

Months' Department.

Original and Selected.
Scripture Enigma.

No. 196.

Find out these fifteen Scripture names. The initials give a command that could only have come from the fountain of love:

- One of the seven churches of Asia.
- A precious stone.
- A queen of Persia.
- A sorcerer.
- One of the persons Jesus loved.
- A man killed for his faithfulness.
- One of Christ's titles.
- One of Isaac's sons.
- David's grandfather's nurse.
- A godly woman.
- One of the old prophets.
- One of Saul's sons.
- One of Moses' grandsons.
- One of the judges of Israel.

CURIOUS QUESTIONS.

465. A charade said to have been composed by Lord Macaulay:
Cut off my head, and singular I act;
Cut off my tail, and plural I appear;
Cut off my head and tail—O! wondrous fact,
Nothing remains, although my middle's here!
What is my head cut off?—a sounding sea,
What is my tail cut off?—a flowing river,
And through their mingling depths I fear-
less play,
Parent of sweetest sounds, yet mute for ever.

466. Charade from Home Circle:
I am a little noiseless thing,
Yet tidings oft I'm known to bring;
I'm pointed like a Paynim's barb,
I'm blunted like a warrior's guard;
I'm thin, I'm thick, I'm short, I'm tall,
I'm round, I'm square, I'm large, I'm small.

My mother dwelt beneath the sword,
My sire was stately as a lord;
I'm black, I'm white, I'm red, I'm blue,
I'm owned by many—kept by few;
My house is built of cedar boards,
And safely closed like miser's hoards;
I give no light, yet I can burn,
And oft within my fingers turn;
I stand alone, but have a friend,
And oft to him assistance lend;
I plough the ground that he doth sow,
I sow the crop that he doth mow.

467. An animal, the same repeat,
My third a vowel all complete;
My fourth you'll find, if you will trace,
A country, people, tribe or race.

468. Six letters first take, then with
slight transposition
Two words you will make in
direct opposition;
The letters transposed are a pro-
noun and tea,
A vowel begins me, I end with
a D.

469. 1. A word signifying a dense growth of wood; transpose the letters and have, to take care of; transpose again and have not so hard. 2. A word signifying comes down to, transpose the letters, and have a plan; transpose again and have a name written, transpose again and burnt a little.

Find answers to the above—write them down—and see how they agree with the answers to be given next week.

Answer to Scripture Enigma.

No. 195.

Ibzan, Shaphan, Eutyebus, Eschol, Ahiman, Rehoboth, Og, Diotrefes, Ospray, Flute, Arad, Naboth, Amethist, Lachish, Mesopotamia, Ophir, Nitre, Prov. xxv. 20; Jer. ii. 25; Dalmatin, Telabib, Rhodes, Elah, Esol.

"I SEE A ROD OF AN ALMOND TREE."—Jer. i. 11.

ANSWERS TO CURIOUS QUESTIONS.

- 451. 1 Kings v. 6.
- 452. Acts xx. 35.
- 453. Neh. viii. 4.
- 454. Ex. ii. 10; Esther ii. 7.
- 455. Heb. xii. 21.
- 456. 2 Peter iii. 16.
- 457. Caleb, cable.
- 458. Shoe, hose.
- 459. Toad, don't.
- 460. Charades, German-y.
- 461. Den-mark.
- 462. Po-land.
- 463. Knows, nose.
Pains, pause.
Heirs, airs.
- 464. "Nothing great is lightly won;
Nothing won is lost;
Every good deed, nobly done,
Will repay the cost."

Unoccupied Rooms.

It occurs with many people when they leave their houses for a time, during which period, especially in damp seasons not only the furniture, but also the walls and the paper on them are liable to be damaged by the moisture in the atmosphere. This can be avoided in a simple manner. Before leaving the house, the rooms containing furniture ought to be well fastened up, to exclude as much of the outer air as possible; a dish of dry chloride of lime should then be placed in the middle of the apartment, and inside another large empty vessel intended to receive the water flowing out of the former. The well-dried chloride of lime has such an affinity for water that it will attract all the moisture contained in the room and keep the air perfectly dry, so that no harm can occur to either furniture, books, paper, etc. Care must be taken to open doors and windows when the apartments are to be occupied, as the dry air is not good for breathing.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Smith's Cove.

The Baptist Church and community in general, met according to announce ment in the Baptist Church, Smith's Cove, on the 31st ult., to bid Bro. J. W. Tingley farewell and also to give some tangible expression of their appreciation of his labors during the three preceding months. Music and speeches were the order of the evening.

