every morning. We have six native girls boarding on the missionary premises. Their expenses are now somewhat lessened, since the two schools have came under one teacher."

We close our Report with a brief glance at the Home Work. Only forty-four Societies have corresponded with us this year, being eleven less than the number heard from at our last annual meeting. But this smaller number have sent in to the treasury a sum exceeding that of last year by $29.82. The donations are but one cent behind, but the point where we fall short is from Mission Bands and Sunday Schools. They have not been heard from, while last year, the sum of forty dollars, fifty-three cents, was received to be used for the education of heathen children. Perhaps it is not our place to show the reason of this, but we respectfully request the Pastors of the churches, the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools, and the teachers working with them, to take this matter under their serious consideration, and to endeavour to keep up the interest in missionary work among the young people under their care. This year is the first break in the chain of contributions from Sunday Schools. In 1874 they sent $70 23, which is also the highest sum reached. It is not fair perhaps to suppose that *nothing* has been done, because the money has not passed through our hands, for we know of one S. School (Wolfville) which sends funds direct, for the education of two native children in India. There may be similar cases of which we have not heard.

The Society at Amherst takes the lead once more as the largest in point of members and money sent in. No new Societies have been organized, but one has been revived—at Freeport, Digby Co. One Life Member has been added to our list from the church at Hammond's Plains.

From the funds at the disposal of the three Central Boards of the Maritime Provinces, there has been donated this year the following sums:—

Salary of our missionary, Miss Hammond	$ 400 00
Towards building mission premises at Bobboly	1,000 00
For school buildings at Bobboly	500 00
To enable Miss Hammond to carry on School work at Bimlipitam	122 00
For the support of three orphan children under Mrs. Armstrong's care	75 00

In addition to this, the Central Board of Nova Scotia agreed to present Miss Hammond with a means of conveyance used in India, and which was a necessity for her work, living as she did at a distance from the schools. The cost was $100.00, and the receipt of the money was gratefully acknowledged by Miss Hammond.

We are glad to know that the Canadian *Missionary Link*, published in Toronto, is becoming better known, and more widely circulated. We congratulate the lady editors of the paper on the success which has attended their enterprise, as shown by the distribution of the profits, which have been divided between the Central Boards, in proportion to the number of subscribers, our own share amounting to $8.81.

Hoping that still greater blessings may be in store for all who work in the Master's cause, and trusting that a larger spirit of consecration may be granted to all, we close our Report for 1879, with extracts from the Reports of several of our Societies.

These extracts were subsequently read by Miss Selden. They gave a good general view of the work of the Societies through the province. We must defer their publication till our next.

Mrs. Manning then by request read the report of the North Baptist W. M. A. Society, an excellent document well worthy of publication in a separate from for general perusal.

The Report of the Granville Street Society was read by Miss Robinson.

Miss Utley then recited an appropriate poem. After which the Treasurer's Report was read by Mr. Selden as follows:

NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL BOARD.

Treasurer's General Account with the Women's Missionary Aid Societies for the year 1879.

Dr.

By cash received from Societies		$833,68
Donations		64 09
Interest from Savings Bank	$5.75	
Stationery, Postage, &c.	1.85	
Discount on Notes	0.23	
	2.08	3 67
		$901 44

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Remitted to Missionary Board— For quarter ending March 31		$157 56
June 30		249 06
Sept. 30		212 78
Dec. 31		278 38
		$897 77
Bal. of interest remitted to Board		3 67
		$901 44

Examined and found correct.
L. M. Smith, Auditor.

LIST OF SOCIETIES AND AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED DURING THE YEAR 1879.

1. Amherst	$ 70 00
2. Annapolis	15 00
3. Bridgewater	4 00
4. Bridgetown	8 00
5. Bear River	18 00
6. Berwick	11 00
7. Canard	35 66
8. Clarence	$30 00
9. Canning	7 50
10. Canso	20 00
11. Deerfield	19 00
12. DeBert River	6 25
13. Falmouth	19 25
14. Great Village	17 52
15. Guysboro	19 35
16. Halifax—Granville St. Church	61 65
17. " North Church	56 00
18. Hammond's Plains	4 00
19. Hillsburg	17 10
20. Hantsport	10 20
27. Indian Harbor	16 00
23. Liverpool	13 00
24. Milton	22 00
25. Melvern Square	2 25
26. Margaret's Bay, 1st Church	10 00
27. Newport	12 00
28. North Sydney	5 40
29. Osborne	6 25
30. Parrsboro	19 50
31. Pereaux	16 00
32. River Hebert	7 00
33. Sydney	5 00
34. Summerville	23 00
35. Scotch Village, Hants	4 00
36. Truro	46 00
37. Torbrook	5 30
38. Upper Aylesford	4 00
39. Upper Stewiacke	5 00
40. Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot, (Branch)	10 00
41. Wolfville	41 50
42. Windsor	63 50
43. Weston, Cornwallis	12 00
44. Yarmouth—Temple Church	22 00
	$833 68

The following was sent but did not arrive in time for the report:

Freeport, Mrs. A. Ottis	$ 6 00

DONATIONS TO W. M. A. SOCIETIES DURING THE YEAR 1879.

