged in the translation of the Scriptures into the Telogoo language, under date of April 4, 1871. He writes:

"The Gospel of Matthew will be sent to the printer (D. V.) in July." The Book of Isaiah is now in the hands of Dr. Conant.

The books of Joshua, Ruth, Judges 1st and 2d Samuel, 1st and 2d Kings, 1st and 2d Chronicles, having been revised, are now in the hands of Dr. Bliss, who is preparing them for the press. We hope to show you part in proof before the close of the anniversary.

Our distribution of English Scriptures during the past year, exceeds that of previous years. The gratuitous appropriations amount to 20,744 copies.

Our receipts during the year have fully equalled those of preceding years.

In one respect, the prospects of the Union, in a financial point of view, have decidedly improved. We have never known a year, in which so many friends have informed us, that they have remembered the Bible Union in their wills.

In conclusion we recall attention to the sentiments with which this Report was introduced:

The Christianity of a people will always be graduated by the purity of the version of Scripture believed and circulated by them. The errors of that version, received by them as truths, will be photocopied in their character and conduct. As a man believes in his heart, so is he. Faith is the root of affection and of action. Christian faith, the belief of what God has really revealed, always works by love. The holding of error as the word of God works evil, and only evil, and that continually. In the view of these simple truths and principles, it seems superfluous to resort to argumentation to convince a Christian of the greatness and majesty, the importance and necessity of the object contemplated by the Bible Union. In proportion as they are appreciated, sympathy will be awakened, the soul will be quickened; co-operation contribution, earnest and constant supplication, and greatly enlarged usefulness will follow as naturally as the harvest springs from the seed; first the blade, and then the ear, and then the full grain in the ear.

For the Christian Messenger.

ACADIA COLLEGE AGENCY.

Dear Brother,

You will be pleased to learn that the good people of Queens County and that little corner of Shelburne to which I was sent on an agency for this College, have proved their interest in the Institution by contributing—in cash and notes of hand—bearing interest, payable annually, to the amount of three thousand seven hundred dollars, (\$3,700.)

Considerable now can yet be obtained in the county of Queens, as I was compelled to leave before completing the canvass of all the churches in the county. I hope to finish up the work there before the year closes.

If the other counties do, in proportion to their numbers and wealth, what Queens has done and will do, the College will live and be able to do noble work.

I fully believe the Baptists of these provinces will not allow the only College they possess to suffer or die for want of funds. I never knew, till now that it has so deep a hold on the hearts of our people. There is not a whole-hearted Baptist in these provinces but would make a sacrifice rather than see the doors of Acadia College closed against our young men who desire a Collegiate education.

Yours very truly,
J. F. KEMPTON.

P. S.—Many thanks to those persons who took so deep an interest in my agency and aided me so much in my work in each of the different localities I visited. Names may be given at another time, perhaps.

J. F. K.

THE RIGHT IDEA.—How readily one gets an idea of the manner of Christ's baptism when upon the spot where it occurred. A writer in a recent Presbyterian periodical says: "As the sun was sinking beneath the horizon we came in sight of the

Jordan, and hastened down to the ford where the Saviour is thought to have been baptized. We turned our faces away from the baptismal font of Jesus—away from the huge liquid grave," etc. "Liquid grave," of course, does not mean that Christ went down into the Jordan merely to be sprinkled.—*Canadian Baptist.*

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., October 9, 1872.

GREAT INDUCEMENTS.

We are desirous that every Baptist family in the country should have the *Christian Messenger* as a part of its regular household arrangements, to supply them with information of what is passing from week to week in the churches of their own denomination, in the Christian church generally, and in the world. Baptists should be the best informed people in the world.

In our aiming at this object we believe that we have the sympathy and best wishes of a very large number of the most intelligent men and women in the churches and congregations throughout the country.

We shall be happy to enlist as many as possible in endeavouring to accomplish this object during the remaining portion of the present year, as we believe that we and they will thus be doing a greater amount of good than by any other means we could together employ.

We propose to send the paper to any NEW SUBSCRIBERS, from the time they send on their address and the amount of one year's subscription, up to December 31st 1873. By that means giving them the paper free for the remainder of 1872. Will our friends have the kindness to make this known to their neighbors and add a word of encouragement, and so give us their help in this endeavour.