Capt Charles Winchester being called to the chair briefly stated the object of the meeting. After the ordinary routine the chairman called Wm. H. German Esq., to the front, who, in the name of the congregation assembled, presented Bro. Tingley with a handsome gift in cash, and made a suitable speech extempore from which we quote a few remarks.

Referring to Bro. T. personally he said: "Your self-devotion to the Master's work and the zealous way in which you have pursued the arduous duties of your calling, together with your interest in our welfare have entwined you in our affections; whilst your pleasant intercourse has produced a happy influence which will long be felt amongst us. I am happy to say to you that—although, others, before you, have been warmly appreciated—no man has ever received such a generous token of this people's esteem as you have tonight." After touchingly alluding to the mutual grief of separation, Mr. German concluded by saying that the heart-felt wish of the people of Smith's Cove was that "health, long life and happiness might be his portion."

REPLY.

Dear Brethren,—I did not expect to be presented with an address couched on such terms—far too flattering—and of which I am utterly undeserving; nevertheless I believe it contains the sentiments of true and honest hearts. I came among you an entire stranger seeking not your money and sympathies but to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. When I attempted to preach my first sermon I fully realized my inability; and understood the Scriptural injunction, "Ask and ye shall receive etc." and highly appreciated your sympathies and good attention.

We laboured on together for the Master during the three months of my college vacation and I am happy to say through your beautiful location, pleasant smiles, and cordial treatment while visiting your homes, and under the sustaining hand of God, that they were the most pleasant three months of my life. This handsome purse of money accompanying the address and which I now hold in my hand completely refutes the assertion which I heard shortly before I came, "That you were a tight-fisted and cold hearted people," and clearly shows that you are willing and able to work in the vineyard of the Lord. I thank you heartily, not only for your liberal remuneration, but for your prayers and good wishes, and ask you not to wonder at me when I say I will fondly cherish recollections of the many pleasant acquaintances I have made while here, I do sincerely trust that the Good Shepherd will abide with you and guide you into all truth.

J. W. TINGLEY.

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Sir,—

We had a very interesting Sabbath School Convention. At the first session we had devotional exercises, election of officers, reports from Superintendents and other items of business. In the afternoon we had a very able paper, by Rev. H. Buel, on Sabbath School literature, and here I will say this matter of Sabbath School literature is engaging the attention of this Convention to a considerable extent. Our Sabbath Schools are almost at one in desiring Baptist Literature for Baptist Sabbath Schools. In reply to a circular, sent to the schools by our Convention with the following, among other questions, "Do you approve of Pedagogical publications in your school claiming to be non-sectarian?" we got the emphatic No from all but one school. Our people are getting ready for the Baptist Book Room.

We had an excellent meeting in the evening, and in addition to the exercises by the school, and two or three subject opened up by delegates present, we had a lesson taught by Miss Church of Truro. Subject "The wicked hus-

bandmen." This exercise was very instructive and gratifying to all present.

Our Convention has long since felt the need of an agent to visit all the Schools in Colchester County. I say Colchester because at our late session we dropped Cumberland County, so we stand now as at first a Convention for Colchester only and will meet every three months instead of semi-annually as formerly. There was a Committee appointed to consider the matter of agency and a report favorable to the appointment was handed in and resulted in the appointment of Rev. T. B. Layton to that position. Bro. Layton has already entered upon the work and visited some sections. We trust great success will follow this arrangement and that at no distant day we will get the exact strength of Baptist Sabbath Schools in this country.

We have frequently urged upon our school the importance of a correct record being kept and then to hand in a full report to the Convention.

We were glad to see the report from Sabbath School Convention, embracing the school in Eastern Association. Will the President or some member of Convention come to our next meeting and give us the benefit of their experience. Hope you will not consider this article too lengthy for your columns.

Yours, &c.,

A. J. WALKER,
Secretary of Convention.
Truro, Oct. 20, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.

From Rev. N. Vidito.

WINDSOR, Oct. 17th, 1882.

