

farther (they were outcasts now)—not to be baptized into the Christian caste, as they call it. The wife of one of them struck her head against the wall in her grief, till she was carried away senseless. But the two men remained unmoved, saying, "We have done nothing wrong. We have seen the light, and cannot go back into the darkness! Did they not prove the meaning of the words, 'He that loveth father or mother, son or daughter, more than me is not worthy of me'? Towards night the crowd persuaded them to return to their homes till morning, when they were to be baptized. They left, saying that they would then return. But all Sabbath about a thousand people guarded them and would not suffer them to leave, nor any of us to go near them. It seems that they hoped by preventing their baptism that they would be able, by paying large sums of money, pilgrimages, ceremonies, &c., to procure their admittance again into their caste, which had been broken by their eating in another's house. As to what the men believed, or what sentiments they held, that was a matter of indifference! One of the men has been carried away since then, and we have not been able to learn anything of him. The other is waiting for opportunity to try again to join us."

At the last advices the church at Kimey consisted of eight members, and more were expected. Three schools were in operation, containing 127 scholars. The largest of the three was kept in the verandah of the mission house, the other two in distant parts of the village. Nau Nau, who is now a member of the church, renders very useful service in the girl's school, as well as in various other respects.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The report on the Home Department is also worthy of careful perusal, and will be looked for by many of our readers.

At present we can only give a paragraph or two from it:—

"In view of the facts which are to be presented in our Treasurer's Report, you will agree with us that there is ample reason for devout thanksgiving to God, and for renewed confidence in the disposition and ability of our churches to sustain the Mission we have established.

The total amount of contributions reported by the Treasurer as paid by churches, Women's Mission Aid Societies, and private donors (including legacies, \$538.61) is \$5624.18, of which Nova Scotia contributed \$3690.43, New Brunswick, \$1281.32, and P. E. Island, little, but large hearted, \$652.43.

The greatest falling off in receipts were from the churches composing the Western Associations of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Probably, their sections have been the most affected by the existing commercial depression.

The full and detailed statements of our Receipts will be published in the Year Book.

THE WOMAN'S AID SOCIETIES

have proved during the past year in a significant manner to be truly what their name imports, a generous and faithful auxiliary.

We are glad to announce that the arrangement for the transmission of salaries direct to the individual missionaries is now reliable and complete, and cannot fail to be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

This arrangement will also largely relieve our brother, Rev. R. Sanford, the faithful and painstaking sub-treasurer of our Board, of much anxiety and arduous labor. Our thanks are due to Bro. Sanford for his valuable but unrequited services in managing our finances for us on the Foreign field."

"Let monthly missionary concerts for prayer be revived and established. They will be found of great service in diffusing a knowledge of the spiritual destitution of heathendom, and also of imparting the cheering intelligence of missionary successes, as well as for arousing the prayerful sympathy and practical benevolence of the brotherhood on behalf of our Mission.

During the ensuing year, large drafts will probably be made on the Treasury for the erection of mission buildings at one station and possibly at two. Our current expenses will be considerable, and it is possible that if the famine, which now threatens to become more widespread, should continue, the pay to our native preachers and teachers may have to be increased, and thus our expense will be enlarged."

For the Christian Messenger.

Monthly Paper for the Women's Missionary Aid Societies of the Dominion.

Dear Bro. Selden,—

During our late Session of Convention Rev. A. V. Timpany, Foreign Missionary, called the attention of the sisters present belonging to Aid Societies, to a proposal to have a small missionary paper published in the Dominion of Canada. (I cheerfully comply with the request of sisters to publish some notice of this, and to offer a few thoughts on the subject.)

It is doubtless in the recollection of many, that a suggestion of this kind was made by our missionaries in Windsor, when they were at first being sent out. Doubts were entertained at that time as to the expediency of such a measure, in the incipient state of our Foreign Mission, in which the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces alone were engaged. But the state of things is now materially changed. Our missionaries are laboring in substantially the same field, and in strict harmony with our brethren and sisters sent from the Upper Provinces. The sisters composing Women's Missionary Aid Societies in Ontario and Quebec send Christian greetings to their sisters in these Provinces, kindly proposing to unite in publishing a little sheet, which may tend to promote pleasing religious acquaintance, and to further the interests of a cause of vast importance. By this united action a great amount of interesting, and highly useful intelligence and information may be diffused throughout this extensive Dominion, at a very trifling expense.

