

Different persons hold totally different views in regard to this matter. To many the baby gone to heaven is an immortal baby. Others love better to think of the little one growing and progressing in every possible way. Were any of us to be separated from our children for years, we should be sad and disappointed, on meeting them again, if they had not developed in body and mind. Why should not the same rule hold good in another, nobler stage of being?

For myself, I love to think of our own dear children, who, babies, were laid out of our sight, one twenty and the other fifteen years ago, as glorious, perfect youth in their Father's House.

A Christian woman was telling me of her little son who at the age of seven years died, not only in the sweet trustfulness of a child faith, but in the triumph of a matured saint. I said to her, "How do you expect to meet your child, when you go to him? Will you find him the same little boy who left you, or will he be grown and changed?"

An expression, almost of pain, passed over the good woman's face, as if I was treading on forbidden ground, as she replied, hurriedly, "Oh my dear, I don't know anything about that. I only know that he will be just right, and that I shall be perfectly satisfied."

Had not she, in her simple faith, firm, comfortable ground to stand upon?

For the Christian Messenger.
The late Rev. A. S. Hunt.

The First Cornwallis Baptist Church, at the first Church meeting since the death of Rev. A. S. Hunt, unanimously ordered, that the following resolution be recorded on the Church Book. It was decided also, that a copy be furnished the *Christian Messenger* for publication:

"In view of the fact that the late Superintendent of Education was for more than twenty years pastor of this Church, during which time he was held in much esteem by all classes of the community, and was exceedingly useful as a Christian minister among us, we desire to record our sincere sorrow in the event of his death.

For him we have an abundant assurance that he has entered into Rest. His labors and sorrows are all ended.

With his family we deeply sympathize, and for them all fervently pray that God will be to them, as of old the promise is, "A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widow is God in His holy habitation." Ps. lxxviii. 5."

By order of the Church,
OTIS EATON,
Church Clerk.
Canard, Nov. 10, 1877.

For the Christian Messenger.
Home Missions.

Mr. Editor,—

Your correspondent, "X," should have been more careful in ascertaining the facts of the case in reference to which he writes before making such broad and groundless insinuations as are contained in his recent communication. He asks, "What business has the Home Mission Board with collecting money for Foreign Missions, or for Education, or Infirm Ministers?" After such a breezy question the uninitiated reader will be a little surprised to learn that our H. M. Board has simply nothing to do with the collection of funds for the objects named above. Our Board does, indeed, as part of its recognized work, suggest methods of raising funds for denominational purposes, particularly on the fields in which our missionaries and agents are laboring. If your correspondent has ever seen a copy of the schedules used by our missionaries in making their monthly reports, he must have observed that the third article in the "advice" urges each missionary to "seek to introduce the plan of systematic benevolence weekly, if possible; if not, monthly." That this is not intended to apply to home missionary contributions exclusively is obvious from the further instructions to "establish if possible a monthly missionary concert," and also to "endeavour to establish a Women's Missionary Aid Society." Both of the last named requirements have reference to mission work in foreign lands. Why did not your correspondent long ago ask what business the Home Mission Board has with matters relating to Foreign Missions, and the securing of subscribers for the *Messenger*, etc? Does "X" need to be informed that the very object for which our Home Mission Board has been constituted is to teach, through its agents, the principles of New Testament religion throughout our home

fields, and that these gospel principles include the duty of systematic benevolence towards all departments of christian work? For that purpose our agents go forth. It is not their aim to simply build up Home Missions, but to labor for the universal extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

It is then, clearly, the duty of our Board to endeavour to promote, among other things, systematic benevolence. This is being done, and facilities are afforded for this purpose to such as desire to avail themselves of them. No church is under any obligation to procure our cards if they are not wanted. Every church is at liberty to fix the proportions of its own disbursements; and every individual has still the privilege of having his contribution appropriated in the manner he deems best.

