

questioning tend, but of which we get no answer back again. Then death is terrible and full of gloom and woe; and well may our hot tears fall and our hearts beat with anguish, not for the body-garb, ah, no, but for the immortal soul it folds around,—the soul that cannot die. Christian men and women, the time draws near when the united voices and hearts of thousands of God's people will be sending up earnest prayer for His blessing upon the world. And at such a time, let every one who has a heart to pray, send up to Our Father's throne earnest, heart-felt prayers for those, many of whom never pray for themselves, "who go down to the sea in ships; who do business on the great waters." It is easy for us to pray, surrounded by peace, and comfort, with health and strength and God's glad sunshine drifting down upon us; with pleasant homes and loved ones near us; with our open Bibles, our prayer-meetings, our Sabbath day messages of hope, forgiveness, love. Oh! it is easy for us to pray, kneeling in our quiet homes at night shut in from the cold, greedy, grasping, cruel world. But for men who are out in the mad, hot strife of life, toiling and struggling for its meagre gains. Men whose pathway lays through hardships, sin and treachery, oh there it is not so easy. Many of them may never have known a mother who taught their infant lips to say "Our Father," never heard a fervent "God bless you" from the pure loving soul of wife or child, or had a sister who "waited their name above, morn and night, on the wings of prayer." Christian people, these are our brothers. The same God who fills our homes with sunlight and eases the daily burdens for our backs, set the life pulse that throbs in their breast and placed the germ of immortality within them. And while we fulfil our daily duties in our quiet homes, let us not forget those whose footsteps press a rougher way in life. And let us lift up faithful prayer to the Great All-Father that His loving care will reach and shelter them where ours cannot, and draw them into the great centre of love to rest their weary human hearts on Him.

And now, readers of the MESSENGER as the time draws near when we celebrate that day that

"Rings in the Christ that was to be," Let each one of us lay aside all of strife and bickering, all of fault-finding and unkind feeling, and in remembrance of that last command given by the Christ-man to His disciples "love one another even as I have loved you" bury our differences and clasping hands in kindly greeting, sing with glad voice and heart all the songs the herald angels sang to Bethlehem's shepherds, Peace on earth, good will toward man, S. P. E. Hantsport, Dec. 18th, 1878.

For the Christian Messenger.
A Mic-Mac's opinion of the Princess Louise.

A young Mic-mac Indian, living in the encampment near the town of New Glasgow, N. S., with that intense loyalty which characterises his tribe, determined to greet the Marquis of Lorne and his royal wife on their arrival in Halifax. Having received his annual suit of new clothing in the town of Pictou, he went to the metropolis at the time of the reception. After his return, on visiting a family where he was accustomed to call, and being asked by the lady of the house what he thought of the princess, thus expressed his opinion: "She very plain. Wear nothing but short black fine silk velvet coat, hat all same, striped petticoat; very plain, very plain. More fancy girls in this town. Many more fancy girls in this town. Servant girls too."

Doubtless many encomiums pronounced upon our beautiful Princess Louise will be poorer than the eulogy of this chivalrous young Mic-mac-Com.

HOREB LODGE OF GOOD TEMPLARS, No. 294, sent a very kind sympathizing address to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Plymton, Digby Co., on the death of their son—who had been a much esteemed member of the Lodge. The Reply was as follows, but was unintentionally delayed in being forwarded for publication:—

REPLY
To the Worthy Chief Templar, and other Officers and members of Horeb Lodge, No. 294, I. O. G. T.

We sincerely thank you for your words of sympathy, and you say well that words do not convey the consolation you would give, but resignation to the Will of Heaven, the kind

sympathy of dear Friends, and the lapse of time bring us to look upon our loss with a lessening sorrow, and bring us to this time that we can again thank you for your kind letter. With kind wishes for you all and the noble cause you are engaged in, we remain yours in affectionate remembrance,
MR. AND MRS. SMITH

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., December 25, 1878.

RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE.

This number completes the volume of the *Christian Messenger* for 1878. We have made our fifty-two weekly visits to our Patrons, bringing to them full freights of information, instruction and amusement. Matters of moment to the Church of Christ and to the world, have been discussed. The gospel has been published and defended, bringing joy and blessing to the hearts of thousands. Passing events have been recorded and the changes, incidental to human life, have been registered. In all this it may be said

"WE WORK FOR ETERNITY."