Dear Brother,—

I have been spending a few weeks in Greywood and Milford, principally in Milford, perhaps a few words might not be without interest to some. I found the little church there as sheep without a shepherd, scattered upon a dark mountain, in a dark and cloudy day, having been without the means of grace for some time. Those who hoped in God seemed to be almost without hope, and inquiring hath God forgotten to be gracious, and in his anger shut up his tender mercies, and would he no more hear their prayer. But a gracious God heard their moanings, and he came down in great mercy and healed their backslidings, so that those who have long lain among the pots had their wings covered with silver and their feathers with yellow gold. Whilst I am writing, those wondrous words seem almost too much to apply to such unworthy beings as I know we are, but God hath said it, and—forever blessed be his glorious name—how true when the joys of God's salvation are restored, sinners are converted unto God, many tears were shed and many prayers were offered for those who seemed almost hopelessly hardened in sin and unbelief. Never did I witness a more immediate answer to prayer in conversions to God, as we fondly hope. Five that are heads of families, and ten young men and women have been added to the little church in that place, and a number more have publicly expressed their desire to share in this greatest of all blessings, and I am satisfied if my health would have permitted me to remain longer a number more would have put on Christ. I cannot help thinking that if more labour were bestowed upon those destitute settlements, many more would hear and turn to the Lord than in those churches where the glorious gospel is continuously ringing in their ears. May God send forth more faithful labourers to make the solitary places glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose.

N. VIDITO.

For the Christian Messenger.

From Manitoba.

EMERSON, Oct. 14, 1882.

Mr. Editor,—

We have just closed our second Missionary Convention, and assuming that your readers are deeply interested in our work, as manifested by their action at the late meeting of your Convention, I shall try, with your permission, to give them a short account of what we have been doing, with the prospect we have for future success. The Convention took place at Emerson, and was attended by all the ministers on the field, a number of lay brethren from the Winnipeg and Emerson churches, and the Rev. G. W. Huntly, general missionary for Dakota and Northern Minnesota from Fargo. Our meetings were very interesting and encouraging. A large amount of work was done in arranging plans and methods for the better carrying forward the work we have in hand. The reports from all the fields were encouraging, all the sta-

tions we have been able to occupy are rapidly growing toward self-supporting churches, while numerous fields are opening, calling upon us to come over and help them to raise the standard of truth and purity in the interest of our Lord and Master.

During the year since our organization the cause has been sustained at Winnipeg, Portage La Prairie, High Bluff, Gladstone, Stonewall, Strathclair, Emerson, Preston, Rapid City, and Ridgeville, with some outlying fields from these places, nearly all these have had regular preaching. A church has been lately organized at Brandon, and arrangements made for regular preaching there. Occasional services have been held in other places, some of which need immediate attention. We have raised on the field for missionary work, in addition to what each church has contributed for its own purposes, about \$1,400, most of which has been spent in assisting the weaker fields. Very little outside aid has been received beyond a part of \$500, promised by the American Baptist Publication Society toward the salary of a Colporteur and Sabbath School Missionary.

During the summer our financial agent, Rev. A. McDonald, visited the Ontario and Quebec Associations, was warmly received, and, with his work, highly commended by numerous resolutions, but hardly received enough money to pay the expenses of his trip. The American Home Missionary Board have sympathized with us, but, on account of so much work on hand, have not seen their way clear to give us financial aid, until at their last meeting, held on the 9th ult., they appropriated \$600 to be expended on our field.

Then we have been notified by your Corresponding Secretary that the Convention authorized the Home Mission Board to assist two or three fields here during the coming year. A resolution was passed expressing our deep gratitude for the timely and kindly proffered assistance, appreciated so much because it came unsolicited. With these sources of help, and our own strength numerically and financially increasing, we are greatly encouraged, but the work before us is growing beyond our ability to reach. Already the field is white to harvest; it needs a large amount of means and a number of men to supply the already existing need and be able to keep pace with the rapid growth of the country. As a denomination we are weak, Winnipeg being the only church that is really able to support itself without calling for large sacrifices, but the people are generous, and have contributed nobly to the support of the cause. To meet the action of your Board we have set aside three very important fields for your occupancy, and are sending an application to the Board to send three first-class men to occupy them as soon as possible. The fields are Emerson, which we expect to be self-supporting this year; Brandon, which promises rapid development, and with a good man will nearly, if not quite, prove self-supporting this year, and be able to contribute toward other fields next year; and Preston, or the Rock Lake country, a most promising field, containing a number of preaching stations, and able to do largely toward the support of a good single man. It will not require a large sum to sustain good men on these fields, but it will require some, and we feel that in handing them over to your Board we are committing them to those who will care for the support and prosperity through these fields, and the men you send to represent you. We expect the Brethren and friends in the Maritime Provinces to become acquainted and more deeply interested in the wants of this great country. It is to be hoped the Board will not be left to bear the care and responsibility alone, and then be criticised for undertaking the most important work ever come under their notice. Brethren who have means will find no better investment than contributing in large or small sums as they are able toward the support of the Manitoba Mission—it would be a good idea to start a fund called the Manitoba Mission fund, contributions for which could be sent to your Secretary, Rev. A. Cohoon, and expended here, either on the fields already designated, or on other fields, which our Board will be only too happy to set apart to you on an intimation from you of your intention to support them.