Where therefore, are there grounds for complaint? Our H. M. Board does not collect funds for any other than home missionary purposes, does not receive any other funds, and does not presume to dictate to the churches as to the proportions in which these funds shall be disbursed. "X" lays much stress on Bro. Cohoon's suggested rates of distribution. Bro. Cohoon has already changed these rates in his own field, and the division recommended by our General Agent differs from both tables adopted by Bro. C. These rates are changed to meet the wishes of the churches.

That there is need of improvement in our systems of benevolence, at present in operation, scarcely admits of a doubt. It matters little who proposes a good plan, whether it be Bro. Cohoon, or our H. M. Board, or the Governors of Acadia College. A glance at our Associational Minutes shows us that several of our leading denominational enterprises are wholly neglected by a very large number of our churches. So far as our Board has any influence it is striving to correct this disastrous negligence.

The only question which properly admits of discussion is whether it is best to recommend the raising of funds on the "Union plan," and what are the most suitable rates of distribution to advise? Judicious counsel on these points would be of great service to many churches; and your correspondent may confer a needed favor on our denomination by suggesting some good, practicable plan as a solution of this question. He expresses his disapproval of the "combination method"; but his reason for opposing it is, strange to say, precisely our reason for giving it the most emphatic advocacy. We cannot see how there can be intelligent giving without a careful comparison of the respective importance and demands of the different objects to be assisted. The practice of contributing on the impulse of the moment and to the last agent who has made his appearance among the churches is only too prevalent, and it results simply in one or two enterprises monopolizing the funds of the denomination. In this way the French Mission, the Infirm Ministers' Fund, and Ministerial Education are to a great extent, overlooked. Perhaps these are the unpopular objects alluded to by your correspondent. Our churches, however, in their Associational records, have given clear expressions of their desire and intention that all these objects shall be sustained. A well arranged plan for collecting funds for our various religious enterprises is therefore very necessary. It is the privilege of Bro. Cohoon or any other brother to suggest such a scheme; and it is no less the privilege of our H. M. Board to recommend its adoption.

W. H. WARREN,
Cor. Secretary.
Yarmouth, Nov. 16, 1877.

For the Christian Messenger.
Indian Famine.

My dear Sir,—

I have to report the following sums received for the Indian Famine Relief Fund, to be distributed by our Missionaries, viz.:

Mrs. Joseph Shaw, Yarmouth, (forwarded by A. C. Robbins, Esquire).....\$25 00
Two Sympathizers..... 4 00
Indianus..... 5 00
Rev. E. Hickson, A. M., Carleton, St. John, N. B., Collection in his church..... 11 00

\$45 00

The Loudon Mansion House Fund, according to the last Report I have seen, had reached \$491,000 sterling.

Rain has fallen, and the prospects are improving. The number of sufferers is diminished; but very many cases will continue to occur for some time,

which can only be efficiently provided for by private benevolence, or such arrangements as may be made by the missionaries of various denominations. Contributions are therefore still solicited and will be thankfully received.

Yours,
J. M. CRAMP.
Wolfville, Nov. 17, 1877.

For the Christian Messenger.
Thanksgiving Day.

Dear Brother,—

The suggestion of my esteemed friend, the President of the Evangelical Alliance, with the Secretary, that donations should be made on Thanksgiving Day for benevolent objects, meets my hearty concurrence. Unquestionably the objects named are worthy of support. But it is obvious to me, as doubtless it must be to those in general acquainted with the facts, that at present there is no call for the exercise of benevolence so urgent and pressing as that which comes from India, the piteous cry of immense multitudes of our fellow beings, and fellow subjects, in a state of actual starvation. I sincerely hope, therefore, Mr. Editor, that your judicious proposal, previously published, that liberal collections be taken up on that day (Thursday, Nov. 22nd,) for this object, will not be overlooked, or neglected. Where this is not done, I entreat that the proposal of the Secretaries of our Foreign Mission Board, to have collections taken on some Sabbath soon, may be carried into effect; and that the amounts be forwarded as speedily as possible.

Yours very truly,
CHARLES TUPPER.
Aylesford, Nov. 16, 1877.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., November 21st, 1877.