The Church of Christ is no more human organization, nor is it a corporation formed for the purpose of securing some personal or worldly benefit. The wealth with which it is entrusted is from heaven, and it is at the peril of its members that they allow the gold to become dim. Their circulating medium is heavenly truth, and as they dispense it abroad they may hope for the increase of their true riches. It is by giving that they receive, and by scattering abroad they become enriched.

Additions of names may be made to their numbers, but unless such increase be of individuals who have the impress of the Master made upon them, they are but as the addition of counterfeit coin to coffers intended for genuine specie—an incumbrance depreciating the whole.

AN ENQUIRY.—What is a church to do when she calls a minister for a term, and he accepts the call, and removes his family, and is ready to commence his labors with them; another man steps into the pulpit, and assumes the power of the church, appointing meetings without consulting the church, and calling on the women in and out of the church, and all his friends, to meet him, stating that all those who were not for him were peace-breakers, and had denied the truth, and were heretics, &c.? Will some lover of order and peace tell us what steps to take in this case?

K. C.

We were hoping that the above case was so plain that the people and the writer had settled the matter without publication. It appears otherwise. We would say in reference thereto, that a church consists of members, and it is for them to take appropriate action. If the facts are as represented, they should do justly by the "minister," and express their disapprobation of the acts of "another man."

A LATE telegram stated that Mr. Spurgeon was sick. It appears that while attending the Annual Meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Orphanage Home, he was suddenly taken ill, and had to retire. We do not apprehend that it was more than temporary illness.

ADMISSIONS FROM PEDOBAPTISTS.—It is not often that we get a more clear admission of the facts of Baptist history and the value of Baptist principles than is given in a late number of the N. Y. Independent. The editor says:

"The pioneer championship of entire religious liberty we believe to be the indeleble distinction of the Baptists. We are too often insensible of the debt we owe to the Baptists for this boon. The idea seems to have been the glorious heirloom of the Baptist family."

This is a very practical age. Theories of government, of commerce, and of Christian work, have to be carefully examined to ascertain whether they have the quality of practicability in them, before they can be accepted as worthy to take the place of what may be less pretentious, and yet, perhaps, more adapted to the work required to be done by them.

ENDOWMENT PROGRESS.

The Rev. I. E. Bill gives the following report of his mission to Annapolis County in behalf of the Endowment movement:

FINE GROVE CHURCH.

Dea. Geo. Dodge, pd. \$100; Mrs. M. Wheelock, \$100; T. H. Randall, \$100; Joseph Clark, \$100.

NICOLAUS CHURCH.

Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$100; Joseph Wheelock, \$100; Samuel Spencey, to complete his scholarship, \$300; William Shaffer, Esq., \$100; Sam. L. Chipman, Esq., \$100; D. C. Landers, Esq., pd., \$100; Daniel Morse, \$100; Edwin Spencey, \$10.

WILMOT CHURCH.

Rev. A. Cohoon, 100; W. H. Balcom, 100; Simon P. Starrett, 100; John L. Morse, 100; Sim on Daniels, 25; Wm. Longley, 100; Asa Morse, 100; C. S. Phinney, 100; H. C. Fitch, Esq., 100; Robert Marshall, 100; Edward Marshall, 100; Samuel Moore, 25; Silas Williams and S. N. Jackson, 100; G. H. Jackson, 25; Norman Foster, 50; Isaac Moore, 5; D. Hicks Chesley, 25.

ANNAPOLIS AND UPPER GRANVILLE.

Rev. G. Armstrong, 100; Benj. S. Fell, 25; John B. Read, 50; Nathaniel Langley, 20; Dea. Wm. Chipman, 10; Wm. Chipman, Jr., 50; Oliver Foster, 25; Solomon Chute, 5; Wm. Miller, 100; Benjamin Miller, 50; J. A. & E. B. Bancroft, 100; J. Haley, 50; Dimock Whitman, 100; Woodworth Eaton, 50.

ANNAPOLIS ROTAL.

Thos. S. Whitman, 100.

LOWER GRANVILLE.

Robert Delap, pd., 100; W. Weatherspoon, pd., 100; Sclcia B. Bleakney, pd., 1.

