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For the Christian Messenger. The Comet.

BY SILAS T. RAND, OF HANTSPOUT, N. S.

1. Thou glorious herald from the upper skies!
So beautiful, so wondrous to behold!
Spreading thy gorgeous grandeur in our eyes,
Thy blaze, thy nucleus of burnished gold:
What tidings does thy flaming form unfold?
Comest thou a harbinger of peace divine?
Or wert thou right, those sages grave of old,
Who augured evil from such trail as thine,
And saw portent of war and bloodshed in that shine?

2. Whence and what art thou? O mysterious Star!
When wast thou made? of what? and where?
Thy circuit round this central Orb, how far?
Who besides us can watch thee there on high?
Gazing in wonder as thou rushest by:
Admiring, shuddering, glorying at the sight—
In other worlds do watchers "sweep the sky."

3. To catch the first faint glimmerings of thy light,
To gain a spark of glory from thy flaming flight!

4. Idle those questionings! yet thou hast a voice,
A language every race of man may know;
Thou bidst us in Jehovah's name rejoice;
His lighted up thy torch! His bid thee go
Thy mystic rounds, His wondrous works to show:
Thy voice but mingles with ten thousand more,
Proclaiming Him, that all His love may know,
And learn His will, His wondrous ways explore,
Bow lowly at His feet, and worship and adore.

5. Well may they tremble who would dethrone
And weave a world, from "elements at war."
By accident! nor skill, nor wisdom own:
Well may they shudder lest "The Blazing Star!"
By chance should "jump the track," and smash the "car,"
Or plunge by headlong dash into the Sun,
Scattering his flame and furnace wide and far,
And all the planets into ruin run!
How wonderful the "luck," this has not yet been done!

6. But we who know God made and governs all,
And see in all His wisdom, power, and love,
Need never tremble "lest the sky should fall!"
His eye omniscient watches every move;
High over all He reigns in heaven above;
This wondrous mechanism in all its parts,
He tends and guides, nought can superfluous prove,
Nor ought defective—Master of all Arts!
Is God—in Him we rest, with trusting, joyful hearts.

7. Farewell, thou wondrous Orb! rush on thy way!
Pass other worlds, and spread thy Maker's fame!
We'll wait and watch for thy last glimmering ray,
Make record of thy visit, form, and name—
(That ages hence may know thou art the same—)
The year, the month, the day, where in the sky
Thy place was—the size of nucleus and flame,
That they may watch when thou art drawing nigh,
To wave again that blazing banner up on high.

8. Farewell! bright star! but who will next behold
Thee from this earth? to wonder and admire
Thy flaming train; thy nucleus of gold;
Thrilled as we now are with intense desire
To scale the heights of knowledge, high and higher,
To sound those mysteries of earth and sky—
To boundless depths of knowledge we aspire,
For we shall rise to "manhood" by-and-by,
To explore God's wondrous works, in that bright world on high!

A story is told by a French paper of two provincials, a man and his wife, who visited the Louvre, in Paris. "What struck you most at the Louvre?" asked one of their friends, when they returned home, and began to tell of the wonders they had seen. "Oh," replied the husband, "a picture which represented Adam and Eve, with the apple and the serpent." And his excellent wife chimed in, "Yes, we found that very interesting, because, you see, we knew the anecdote."

News from the Churches.

Ecclesiastical Council.

Minutes of an Ecclesiastical Council for the purpose of ordaining to the work of the gospel ministry Bro. Isaac Chipman Archibald, convened at Halifax on the 18th day of October, 1882, pursuant to an invitation from the North Baptist Church of Halifax.

The pastor of that church took the chair, and, after announcing the object of the gathering, prayer was offered by Rev. John Miller.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Manning was elected Moderator, and George H. Fielding, Clerk. The Moderator then asked for the reading of the resolution of the church authorizing the call of Council. The credentials of delegates were then called for, when it appeared that the following churches were represented by the following brethren:

Granville St. Church—Dea. S. Selden, Bro. William Ackhurst.

3rd Baptist Church—Rev. J. F. Avery, Deas. Benj. Hubley, J. E. Irish.

Dartmouth Church—Rev. E. J. Grant, Dea. J. W. Johnston.

2nd St. Margaret's Bay—Rev. A. W. Bars, Dea. C. A. Whitman.