Who among you will start the fund? How many will contribute in sums of \$100, \$50, \$25, \$20, \$10, \$5, or \$1? I am sure there are hundreds in the Lower Provinces who could contribute the largest of these sums and be none the worse either for time or eternity. One hundred dollars now will do more good than one thousand two years hence. Cannot a movement be made in our behalf. Of course you have your own interests, Home and Foreign Missions, Acadia College, &c., but among them all there are none so needy, or that will give so great and

quick returns, as this field. We are glad Rev. W. E. Hall is coming to Emerson. The church is anxiously looking forward to his arrival. We are sure your prayers will follow him, and that his coming will be productive of great good. We hope two more such men will follow or come with him to occupy the important places set apart by the Convention, which need immediate supply.

Our desire is to press forward as fast as possible, and at least occupy the most important places as they develop. Already too much valuable time has been lost, and many good opportunities allowed to slip from us. It takes considerable means to get started. Building is expensive and is one of the first things to be done; only for this churches would sooner become self-supporting. We need funds. We need men of training and ability to lead and counsel, to teach and influence where worldly wisdom is wise and influences are strong to draw men away from holiness and purity after the things that tend only to this life. Your best men will find no better place to exercise their talents than here, and no pleasanter field to work in. Our climate is superior to ours, especially the winter part, clear-cold weather, like your winter days. No sudden changes, such as breed colds and distempers that end in consumption and death. No sound or moderately healthy person need fear our climate. We have had a beautiful season, scarce any rain from May to October. Crops are good, though some grain has slightly shrunk on account of the long dry weather. Our exhibition has just closed the display of vegetables, roots, and in fact all farm produce were far ahead of anything I have ever noticed elsewhere. Stock and other things were very good.

If my letter were not already too long I would mention the deep interest taken in all your denominational work, and glad there is so much activity and prosperity.

Yours truly,
J. W. W.

The Sweetest Joys.

Very many of the sweetest joys of Christian hearts are songs which have been learned in the bitterness of trial. It is said of a little bird that he will never learn to sing the song his master will have him sing while it is light in his cage. He learns a snatch of every song he hears, but will not learn a full, separate melody of his own. And the master covers the cage and makes it dark all about the bird, and then he listens and learns the one song that is taught to him, until his heart is full of it. Then, ever after, he sings that song in the light. With many of us it is as with the bird. The Master has a song he wants to teach us, but we learn only a strain of it, a note here and there while we catch up snatches of the world's song; and sing them with it. Then He comes and makes it dark about us till we learn the sweet melody He would teach us. Many of the loveliest songs of peace and trust sung by God's children in this world, they have been taught in the darkened chambers of sorrow.—*Christian Weekly.*

Thoughts in Brief.

BY THE REV. J. CLARK.

He who walks on the heights with God will have little human companionship.

It is not an unusual thing for a person to be unable to see any object whatever beyond his own shadow.

Of all possible shams the worst is a sham religion.

A wrong is none the less a wrong because it is kept a secret.

The tree that has stood through many a storm, may fall in the stillest minute.

Our every deed has the fruit and seed, of life or death within it.

While every pain would yield us gain, had we but grace to win it.

Our every deed has the fruit and seed of life or death within it; While every pain would yield us gain, Had we but grace to win it.

—*London Baptist.*

A week or two since over fifty whales, averaging about 20 feet in length, were almost driven on shore at Scapa, in the Orkneys, by a small fleet of boats that were in pursuit. The shoal was in little more than a dozen feet of water, when they were frightened by people in front of them, and immediately dived, only reappearing at some distance beyond the boats. All subsequent efforts to capture them were unavailing. A correspondent who was an eye-witness says it was a pretty and exciting scene when the whales were advancing to the shore in an almost compact line.

A NOTED BUT UNTILTED WOMAN.

(From the Boston Globe.)



Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., who above all other human beings may be truthfully called the "Dear Friend of Women," is a woman of rare character, who is devoted to her work, which is the outcome of a life-study, and is obliged to keep six lady assistants, to help her answer the large correspondence which daily pours in upon her, each bearing its special burden of suffering, or joy at release from it. Her Vegetable Compound is a medicine for good and not evil purposes. I have personally investigated it and am satisfied of the truth of this.

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