CLEMENTS CHURCH.

Rev. John Williams, 100; D. D. Potter, 25; Joseph Potter, 5; James Snell, pd., 1; John Wright, 8; Mrs. John Wright, 2; Adeline Potter, 25; Annie Potter, 4; Malissa Lane, 1; Joshua Potter, 5; A. Miller and A. Sanford, 25; Joshua P. Long, 25; Crampton Mallet, 10; George Dirks, 5; David Ridser, 5; Wm. O. Wright, 8; John D. Potter, 25; Fanny E. Wright, 1; James E. Potter, 25; Reuben Potter, pd., 5; Richard Sanford, pd., 10; Capt. I. Potter, pd., 10.

HILLSBURG CHURCH.

Rev. G. D. Cox, 100; Dea. Richard Clark, interest on a hundred dollars which he hopes to give to the Endowment next year, 5; Edward Clark, 25; Harding Chute, 50; E. Welch, pd., 5; C. H. Dunn, pd., 2; Silas Berry, 2.

It will be seen by the above that several of the churches visited by us did not. Wilmot Church emphatically so. All will come up generously in the issue. The endowment work must be hastened forward with unfaltering zeal and a determined will. It is now or never.

Notices, &c.

ERRATUM.—In the notice of the death of Miss Louisa McKenne, *Christian Messenger*, Oct. 2nd, for "gift of her lovely mother," read *grief of her lonely mother*.

The Yarmouth County Baptist Ministerial Conference will meet, (D. V.) at Chequogan, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

W. H. PORTER,
Sec'y of Conference.

The next meeting of the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, will meet, (D. V.,) at the vestry of the First Yarmouth Church, on Tuesday the 5th of Nov., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

W. H. PORTER,
Secretary of Board.

WATERVILLE, AYLESFORD, Sept. 5, 1872.

Dear Brother Seiden,
Will you be so kind, as to permit me through the *Christian Messenger* to tender my sincere thanks to Alderman Ackhurst, for a donation of five dollars, to Mrs. Seiden, for one dollar, and Brother Sym, of Yarmouth, one dollar received per Rev. E. M. Saunders, may the blessing of God, ever abide with each of the donors, is the prayer of the recipient.

R. S. MORTON.

News of the Week.

CIVIC.—The Civic Elections took place on Tuesday, and resulted as follows: Mr. Duggan was elected Mayor. The vote stood for Duggan, 954; for Dunbar, 835; for McCulloch, 131. Six Aldermen were elected, one for each Ward. The successful candidates were Messrs. George Fraser, Edgar Dodson, Alexander Forsyth, M. J. Power, J. R. Graham, C. C. Vaux.

Our Civic rulers for the next year are as follows: Mayor—James Duggan. Aldermen—Ward 1, John McCulloch, W. H. Neil, and George Fraser. Ward 2, Edward Smith, Robert Richardson, and Edgar Dodson. Ward 3, L. G. Power, William Ackhurst, and Alexander Forsyth. Ward 4, H. W. Blackadar, Wm. Barron, M. J. Power, Ward 5, Wm. Taylor, J. S. D. Thompson, and J. R. Graham. Ward 6, William Nisbet, Daniel Sullivan, C. C. Vaux.

The election of City Engineer has brought forth some curious developments.

At the meeting of the City Council before the election of the new Mayor and Aldermen, Mr. Martin Murphy, the engineer employed on the Lockman Street extension, was elected by ten votes out of thirteen, but a notice of reconsideration was given. He was informed of the vote, together with the notice of reconsideration. At a meeting subsequent to the election, on the reconsideration, the vote was carried, and Mr. E. H. Keating was proposed for said office. The vote given was as follows: For E. H. Keating—Ackhurst, Nisbet, Smith, Graham, Vaux, Fraser, McCulloch, Forsyth, Taylor, Dodson—10. For Martin Murphy—L. G. Power, Richardson, Blackadar, Sullivan, Thompson, Barron, and M. J. Power—7. Ald. Sullivan gave notice of reconsideration.

There is more in this affair than appears on the surface. It has already called forth the animadversions of portions of the press, and will probably do so again for some time to come.