Although the labor may be done largely at our office, yet we recognize all who have employed their pens in any way to this end, and indeed all our subscribers, especially those who pay in advance promptly, as sharing with us in these labors and the honors attendant. Many of them also do much to help and strengthen us in our work by embracing every opportunity to commend the paper to their neighbours, and so bring additions to our list of subscribers. So, whilst some are passing off from the stage of action, and entering into rest, others are stepping into the ranks to fill their places, and aiding to carry on the work of moral and religious reform.

To all who have during the past year thus contributed to the furtherance of the cause of truth we offer our hand



and wish them, God speed for the future: A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

DOINGS AT WOLFVILLE.

The close of the term for the Christmas vacation at Wolfville is always a season of special interest. Although it be but for a short season, yet the anticipated return home to meet parents and brothers and sisters awakens in the students feelings of attachment to the family differing largely from the summer. The first term of the Academic year, 1878-9, was brought to a close last week.

From the first of the week until Thursday the various classes in the College and Academy were occupied in passing the usual sessional examinations, which we learn were highly satisfactory to all concerned. The college numbers more students than ever before. There are 13 Seniors, 13 Juniors, 17 Sophomores, and 30 Freshmen. Total, 73.

On Thursday evening the term was closed by the rhetorical exhibition of the Junior Class.

Previously this exhibition had fallen to the lot of the Sophomores; but on account of the fire last year, the Faculty decided to take this opportunity of changing the time to the Junior year.

PRESENTATION TO THE MATRON.

Previous to the closing exercise an interesting event took place in the dining hall of the new Academy building. This was the presentation of a sewing machine and a cabinet to Mrs. Kedy, the matron of the boarding house. The students residing in the boarding house wishing to shew their esteem for the matron chose this manner of doing so.

As soon as tea was over Dr. Welton rose and read the address to Mrs. Kedy, by whom anything of this kind was quite unexpected, and Mrs. Welton was chosen to present the gifts on behalf of the students. Dr. W. then called for addresses from some visitors who were present. Several gentlemen responded. Prof. Tufts, Hon. Dr. Parker, Avard Longley, Esq., M. P., W. Faulkner, Esq., of Truro, Rev. S. March and Rev. S. B. Kempton. Mr. W. H. Robinson, and Mr. B. W. Lockhart responded on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Kedy, and others also spoke briefly on the pleasure felt on the occasion.

The presence of the Ladies of the Seminary, who were invited to witness the presentation, enlivened the scene, and the College students in collegiate costume added dignity to the pleasant

interview. This interesting gathering broke up after singing "God save the Queen," and proceeded to the meeting house in the village where the Juniors were to deliver their orations.

THE EXHIBITION.

At quarter past seven the students assembled in the vestry, and a quarter of an hour later marched up into the church to the solemn strains of the large organ.

Nine orations were delivered, four of the class for good and sufficient reasons being excused. They were as follows:

Music—its Power and uses. Walter Barss, Wolfville.
Discoveries in Africa. S. N. Bentley, Wilmot.
English Literature at the opening of the Nineteenth Century. Everett W. Sawyer, Wolfville.
The Economic Phase of Education. Edward J. Morse, Paradise.
Canadian Literature. John E. Armstrong, Granville Ferry.
Conditions of Prosperity. G. J. C. White, St. John, N. B.
Sir Walter Raleigh. Howard Chambers, Halifax.
True Social Culture. Caleb R. D. Dodge, Middleton.
Athens in the age of Pericles. Clarence E. Griffin, Cornwallis.
The inheritance of Genius. B. F. Simpson, Bay View, P. E. I.
The Fall of Wolsey. Richmond Shafner, Williamston.
The Study of Literature. G. Wilbert Cox, Stewiacke.
Socialism. George E. Croscup, Granville Ferry.

The essays showed that a great deal of thought and labor had been bestowed upon them both in their composition and delivery. They were highly creditable to the speakers themselves and to the college.

The music was supplied by a select choir of students from the College and Seminary, with a few from the village. Mrs. VanBuskirk presided at the organ, with much dignity and efficiency. The music was very good, the last piece, "Victoria," being especially worthy of mention.

After the close of the evening's exercises the Juniors entertained the choir with a supper at the "Village House."

The N. S. AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY held its annual meeting in Chalmers Church, on Tuesday evening. Hon. S. L. Shannon in the chair. The Report gave some highly interesting facts in reference to Bible circulation in the various countries of the European continent. There have been circulated in Nova Scotia during the past year, 1685 Bibles, 878 Testaments, and 38 portions of the Scripture. This exhibits a small decrease compared with the previous year. (The receipts of the Auxiliary for the year from legacies and subscriptions were \$3,235.63.)