Sackville Church—Deacon Francis Webber.

Truro Church—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Bro. L. J. Walker.

Wolfville Church—Rev. S. W. DeBlois, D. D.

Canard Church—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Dea. Benj. Eaton.

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The Council adjourned till 7.30 p.m. At the hour appointed a large congregation assembled, when the order of services as above was proceeded with. All the members to whom the different parts were assigned discharged their duties to the satisfaction of a most interested audience.

The sermon from Luke iv. 18 was a masterly exposition of the qualifications and endowments necessary to a successful minister of the gospel, the preacher emphasizing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The Moderator having declared the proceedings of the Council at an end, after the doxology was sung by the choir the benediction was pronounced by the candidate.

J. W. MANNING, Moderator.
GEO. H. FIELDING, Clerk.

[We may say, in addition to the above, that the proceedings were rendered specially impressive by the intelligent explanation of the proceedings, and the appropriate remarks of the Moderator on introducing each speaker to the congregation.

The anthems, too, were well chosen, and executed with taste and spirit by the excellent choir of the church.

The speaking was all of a very suitable length. The brief address of Mr. Archibald formed a most fitting close of the service, leaving a solemn impression on the minds of all.—Ed. C. M.]

HANTSPOUT.—Rev. W. J. SWAFFIELD has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Church at Hantspout and purposes commencing his ministry there the first Sunday in November.

This will leave a large field of labor open at Billtown which we trust will soon be supplied with a faithful earnest minister of Christ.

We understand that the Church at Windsor has given a call to Rev. S. B. Kempton, but we are not yet informed if he has accepted the invitation. The Church at Canard had not given their consent when we last heard. We trust that the Church and its esteemed pastor will be divinely directed in this important matter so that whether Mr. K. shall remain, or remove to Windsor, it may be evident that the divine approval rests on all concerned.

A court martial has been in course of progress during the past few days on board the flagship "Northampton." Six sailors were convicted. Three were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, two for six months, and one for two years. One was honorably acquitted. The prisoners will go to Melville Island for the present.

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Home News

Nova Scotia.

The Committee of the Christian Mission to Seamen, beg to solicit donations of back numbers of Magazines and religious papers for distribution among seamen visiting the port of Halifax. Parcels of the above may be left at the Sailor's Home or Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

AN UNCOMMON OCCURRENCE.—The quiet community of Ingonim River, on the evening of the 16th inst., was highly excited on account of the marriage of a couple well advanced in years—their united ages being one hundred and forty-two years; thus two lonely ones have joined their interests and fortunes, and set out full of joy and hope for the future of life.—Com.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers. 15 cts. Druggists.

A MINISTERS EVIDENCE.—The all prevalent malady of civilized life is Dyspepsia. Rev. W. E. Gifford, of Bothwell, was cured of dyspepsia and liver complaint, that rendered his life almost a burden. The cure was completed by three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters.

At the meeting of the School Board on Thursday last, the Committee on Teachers reported, recommending the following:—That Miss E. M. Curran be appointed to fill the vacancy in the 6th department of Brunswick Street School, made by the retirement of Miss M. E. Hamilton; that Mr. F. J. Bowles' request for six months' leave of absence be granted; that the reduction of ten per cent. in the teachers' salaries, by resolution of Oct. 30, 79, be restored on and after May 1st, 1882. The report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Jordan has accepted the invitation to the pastorate of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

The N. S. Grand Division Sons of Temperance commenced its annual session on the 31st inst. in the Division room, National School, Argyle street. On the evening of the 1st of November, an entertainment under the patronage of the seven Divisions of this city will be given in Y. M. C. A. Hall.

"BUCHPAINA."—Quick, complete cure, all annoying Kidney, Bladder and Urinary Diseases. \$1. Druggists.

NEVER ALLOW IT.—Never allow the bowels to remain in a torpid condition, as it leads to serious results, and ill health is sure to follow. Burdock Blood Bitters is the most perfect regulator of the bowels, and the best blood purifier known.

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THE ACADIA ATHLETIC CLUB, composed of students of Acadia College and Horton Academy, had a day of sports at Wolfville on Saturday. The rains of the several days preceding had left the grounds in bad condition, but otherwise the circumstances were favorable. A goodly number of spectators witnessed the sports. The following is the programme, so far as carried out (a part was omitted for want of time), together with the names of successful contestants:

100 yd dash.—H. Bert Ellis, 1st, 11 seconds; H. R. Welton, 2nd.