The City Engineer will be required to give his whole time to the City service, will receive a salary of \$2,000 per annum, and hold office until he is removed by a two-third vote of the Council.

The City Council have resolved on the extension of Morris street westward to Seymour street. The land required will cost \$300.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—A company of gentlemen including Hon. Mr. Howe; the Chief Justice, and representatives of the press left Richmond, at 9 o'clock on Monday morning for Amherst. It was the intention if possible to go through to St. John, the same day. They arrived at Truro about 12 o'clock noon and there took in Messrs. McLean and Blanchard.

Some anxiety was felt in Halifax that no word was received of the arrival of the train at Amherst on Monday evening. This was relieved however yesterday morning by learning that they were detained at the Folly Bridge, and were obliged to walk or ride about two miles to meet the train that had come from Amherst. They did not reach Amherst till after 10 o'clock on Monday night. The train proceeded to Sackville yesterday morning to attend the opening of the Exhibition there.

The Folly Bridge is a fine structure of six hundred feet in length, and has five piers 96 feet in height. It was expected that the gap there would be filled up yesterday so as to enable the train to return the whole distance to-day.

In the Police Court, on Wednesday last, eight colored youths, named respectively, Alexander Parker, Peter Rene, James Rene, Samuel Killam, Moses Oliver, Thomas Gore, Henry Mahony, and Alex. Grandison were sentenced to pay a fine of \$2 each, or in default, twenty days in the city prison, for congregating at street corners, defying the police, and being disorderly on the Sabbath day.

A CURIOSITY.—The *Kentville Star* says:—"A few days ago we were shown by Mr. George Anderson a full grown apple and a full blown blossom on the same stem. They were picked from a tree in the orchard of Mr. Thomas Coffin at Lower Pero, Cornwallis, on the 13th ult."

THE HARVEST.—The Antigonish *Casket* says agricultural products will not this year in any one particular reach an average in Antigonish County.

IMPROVED STOCK PURCHASES.—A letter from Dr. Lewson gives an account of the purchases made by the Committee for this purpose. The purchases comprise—

Horses.....	2
Short Horn Durhams.....	8
Devons.....	14
Ayrshires.....	10
Long-wooled Sheep.....	20
Downs.....	8
	62

He says: "I may add that most of our purchases were made before the prizes were awarded, and that our animals have taken about a dozen prizes."

"We had very great difficulty in making arrangements for conveyance of the animals. No company sailing steamers to Halifax or St. John would undertake to carry them on any terms. They have therefore to go all the way by rail to St. John. Mr. Chase of Cornwallis and Mr. William Beattie, who brought down a former consignment, will attend to the animals on the way."

"We have taken some pains to examine Agricultural Implements at New York, Hamilton and Elmira. At Hamilton we purchased the prize Potato Digger, which seems to be a very useful implement, and have ordered two others of the same pattern."

THERE was a Grand Review of the Halifax Volunteers on Wednesday afternoon.

RAILWAY EXTENSION.—W. D. O'Brien, Esq., has taken the contract for the building of the wharf at Richmond, and extension of the Railway to the Dockyard wall.

HALIFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber, held on Thursday afternoon, Mr. Stairs, Chairman of the Meteorology Committee, reported that to introduce the system of weather reports into Halifax would cost about \$520. After some discussion, \$520 was voted by the Chamber for that purpose.

The steamer "Moravian," which arrived on Sunday morning from England, had a very rough passage. On Wednesday last a sea washed over her, throwing four seamen against the side so violently that they were all severely injured, and one had a leg broken. A part of one of the houses on deck was carried away by the sea.

A LARGE FORTUNE AWAITING A YARMOUTH LADY.—The following advertisement appears in a late Boston paper:

INFORMATION WANTED.—If Miss LUCY A. ROBBINS, formerly of Yarmouth, N. S., but for some years past a resident of Boston, Mass., will come immediately to Halifax, N. S., and prove her identity, she will be put in possession of £200,000 sterling, now in charge of WHITE, SMYTHE & CO., attorneys-at-law, Halifax, N. S.

There is no such firm in Halifax. It is probably a hoax.

OFFICE OF STATISTICS.—Mr. Costley has removed his office from the corner of Queen and South streets to 89 Hollis street, second floor.