A Friend, Indian Harbor	$2 00
Mrs. Jos. Wilson, Port Hastings	1 00
A Friend, Port Medway	5 00
Mrs. Geo. Dart, Lower Stewiacke	0 65
A Friend, 2nd Hillsburg Church	0 50
Mrs. Thos. Uhlman, Deerfield	4 00
Dea. Enoch Crosby, Deerfield	4 00
Mrs. Jas. Sanford, Coldbrook, Corn	1 00
Mrs. S. McCully Black, Berwick	1 00
Gideon Fleck, Hollands Harbour	1 00
Proceeds of a Tea Meeting at Hammond's Plains, for the purpose of making Mrs. Naomi Haverstock A Life Member	25 00
Mrs. Elish Bancroft, Round Hill, Annapolis Co	5 00
Col. taken at Miss. Meeting, Truro	2 13
Dea. R. Crosby, Deerfield	1 00
Mrs. E. E. Card, Windsor Road	1 00
Proportion of profits of "Missionary Link," per Mrs. Freeland	8 81
Mrs. Matilda C. Dailey, N. Brookfield	1 00
	$64 09

M. R. Selden, *Sec'y. & Treasurer.*

An intermission of ten minutes then gave a very pleasant opportunity for free conversation and fraternal intercourse between the members of the two churches.

Next came a good missionary speech from Rev. Wm. Spencer, of Hammonds Plains. A poem on the death of Dr. Judson, written by his wife, was recited in excellent style by Miss Maud Wiswell.

A Duet by Miss Harris and Miss Wiswell was finely rendered, with accompaniament by Miss Norton.

Rev. E. M. Saunders was called on and spoke briefly on the encouragements to missionary labor.

The singing of the choir was a marked feature of the evening. A number of pieces most appropriately chosen were sung with much spirit and in excellent taste. All greatly enjoyed the meeting. In response to an appeal from E. G. W. Greenwood, Esq., several friends gave their names for donations of $5.00 to the funds of the Societies.

A letter from Mrs. Armstrong of Chicacole, received a few days ago by Dr. Cramp, contains the following passages, which will be read with pleasure by our friends:—

"There has seemed to be an interest among the lads in our school for months past, and a willingness on the part of many of their parents to listen to the gospel message. This is becoming more pronounced as the light from the Word opens up to them. You are probably aware that the majority of conversions, indeed almost the total number among the Telugus has been among those of the lower castes, or outcasts of society. These are the majority in the country, the poor to whom the gospel is specially sent, and who most readily receive it. Our accession from Kimedy was from these. Here, however, our work has developed itself almost wholly among the higher castes, and it seems to us that the Lord has purposes of mercy towards these also in Chicacole. One whole family here have asked for baptism. The boy attends our school and heard the gospel here, we went with him to his home, and his mother and aunt, the only other inmates, have received the news of salvation through Christ, and though they still need much instruction, they have begun to pray to the *living* God.

Numbers of others are hopeful enquirers. Besides these an aged Mahomedan woman, who has long heard of Christ and worshipped him in secret, has found courage to attend our worship regularly for some time past and she too has asked for baptism. Another man and his wife who have heard the gospel preached and believed in it, have also requested to be admitted among us, and the wife of our Colporteur who, though the child of Christian parents, has never before made any profession of religion. These are all under instruction, and if they give satisfactory evidence of an actual fitness for that ordinance, we hope to have another pleasant letter to write before the end of the year. Two men whom Mr. A. has not yet seen have sent word of their readiness to embrace Christianity. These also are caste men. You must not think these will all certainly be received into the church, a thousand things arise in this country to hinder those who "begin well," but it does not do to be too hasty in receiving them, lest they make a greater loss to us after by backsliding.

I think I am safe in saying there are as many as twenty others here in town who are hopeful, who hear the gospel regularly and gladly, but who have not yet taken so decided a stand as the nine I have mentioned.

If it is God's blessed Spirit at work among the people it will spread and deepen, if not, like any earthly fire, it will die out. How many write to us as though we could convert the heathen: we can witness for Christ, that is all. If He converts people, to Him be the glory, if not we can only strive more and more faithfully to speak the Word. Yet the marvel to us is when any break away from their fetters; to see them as we do and to see the *change* that comes over them compels us to say, "It is the Lord's work, and marvellous in our eyes."