Speeches were made by Rev. A. W. Nicolson, W. C. Silver, Dr. Allison, Rev. J. M. Lowden, Rev. John Clark, Thos. Brown and Rev. John Forrest.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President,—Hon. S. L. Shannon.
Vice-Presidents,—Wm. Pryor, Esq., Hon. Judge Marshall, Sir Wm. Young, Kt., Chief Justice.
Treasurer,—S. H. Black, Esq.
Secretary,—James Farquhar.
Agent,—John Toland.
Collector,—Mr. Borham.

REV. DR. McCRAWLEY who had been President of King's College for upwards of forty years, died in Halifax, on Saturday last. He was born in Newfoundland in 1802, and entered King's College as a student in 1817, and graduated in 1821. He subsequently became Head Master of the Grammar School at Fredericton, afterwards Professor in the New Brunswick University. In 1835, he became president of King's College, and remained so till 1875, when he retired on account of his declining years. He was highly respected as a man of extensive culture and profound learning.

FROM INDIA.—Rev. G. F. Currie writes the *Canadian Baptist*, Oct. 17th. After the hot season and the wet season, hotter and wetter than anything within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, he says:

In August, accompanied by one of my native preachers, I made a tour, among some of the villages north of Tuni, going from home about 24 miles. Our message was well received for the most part; and we returned, trusting that a good impression had been made. My native helpers have visited a large number of villages far and near, and give encouraging accounts of the interest with which many of the people listen to the Gospel. But as yet we have not had the privilege of welcoming any converts.

He notices the great change which

has taken place in the whole people since the famine. All the mission stations having received large numbers of converts. He then remarks:

Such movements would seem to indicate that the complete evangelization of India may not be quite so far distant as some of us had feared. There are two or three things which may be worth noting in reference to these movements:

First, so far as I can learn they have taken place only where the Gospel had been preached for years, and the people gradually had become somewhat familiar with its truths.

Second, they have occurred only in localities where the famine was severe, and extensive relief had to be given to preserve life.

Third, during the distribution of Famine Relief the utmost impartiality was shown, to the heathen and Christian alike; and these movements have taken place wholly or chiefly since the distribution of Famine Relief had ceased. So that, while the famine, accompanied by the facts that relief came principally from christian sources, and was distributed largely through the missionaries, has had the effect of strongly recommending Christianity to the suffering people, and has probably caused such disturbances in their social condition as to make it comparatively easy to break away from their former practices and associations, it does not appear that worldly motives could have had much if any influence upon the people in connection with this matter.

Our New Brunswick brethren are looking after their rights in relation to the Provincial University at Fredericton. Since the resignation of Professor Foster who belonged to the Free Baptist body the chair he filled has been vacant. On the 26th ult., it was agreed by the Senate to defer an appointment of a professor until the beginning of the next Academic year; and they appointed Mr. Dale instructor in the interim. The *Visitor* says:

"Baptists never have been recognized, although men eminently fitted have applied in the past. The application of a gentleman of our faith, possessing all the requisite qualifications, is before the Senate, and we shall see whether the Senate, though late in the day, will recognize the importance of our request, or in effect give to their policy in appointments the stamps, *No Baptists need apply*. As our relations with the University in the past have been so pleasant, though unrepresented, we trust Baptists will have no just ground hereafter to ignore their position in the Provincial University."

It is pleasing to see evidences of affection between pupils and teachers, especially in our public schools. Love is at all times a far more powerful bond and motive to effort than fear. The days of the latter seem to be numbered, if we may judge from the case of many teachers now-a-days. In the Richmond School the pupils of the senior department, on the closing of the school for the holidays, presented their teacher, Mr. A. N. Archibald, with a complimentary address accompanied with a valuable piece of silver plate.

In the Tower Road School, too, in the course of an entertainment got up at the close of the session, Mr. I. C. Archibald, the Principal, had a pleasant surprise in the shape of a neatly written address and a handsome pair of acme skates.

Each of the other teachers also received appropriate tokens of their pupils' esteem.

The following, from one of our exchanges, we copy at the request of a member of one of our W. M. A. Societies. Some of the items are perhaps a little extravagant for this latitude, but the lesson taught is a good one and it suggests other items, in which saving may be effected for works of christian benevolence. It may also suggest to others besides young ladies what they might do in this direction. Young gentlemen might perhaps find that a good round sum might be saved from useless luxuries, and appropriated to assist in Christian work:

How to replenish the treasury of the Lord.

Let Annie buy one ribbon less, \$1 00
And Fanny give one ring; 5 00
Grace sacrifice one change of dress, 50 00
One sash, and fancy string. 3 00

Let Julia for her next new suit
One lace-trimmed ruffle spare; 3 00
The time required one such to flute,
Let it be spent in prayer.
[Blessings invaluable.]