AMHERST has all its shops closed at 7 o'clock in the evening, having a bell rung at that hour as the signal.

The Spring Hill Mining Company have determined to proceed at once with the branch railway. It will be about four miles long, and connect with the I. C. R. sixteen miles from Amherst. The Company intend to have the branch constructed in seven weeks.

LIVERPOOL.—Lynch Law.—Between the hours of eleven o'clock on Monday night last and two o'clock on Tuesday morning, a large number of the inhabitants of Liverpool set fire to and burnt to the ground four dwellings or shanties inhabited by persons keeping houses of ill-fame. They then proceeded to another building, tore out the end and otherwise destroyed the same. The occupants of the house were first all ordered to leave.—*Chron.*

POLITICAL.—The elections to fill the vacancies in the Local House, it is said, are to come off on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The candidates are—Pictou, David Marshall, Alex. McKay, Inverness, Hugh McDonald, Dr. Campbell, Yarmouth, J. K. Ryerson and T. B. Flint.

ANNAPOLIS AND ST. JOHN.—Some alterations have been made in the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Time Table, henceforth, until further notice, the *Empress* will make four trips a week between St. John and Annapolis, leaving the place last named for St. John on the arrival of the 8 o'clock a. m. express train from Halifax, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The steamer will leave St. John on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday as heretofore.

THE Londonderry Iron Mines will have Railway connection almost immediately. The line, three miles in length, has been graded, and is about ready for laying rails.

WINDSOR.—The *Mail* states that Mr. William Fish, blacksmith, of Ellershouse, has discovered a method of making Steel from the quartz rock amalgamated with iron, and has obtained a patent therefor at Ottawa, dated the 9th day of August last.

HON. E. CHURCHILL and sons are grading for a railway to the three Plaster Mountains, viz.: Grahams, South and North Mountains. The plaster is to be shipped at the entrance of the Walton Harbor, where vessels of any tonnage can take in cargoes and proceed to sea in perfect safety.

WOLFVILLE FRUIT EXHIBITION.—The Annual Exhibition of the Fruit Growers' Association, of Nova Scotia, will take place on the 16th and 17th inst. Among the prizes Col. Laurie, who is anxious to encourage fruit growing in all the Counties of Nova Scotia, has offered a prize of \$10 for the best 8 doz. apples, 12 of each sort, grown in any county in the Province outside of Hants, Kings and Annapolis.

NOVA SCOTIA SERVANT GIRLS IN BOSTON.—Forty girls, mostly from Nova Scotia, were at Morgan Chapel on Thursday, seeking situations in Boston.—*Boston Advertiser* 4th. They would probably do better by staying in Halifax.

Rev. G. W. Hill, Rector of St. Paul's, and Rev. Mr. Kidston, who is to act as Garrison Chaplain until the return of Rev. Mr. Edgill, arrived here from England on Sunday.

BOGUS GREENBANKS.—Counterfeit American Bills to a large amount have been put in circulation in this place. They are so well executed as to be very difficult of detection. We have already heard of several persons who have been seriously victimized by this bogus money, and it is to be feared that it has been operated on very extensively. We have been shown several hundred dollars of these Bills, all of which have the appearance of being much worn. The public cannot be too much on their guard against this fraudulent money.—*Yarmouth Herald.*

MARINE EXAMINATION.—At the Marine Board examinations held under the chairmanship of Capt. P. A. Scott, R. N., concluded on Friday, the following gentlemen were successful in obtaining certificates as Master, viz.: Niel Currie of Maitland, N. S.; William Thompson, Economy, N. S.; Wm. Thompson, Halifax, N. S.; Smith Carlo, St. John, N. B.; B. H. Thompson, Five Islands, Colchester Co.; Walter Flavin, Halifax; George H. Selig, Lunenburg. For Mate—Ronald McDonald, Strait of Canso, and Alexander C. Vance, Folly Village.

NOVA SCOTIANS AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.—At commencement of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., last week, thirteen Nova Scotians passed an examination for admission into the Law School. Two of them from Halifax, J. M. Geldert, Jr. and Byron A. Weston, stood at the head of the list and received the congratulations of Professor Langdell.