I do not like to write of conversions that *may be*, yet the field in Chicacole has shown signs of promise for months, and it may be well that you should know what we *hope*, that it may stimulate your hopes and prayers also. We feel always that we are in the heart of the enemy's camp, and he may decide and despoil us at any time, for he is stronger than we. Our hope is in the Lord God of Hosts. "If it be so, our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us." There is a very decided stir among the people, time will show its fruits."

Professor J. E. Wells of Woodstock Baptist College, a graduate of Acadia College, writes to the "*Christian Helper*" on "Our Universities"—the Universities of Ontario.

We gather the following facts from Mr. W.'s letter;—In 1861 a Royal Commission was appointed to examine University education in Ontario, and report. This Commission reported a scheme to establish an examining University, to be known as the *Toronto University*, to which all the denominational Colleges, could become affiliated by surrending their Charters. The University was to be simply an examining body. The examinations were to be held and degrees were to be conferred in the respective Colleges affiliated. University College at Toronto—a state Institution—having fine buildings, and a large staff of teachers, was one of the affiliated Colleges. Examiners have been appointed and degrees conferred from time to time; but up to three years ago, only one College—University College at Toronto—sent up any students. The examining University and University College at Toronto have become so closely identified with each other, that the denominational Colleges have held off with jealous feelings. Three years ago, the late Principal of Woodstock College, the Rev. Dr. Fyfe, secured from the Toronto University, the passage of a statute by which the first and second examinations are held at Woodstock simultaneously with those in Toronto. The Woodstock College has been from the first legally connected with the examining University.

As the case now stands, the Baptist College at Woodstock, is the only denominational College that sends up students to the examining University at Toronto. The reverse of this is the case in Nova Scotia. Acadia College is, we believe, the only College that does not send up students to the Halifax University. How is this? Which is right? If Acadia College is on the right track, Woodstock College surely is on the wrong; but if Woodstock is right, then Acadia is wrong. It is somewhat remarkable and strange that in Ontario the Baptists are the only denomination that accepted the examinations of the Toronto paper University, whilst the Presbyterians, with whom Dr. Grant is working in harmony are maintaining their position separate from the State College or the Examining University. In Nova Scotia the Presbyterians have been the leading body in demanding a State University, but are not much in love with the Halifax University, while the Baptists as a body do not favor either. Things are often strangely mixed in this world.

Prof. Wells makes a strong plea for all the denominational Colleges in Toronto to come into line with the *Examining University*, and this can be done only by surrendering their Charters. Our Colleges are not required to surrender any of their Chartered rights. Our educationists should watch the signs of the times. Halifax University must make local examinations the rule, and give the ceremonies of conferring degrees to the several Colleges, before it can expect Acadia College to consider the matter of sending up students.

DR. LORIMER AND HIS ACCUSERS.

Much has of late been said and written about Plagiarism, and perhaps to no one in a prominent position have the charges been more directed, than to Dr. Lorimer of Chicago, formerly of Tremont Temple, Boston. He has been charged with taking passages of sermons from Dr. Parker of London, and using them as his own. He denies the charge but admits that being a great admirer of Dr. P., he may have spoken what has been impressed on his mind from reading what he has so much admired of that gentleman's writings. Since these charges have been made Dr. Lorimer has used every means to to enable his accusers to discover proof, if there is truth in the charge, by publishing his sermons in the Baptist organ of Chicago. We have before us several of these published discourses sent by Dr. L. to a mutual friend—W. Ackhurst, Esq., who has given us the opportunity of reading them. We have done so, and give the substance of one on our first page. In them all we see what appear plainly to be the lineaments and characteristics of Dr. Lorimer. We cannot of course determine the fact of originality but are willing to take his word and to accept his denial and explanation. The effort is evidently using to afford opportunity to his accusers to establish their charge as quite sufficient evidence of his honesty and his innocence of the charge of intentional plagiarism.

Originality is now-a-days a very rare article. There are few things said or written that have not more or less of other men's thoughts in them. The shape and order in which they are presented may have almost infinite variety, whilst the materials have been gathered from all sorts of sources and put together in every variety of style. When men wish to preach other men's sermons let them tell their hearers what they are giving them, and they would then doubtless be no less benefitted, and would avoid the risk and mortification of being discovered in other clothing than their own.

Personals.—The members of the Amherst Baptist Church and Congregation made a pleasant visit to their pastor on the 12th Inst., and presented him with Donations to the value of about $200. We congratulate pastor and people on these evidences of acceptable labor and high appreciation of the same.