It is undoubtedly desirable that communications from our Missionaries, both male and female, with other articles relating to their work, should be frequently inserted in our provincial papers. But, as is done in the case of *The Helping Hand*—a valuable helper—in the United States, in many instances the same communications may be beneficially published in these weekly periodicals, as well as in the contemplated monthly sheet; which will, of course, be far more extensively circulated, and read by multitudes that never see either of these papers. The more widely information relative to the spread of the gospel among the perishing heathen is diffused, the better obviously, it will be for this good cause.

The attention of the Central Boards of Women's Missionary Aid Societies in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island is respectfully invited to this subject. It is desirable that all needful correspondence, deliberation, and arrangements should be effected without any avoidable delay.

The following extracts from a letter addressed to the writer by Rev. A. V. Timpany, will afford further information on this subject. Correspondence may be addressed to him at Woodstock, Ontario.

Yours affectionately,

C. TUPPER.

P. S.—The Editor of the *Christian Visitor* will please copy so much of this communication as he may deem desirable, with any additional remarks he chooses to offer.

C. T.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Aug. 30th, 1877.

Dear Dr. Tupper,—

I will try and write in a few words what is proposed for a little monthly paper for the Dominion of Canada in the interest of the Baptist Ladies' Foreign Mission Aid Societies. We of the West want to know about the foreign and home work of the ladies of the Maritime Provinces, and I believe the desire is reciprocated. This is the more to be desired since we are joined in Foreign Mission work.

It is proposed to have Assistant Editors appointed by each of the five Boards, East and West. If the paper is located in Halifax, Montreal, etc., etc., the Assistant Editor there might be the Editor in Chief. To begin with, the paper might be a four page sheet, about the size of the paper I write on. As a monthly, it need not cost more than about 20c. per year, including postage. Each edition, say of 1000, would not cost more than \$20, or of 2000, more than \$25. The Boards of the West can assume one-half of the responsibility as to expenses. The Boards of the Maritime Provinces the same. The Editor-in-Chief can send the papers in bulk to the Assistant Editors for distribution in their local boards and among their own circles. No doubt most of what the paper will cost can be at once collected from the circles, &c., in subscriptions. Whatever expense above this that is incurred will be money well expended in increased interest and gifts of the ladies who may be reached by the little Foreign Mission visitor.

The Board in Toronto have already appointed an Editor for their Board, Mrs. Freeland, of Yorkville, Ontario.

The ladies East and West, so far as I have been able to see them or hear from them on this matter, appear to be of one mind. They want the paper.

With Christian love,

We remain,

Yours truly,

A. V. TIMPANY.

Address, Woodstock, Ontario.

*The paper on which Bro. Timpany writes is about 10½ inches by 8 inches. This, we think, is too small. It should not be less than, say 13 inches by 9.—Ed. C. M.

For the Christian Messenger.

Rev. John Brown.

WOLFVILLE, AUG. 30, 1877.

Mr. Editor,—

Will you please allow me space to say (for the sake of my friends who understood, with myself, that I was going to England; and to give a reason for the alteration of my plans) that I left Milton, Queens Co., with the full intention of returning, and had all my luggage sent to Halifax, ready for embarkation on board the Caspian, Sept. 14th. On my way there by the land route, and while staying here during the Convention, I had a very pressing call from a church to become their pastor. I did not know whether all this was of God's arranging or not, so I brought it before Him in prayer. In addition to this, a great many ministerial brethren and others very strongly urged me to remain in Nova Scotia; this continued every day of the Convention, which brought my mind into a state of darkness and uncertainty as to what course to pursue. May the reader never know such an experience as mine at this time. I made the whole matter a subject of earnest and continued prayer; ready to go or stay if I knew but the Lord's will. There were two roads, one right and one wrong, and I knew not which to follow. I was in a strait, so I resolved to submit the matter to a learned, aged, and experienced servant of God. This seemed the course laid upon my mind; which therefore I did, so after laying the whole case before him, and telling him of my conflict of mind, and that I should act upon his advice, he said "Take it (the call referred to) as a call from God and go." I thanked God and him for what I considered to be a removing of the difficulty, and an answer to prayer. I feel that this explanation is due to my friends and myself, otherwise I would not intrude these personal and private matters upon your readers.