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THE PROPRIETOR.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

It would be difficult to enumerate the many grounds, we, as a people have for thanksgiving. It is by our being deprived of blessings that we are taught to properly value them. Health is but imperfectly estimated when free from sickness. When a devastating epidemic prevails, we remember the time when we were enjoying immunity from disease, and long for its return. Storms come and sweep away the result of years of toil and carefulness. Fire takes away our property and in an hour render our pleasant places scenes of desolation and misery. Blight and Famine too fall upon a country, and nothing comes to maturity for the sustenance of man or beast making the people dependent upon the benevolence of their fellow men. War—horrid war—afflicts a country and sweeps away life and property, leaving untold evils in its train. None of these have been experienced by us as a people generally, with the exception that in some places diphtheria has taken away loved children and friends, and given them a place where everlasting Spring abides, and never withering flowers. The harvest has not failed. We are not, as in many other countries they are, harassed by oppressive rulers. Our political privileges are held securely

and we have in possession the fullest amount of civil and religious liberty that can be desired.

Recognizing these immunities is from the Father of Mercies, let us tomorrow enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto him and bless his name.

Not only are we under obligation to do this as citizens, but much more as Christians, and specially as Baptists. When we consider what our forefathers have had to endure to secure for themselves and their successors, we may well humble ourselves on account of our failing to properly appreciate such unmerited goodness. "One soweth and another reapeth." Other men have labored and we have entered into their labors." Let us then be thankful and come with a thank offering, and whilst we enjoy our spiritual blessings not forget the price paid for them; especially calling to remembrance that paid for our redemption by the Lord Jesus, and so enter afresh into his service for all the rest of life and the whole of eternity.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Grand Division was attended last week by a larger number of delegates than usual. Upwards of a hundred were present on the first evening. Returns were read from 120 Divisions, showing a total membership of 8500. Twenty new Divisions had been formed during the year.

The financial statement shewed that for the year ending Sept. 30, there had been received:

	General	Agency.	Total.
In 1877...	\$1,939 93	489 81	2,418 74
In 1876...	2,095 51	795 56	2,891 07
In 1875...	1,782 60	709 08	2,491 68

The election of officers for the year resulted as follows:

- G. W. P.—Rev. R. A. Temple, Amherst.
- G. W. A.—Bowson Corning, Yarmouth.
- G. Scribe—J. F. L. Parsons, Halifax.
- G. Treas.—H. A. Taylor, Halifax.
- G. Con.—Rowland Creed, South Rawdon.
- G. Chap.—Rev. J. Strothard, Avondale.
- G. Sentinel—Isaiah Wilson, Digby.

The Quarterly Sessions for the ensuing year are to be as follows:

- In January, at Wolfville.
- In April, at Amherst.
- In July, at Noel, Hants Co.
- In October, (Annual) at Halifax.

The action of the Dominion Alliance respecting Prohibition was unanimously approved.

It was decided to accept the offer of the publisher of the *Bridgetown Monitor* to print the *Alliance Journal* for the coming year. A change is also to be made in the editorial management so as to bring the paper to the lowest possible cost.

The Grand Division shows its liberality in subsidizing the press by charging for the *Journal* only about one half the price it costs for publication.

DR. ALLISON, SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

The last week's *Gazette* announces the appointment of David Allison, Esq., M. A., LL. D., to be Superintendent of Education in place of the Rev. A. S. Hunt, deceased. We most heartily congratulate the government on this appointment. They could hardly have made a more judicious selection from among the educationists of these provinces, or one that would be more satisfactory to the friends of education and the people generally. The *Wesleyan* justly remarks:—"This appointment, which gives the Nova Scotia system of education a first-class man, deprives Sackville College of a most popular, enthusiastic and successful head." Our contemporary adds: "It is probable that ample time will be given the Trustees of Mount Allison to look for a successor to Dr. Allison." We hope this does not mean that Dr. A. will remain at Sackville any length of time, but that he will at once enter on the duties of the office. It is of first importance that the official head should be at hand without delay to administer the affairs of this important department of the public service. Dr. Allison is a native of Newport, Hants Co., and will, we believe, command general respect as a scholar and public speaker.