We regret to learn that the Rev. S. McC. Black has resigned the pastorate of the Berwick Baptist Church. Its members much regret this decision but there being so extensive a field over which his labors are required, leaves him insufficient time for study, so as to perform the duties required to his own satisfaction.

From the *Wesleyan* we learn that "Fasting or abstinence" is one of the ordinances of the Methodist body, and "covenant obligation to be observed all *Fridays* in the year" as "one of the appointed means of grace and ordinances of God." After giving the rules contained in the Discipline, the editor may well ask: "What would a district Meeting or a Conference do with a candidate for the ministry who, in response to the question: 'Will you recommend fasting, both by precept and example?" would reply in the affirmative, and explain that he did so with a mental reservation, or a private interpretation? Does the Discipline admit, on this subject, of a negative or qualified answer, or of any private interpretation, or of any mental reservation?

Many inquiries might be made touching this question. What is the attitude of our societies, of our officials, of our ministers, to this subject? What is the moral effect of having obligations that are not met, and of making, and not paying those vows? Such inquiries involve difficulties and perplexities; and yet the subject is of so serious and grave a character, as to demand our careful and earnest consideration."

Does not the Apostle Paul give this as one of the evidences of those who have departed from the faith? See Timothy iv. 3.

We perceive that the Jan. *Scottish Baptist Magazine* has copied from our columns the article on "Pantheism" from Dr. Welton's translation of Luthardt's Discourses.

We have been obliged to defer several articles to afford space for the W. M. A. Report.

Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Falmouth,—Miss M. A. Young....$10 00

M. R. Selden,
Treasurer.

Halifax, Jan. 20, 1880.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.

Hebron Church	$45 00
Chegoggin do	13 40
Milton (Yarmouth) Church	4 00
	$62 40

G. E. Day.

Yarmouth, Jan. 15, 1880.

RECEIVED FOR HOME MISSIONS.

From West Bay, C. B., per D. McLeod	$ 6 92
" Baptist Ch., Lake George, Yarmouth Co., (French).	4 10
" Dea. Joseph Crosby, Yarmouth Co., (French)	1 10
" French Mission Church, (French)	3 40
" Baptist Church, Lower Stewiacke	7 42
" Ministerial Conference, Yarmouth Co	1 97
" Wm. C. Bill, Esq., Billtown.	5 00
" John W. Barss, Esq., Wolfville	25 00

J. C. Anderson,
Trea. H. M. Board.

Yarmouth, Jan. 10, 1880.

Christian Visitor please copy.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following contributions have been received for our Mission which have not been hitherto reported:

Baptist Church, Digby, N. S., per Rev. J. H. Saunders	$ 4 20
Cardigan Church, N. B., per Mrs. Benj. Richards	7 28
N. B. Central Board of W. M. A. Societies, per Mrs. W. Allwood, Treasurer	245 81
Miss Deborah Young, Ledge, St. Stephen, N. B., per Rev. W. E. Vickery	1 00
N. S. Central Board of W. M. A. Societies, per Mrs. M R. Selden, Sec.-Treas	278 38
Sabbath School of Wolfville Ch., N. S., per Dr. Cramp	20 00
North Church, Halifax, N. S., per Mrs. A. Clements, Treas	10 00
Semi-annual interest on Investment of the C. R. Bill, Legacy.	35 00
Mrs. John Rand, Berwick, N. S., per Rev. S. McC. Black	1 00

W. P. Everett, *Sec'y.*

St. John N. B., Jan. 10, 1880.

Monies received will be acknowledged next week.

Acknowledgment.

Dear Bro. Selden,—I wish through the *Messenger* to express my gratitude to the Baptist Churches in Chipman and the friends who aided them in making so liberal a donation. They met at my residence on the 24th Dec, and after partaking of a sumptuous repast, supplied by the ladies, Deacon E. Langin was called to the Chair. He referred to the object of their visit. Prayer was offered, music by the choir, and then the chairman presented your humble servant with a purse of money and goods to the amount of one hundred and twenty-two dollars and fourteen cents. Speeches were then made by Rev. Samuel Johnson, (Presbyterian) who expressed himself highly gratified and pleased at the good feeling and love manifested. Then came the Hon. G. G. King, who in a few well-chosen words expressed his regard for the ministry and thankfulness at the success which had attended us as a church during the past year. The Doxology sung, Prayer offered, dear friends separated to go their respective homes. May God's choicest blessings rest upon them all is the earnest prayer of their Pastor.

W. P. Anderson.

Chipman, Queens Co. N. B. January 13th, 1880.

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Dec. 17. 8 ins.