Yours,

J. BROWN.

For the Christian Messenger.

Infirm Ministers' Board of Western Association.

The Board appointed by the Western Baptist Association of N. S., to manage its Infirm Ministers' Fund held its first meeting September 3rd 1877.

Organized by appointing Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., chairman, and A. Cohoon Secretary and Treasurer.

It is hoped that individuals and Churches will remember this part of our Benevolent work. A few of our aged and infirm ministers are looking to the Board for help. Whether the Board shall be able to do as much as in the past years, (we ought to do more) will depend on you Brethren and Sisters.

The address of the Secretary and Treasurer, is Hebron, Yarmouth Co. A. COHOON Sec.

For the Christian Messenger.

"John Wesley's Plan."

Mr. Editor,—

I have just read an editorial of the last *Wesleyan* concerning the late Baptist Convention in which the Editor proffers his little opinions concerning Baptist faith and practice.

The brethren who made the reports referred to—at either of whose feet it would be to the advantage of the Editor of the *Wesleyan* to sit,—are competent to deal with such insinuations. But I wish to call especial attention to the glaring unscripturalness, and inconsistency of a man who sprinkles not only UNBELIEVERS, but also UNCONSCIOUS babies, recommending that Baptists defer scriptural baptism to their "converts"!

If the followers of John Wesley are safe in sprinkling unconscious babies, then, surely, the followers of Christ are safe in administering New Testament baptism to believers!

A gentleman, after reading the editorial referred to, said "It is a high-

handed piece of ignorance and impudence."

BAPTIST.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., September 12th, 1877.

RE-OPENING OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The public exercises in connection with the commencement of the incoming Academical year at Acadia College took place on Thursday evening, 6th inst. An unusually large number of students was in attendance. Addresses were delivered by the President, by Dr. Crawley, and by Prof. Higgins. These, as might be supposed from the character of the speakers, were exceedingly valuable, as they gave expression to the matured thoughts of these experienced and successful educators.

The students were exhorted to begin a new year with renewed diligence; to have confidence in the present curriculum as one that had produced most gratifying results in the past; to undertake the thorough mastery of the difficult subjects on account of their educating value, and whatever obstacles might interpose to resolve to conquer them rather than be conquered by them.

Dr. Sawyer informed the meeting that the number of regular students enrolled this year was greater than in any previous year of the College's existence.

He congratulated the Freshman Class upon the very creditable examination they had passed, and proceeded to announce the names of those who had won the Matriculation Prizes.

These were—

- 1st.—\$20.00. Howard Schofield, Black River, Kings Co., N. S.
- 2nd.—\$15.00. Frank Andrews, Annapolis Co., N. S.
- 3rd.—\$15.00. Albert Pineo, Berwick, Kings Co., N. S.
- 4th.—\$15.00. O. J. Daniels, Lawrence town, Annapolis Co., N. S.

Mr. Schofield, it will be remembered, won the Dufferin Medal in June for excellence in Arithmetic. The encouraging prospects before the Institutions at Wolfville must be very gratifying to all their friends.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WEEK.

	A. D.
Sept. 3. Death of Sir E. Coke.....	1634
Death of Oliver Cromwell.....	1658
4. Death of the Earl of Leicester.....	1588
5. Death of Bishop Bonner.....	1561
Malta taken.....	1800
6. Battle of Nordlingen.....	1634
Battle of Dresden.....	1813
Death of Archbishop Sumner.....	1862
7. Battle of Turin.....	1706
Battle of Borodino.....	1812
8. Death of Bishop Hall.....	1756
9. Death of William the Conqueror.....	1087
Battle of Flodden.....	1513

The editor of the *Wesleyan* in a brief allusion to the recent session of the Baptist Convention and the recommendation of the Committee on the Ordination of ministers,—that care should be exercised, and that due preparation should be required previous to granting a license to preach,—ventures to proffer the following gratuitous bit of advice:—

"If our Baptist brethren would extend this term of trial to the converts of the church, too, and give them three months before immersion, it might be well."