Let Mesdames A, B, C, and D,
Their households watch with care;
Each save from waste (theft?) one ounce
of tea,
One needless luxury spare. 2 00
[50 cts. per week by 4.]

Let Kate and Rose each take a turn,
With their wise ma's consent,
Each for one week three dollars earn
[As Bridget left in Lent]. 6 00

Let Mary once with Jane forego
Their pleasant carriage drive,
[Saved \$5 00.]
And help dear sister Abbie sew;
[Earned \$5 00.]
Thus save and double five. 10 00

Let Susie save her furs with care;
To serve next winter's cold,
And guard her dress from stain and tear,
That she may give her gold. 20 00

Let Lizzie stop and think again
Ere she concludes to buy;
This diamond's cost might save lost
men!
I'll GIVE ITS PRICE and try." 500 00
\$600 00

Notices.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR RE-BUILDING OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

Andrew Shaw, Falmouth.....	\$10 00
James B. Dickie, Canard.....	20 00
Rev. J. L. Read, Aylesford.....	10 00
A. Longley, M. P., Paradise.....	10 00
Rev. John Brown.....	7 00
Wallace Phinney, Victoria, Wil-	
mot.....	10 00
William Cummings, Truro.....	50 00
Peter Paint, Senr., Hawkesbury,	
C. B.....	25 00
Mrs. Joseph Hill, Londonderry...	4 00
Isaac Blair, Truro.....	25 00
Miss Hannah Church, Truro.....	10 00
	\$181 00

A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.
Wolfville, Dec. 21st, 1878.

NOTICE.

All persons who have been acting as Agents in obtaining subscriptions toward "The fund for rebuilding Acadia College," who have not forwarded lists of subscribers, will oblige by forwarding the same without delay, in order that the whole amount subscribed may be definitely ascertained.

A. D. W. BARSS.

Received from subscription for Montague Baptist Chapel, P. E. I.
Thos. Clay.....\$2.50
W. B. Howatt.....5.00
Rev. A. Chipman.....4.00
D. G. McDONALD.
Charlottetown P. E. I. Dec. 16 1878.

Rev. E. N. Archibald has removed to Bedeque, P. E. I., and wishes correspondence for him addressed to that place.

INFANTS' HOME.

Mrs. Stephen Harlow, of Granite Village, Shelburne Co., sends a Post Office Order of \$10.95, the amount of a subscription list, and adds, "it is for the Infants' Home in answer to your touching appeal which we read in our *Messenger*. I am deeply interested in it and wish it to prosper."

Mrs. E. M. SAUNDERS, Sec.

Stephen Harlow.....	\$1 00
Mary G. Harlow.....	1 00
Austen Locke.....	2 00
Johnson Churchill.....	2 00
Joseph F. Bill.....	0 50
James Harlow.....	0 50
Nancy Harlow.....	0 50
Winslow Harlow.....	0 50
William Harlow.....	0 50
Alfred Harlow.....	0 50
David Roberts.....	0 50
Smaller sums.....	1 45

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Hantsport,—Mrs. R. McCulloch.....	\$14.45
Pine Grove,—Mrs. J. P. Dodge.....	5.00
Halifax North Church,—Mrs. Clements.....	11.50
Upper Wilmot and Lower Ayles-	
ford Branch,—Mrs. R. Baker...	6.00
Digby,—Miss E. Bent.....	8.00
	M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.
	Halifax, Dec. 24th, 1878.

The Annual Convention of the EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA will be held in Halifax on the 26th inst., and two following days—the first meeting to be held on Thursday at 3 p. m. It is hoped that the representation of teachers and other friends of education from the country will be large, as important matters connected with the teachers' work will be freely discussed; also the propriety of substituting a Central Provincial Teachers' Institute under the control of the Superintendent of Education for the Association as now existing.

Dear Brother Selden,—Permit me to acknowledge in the *Messenger* the receipt of the following contributions to our Foreign Mission:—From the following friends in Sackville, N. B.:—Jno. Ford, \$2; Benj. A. Read, \$1; Mrs. E. Patterson, \$1; Mrs. R. K. Patterson, \$1; Miss Matilda Sterling, \$1; Mrs. B. A. Read, 50c.; Dimock, Sears, 20c.; Maud Read, 50c.; Brookfield Church, Colchester Co., \$1.04; Mr. Chas. Higgins, Wentworth, N. S., 50c.; Archd. Morrison, Acadia Mines, N. S., 50c.; Great Village Church, N. S., per Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$6; Maastown, N. S.,