Subscribers in arrears will much oblige by forwarding the amounts due WITHOUT DELAY.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WEEK.

Date	Event	Page
Nov. 12.	Death of Peter Martyr, Reformer.....	1562
" "	Death of W. Hayley.....	1820
" 13.	Death of George Fox.....	1690
" "	Battle of Preston Pans.....	1715
" 14.	Death of Emperor Justinian.....	565
" "	Death of Leibnitz, Philosopher.....	1716
" 15.	Death of "Old Parr".....	1635
" "	Death of Kepler, Astronomer.....	1630
" "	Death of W. Knibb.....	1845
" 16.	Death of Sir R'd Steele.....	1692
" 17.	Death of Queen Mary, persecutor.....	1558
" "	Death of Lord Erskine.....	1823
" 18.	Death of Cardinal Pole.....	1558

UNCONVERTED MEMBERSHIP.—Rev. G. W. Lumpkin, of Virginia, Methodist, taxed Rev. A. Van Hoose, of Tennessee, with "libelling" that church, because he alleged that the members were received into it without profession. Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., writes from Goldsboro, North Carolina, to the *Religious Herald*: "A brother whose word is as reliable as that of any man, has just told me that he has attended for some days, a Methodist meeting now in progress in this county; that he has heard the preacher declare that in the church was the best place to seek religion, and urge the seekers to join and be baptized; and that he has seen several join the church, who made no profession of faith in Christ, but professed only to be seeking Jesus." And Rev. F. Courtney writes to the *Louisiana Baptist* from Mt. Lebanon, in that State: "Not many months have passed since the presiding elder of this district, Elder Armstrong, openly advocated the reception of unconverted persons into the Methodist church, and defended the practice by the number of instances which, he said, had occurred of persons who had been converted at the communion table. True, he said that Baptists converts were Methodist penitents, but nevertheless, he claimed that those who in the judgment of the Methodists were unconverted were proper subjects for Methodist membership.

The above copied from the *Index* is forwarded to us by a brother with a request for its publication. He says he is informed that the same thing is practised in these provinces.

At the Convention of the University of Halifax held on Tuesday last, the following names were proposed for nomination, and the selection of one Fellow, in place of Rev. G. M. Grant:—B. Russell, M. A., Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., and S. Tobin, B. A.

The voting papers being counted, it was found that only 17 members were present, whereas twenty is the quorum provided by law. There were however 20 votes, with the proxies. Mr. B. Russell had a majority, but whether the nomination will stand without a quorum being actually present, is a question to be submitted to the Hon. Attorney General.

In the absence of a quorum an adjournment was agreed upon to Dec. 27th at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate of the University met on Thursday.

The death of Rev. A. S. Hunt was reported, and a resolution of condolence with the bereaved family passed.

Notices of motions were given and reports of Committees presented.

It was resolved that the annual meeting of Convocation should be held in the city of Halifax on the second Wednesday of September in each year. The Chancellor intimated that before the list of candidates for the vacant Fellowship, nominated by the Convocation, was sent up to the Governor in Council, he would have to obtain the opinion of the Attorney General on the legality of the meeting at which the nomination was made.

An application was read from the Board of Governors of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, P. E. I., asking that Examinations of the University be held in Charlottetown. The application was granted, on condition that the authorities of the College pay the expenses of holding the examinations in Charlottetown.

The Senate adjourned at 10 P. M., till the 26th December, at 11 o'clock.

POLITICAL.—The election of a representative for Antigonishe in place of J. J. McKinnon, Esq., is announced for Tuesday next, 27th inst., polling to be on the following Tuesday, Dec. 4th.

A. McGillivray, Esq., Barrister, is the candidate on behalf of the government; and John S. D. Thompson, Esq., Barrister, of Halifax, on behalf of the opposition.

"THAT WIFE OF MINE." By the author of "That husband of mine." Lee & Shepard, Boston. For sale by Gossip, Halifax.

This is a sequel to the author's previous work.