Our brother's tender regard for young converts might have some weight if men had to make laws for the church, and to call in the aid of what might be supposed human wisdom to guide them in this matter, but we find no "three months' law" in our Divine Church Directory, any more than we do any precept or example for administering baptism to infants, against which they—poor little things—often so loudly protest. From the precepts and examples in the Holy Scriptures on the subject of Baptism it appears, that, as soon as evidence of faith in the Lord Jesus was given the command was to be obeyed; Acts xvi. 33; xxii. 13-16. We do not imagine that "converts" would be any better christians by neglecting obedience to their Saviour's command for three months.

There may be a necessity for three months "on trial" of persons who simply affirm that they desire to "Flee from the wrath to come;" or such professions of religion as we understand Mr. Pentecost heard and denounced the other day at the Berwick Camp meeting; but "converts" should be

ready to obey the Master without delay or hesitation. We believe in a present and immediate salvation; and rejoice that this is being preached, by both evangelists and the regular ministry, more generally than it was formerly, and so it should be with the initiatory rite of the church. Obedience to Christ must surely have no "three months' delay, either in the positive command to be baptized, or in the duties of the worship of God, or in the other moral precepts of the decalogue.

We never heard of three months' delay in the so-called baptism of infants. Why then with "converts"? We have heard of great haste—even among Methodists—in giving that rite, lest the child should die without receiving it. Probably our contemporary has himself been sent for—even at night—to save members of his congregation from such a fearful calamity in their families!

Our brother perhaps does not perceive that such a suggestion, as that we have quoted above, from such a source, is a little impertinent; and possibly was intended as a small magisterial insult, such as he knows so well how to offer. But we are not disposed to regard it so; we would rather exercise the charity which suffereth long and is kind, seeing that he is so continually expressing his anxiety that Baptists should become open-unionists! notwithstanding the restricted communion of all other bodies of Christians.

Since the above was written we have received the communication given in another column on this subject, and, although it has a thought or two somewhat similar, we give both for the benefit of readers generally.

The following items of Methodist progress are from the leading editorial of last week's *Wesleyan*:

"The Methodist Church of Canada now reveals to us, through the Minutes of its six Annual Conferences, the result of another year's operations. Naturally we turn first with eagerness toward the tables of Membership. They stand thus:—

Conferences.	Ministers.	Increase and on trial.
London,	322	2033
Toronto,	367	1024
Montreal,	218	1088
Nova Scotia,	100	doubtful
N. B. and P. E. I.,	90	doubtful
Newfoundland,	54	1285
	1151	5430

This increase scarcely averages five members for each Minister. Including the numbers necessary to repair the inroads of death, and the usual heavy draught by removals, the actual increase for the year would be about eight members per minister. By the official announcement in the British Conference the other day, the increase of membership is 9,377, with 28,063 on trial. By the Minutes of 1876 there were nearly 1700 Ministers in the English Conference. Supposing that the increase alluded to includes the Mission Stations, we must add 250 Ministers to that number. This would make upwards of 37,000 members increase for less than 2000 Ministers, or about 18 members added for each minister in the connexion.

Our feeling is one of some disappointment. We fully believed there were additions in both the N. S. and N. B. and P. E. I. Conferences. The Minutes, however, scarcely encourage this supposition. But even with a trifling addition in these instances, the aggregate is but small in comparison with that of the English Conference, whose additions, including the repair for deaths and removals, has been nearly 49,000."

THE MOUNT ALLISON INSTITUTIONS have opened with 51 names on the register of the Female Academy, of whom all but 10 are borders, 76 on the register of the Male Academy, and 37 at the College. Many more are expected within a few weeks.

We are exceedingly sorry to learn that Dr. Stewart, Theological Professor at Mount Allison College, is likely to be confined to his room for some months yet. His physicians, however, permit him to meet his students in his own apartment as occasion requires.

At Charles Street Church, Halifax, Rev. S. F. Huestis, Superintendent, received twenty-seven members into full fellowship on Sabbath evening before last.

We like to rejoice with them that do rejoice. The Editor of the *Wesleyan* says:

"Editors deserve more favors, as a general thing, than fall to their lot. A friend at Cape Canso—a genuine friend to Methodism in many respects, we believe—has sent us evidence that the Editor is not quite beyond the pale of outside sympathy. A fine case of packed lobsters, in one pound cans, reached us a few days ago, the very best article of the kind we have ever tasted. An excellent set-off against a few dozens