Bowling at the Wicket.—T. S. Rogers, 1st; S. W. Cummings, 2nd.

Standing Broad Jump.—H. Bert Ellis, 1st, 11 feet; I. W. Corey, 2nd, 10 ft. 10 ins.

Sack Race.—S. W. Cummings, 1st; H. R. Welton, 2nd.

Running High Jump.—H. Bert Ellis, 1st, 4 ft. 11 in.; S. W. Cummings, 2nd.

Putting 16 lb Shot.—J. W. Tingley, 1st, 36 ft. 1 in.; I. W. Corey, 2nd.

Handicap Race.—H. Bert Ellis, 1st; T. S. Rogers, 2nd.

Throwing Base Ball.—H. R. Welton, 1st, 304 ft. 5 in.; H. Bert Ellis, 2nd.

Quarter Mile Race.—A. C. Balcom, 1st, 1 m. 7 1/2 sec.; H. R. Welton, 2nd.

Three Quick Jumps.—I. W. Corey, 1st, 30 ft. 10 in.; Jesse Prescott, 2nd.

Wheelbarrow Race.—Ellis and Prescott, 1st; Holman and Oaks, 2nd.

Hurdle Race.—H. Bert Ellis, 1st; Holman, 2nd.

Vaulting with Pole.—Jesse Prescott, 1st, 8 ft.; I. W. Corey, 2nd.

Tug of War.—Picked team with J. W. Tingley as Captain, defeated picked team under I. W. Corey.

The judges were Profs. R. V. Jones and A. E. Coldwell, and Mr. A. W. Armstrong, Principal of the Academy. H. H. Welton was timer. At the close of the Sports the prizes were conferred by Misses Bessie J. and Bessie T. Robbins, of Acadia Seminary.

The Pierian Society of Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, intend giving a musical and literary entertainment on Friday evening. There will be readings by Miss Fannie Davis, teacher of Elocution, vocal music by Miss Flora Harding, besides instrumental music, &c., &c.

THE GREAT CAUSE of much misery and ill health is a disordered condition of the kidneys; an effectual combination of diuretics is found in Burdock Blood Bitters that thoroughly renovates the kidneys and other important glandular organs, and strengthens the debilitated system.

At the Oxford Woollen Mills they have a gas making machine in successful operation.

AMONG THE MOST obstinate of chronic diseases to cure is salt rheum. Mr. Isaac Brown, of Bothwell, was troubled with salt rheum for years, and says that one bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters has done him more good than \$500 paid for other medical treatment.

There is no remedy top of the earth that possesses so much real absolute merit as Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. It is both for internal and external use, and is worth more in a family than a seventh son.

One single box of Parson's Purgative Pills taken one night will make more new rich blood, and will more effectually purify the blood in the system than \$10 worth of any other remedy known at the present time.

The Charbydis has been returned with thanks and handed over to Admiral McIntock for the British Government. She is now lying at the Dockyard here.

On Wednesday last the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court delivered the sentence on Andrew Doyle for a criminal assault on a child under 12 years of age. The judge said that he had been credibly informed that the prisoner's whole life had been that of an incorrigible man, on whom public trial, fine and imprisonment had produced no effect. He would try if his feelings could be reached in another way. The sentence of the court was that the prisoner be taken to the place whence he last came (the County Jail) and there be imprisoned for the period of one year with hard labor, and receive twenty lashes on the bare back, to be administered with the instrument called the cat, within the precincts of the jail, under the supervision of the Jail Surgeon.

NEW BRANSWICK.

The St. John Seamen have returned to work, the merchants having decided to their demand for an increase of wages.

Wm. Fraser, a native of Cornwallis, while going on board his schooner, the Amelia, fell into the open hold of the Norwegian ship Rebecca. The distance was some seventeen feet, and the victim was apparently killed. He was taken to the Marine Hospital, where he was placed in charge of good nurses. It is thought he will recover.

Isaac McLellan, of Hampton, was instantly killed on Wednesday by falling out of a third story window of the Bangor House, St. John. He was married and leaves a family.

The St. John Telegraph states that the officers of the Provincial Mutual Insurance Association, in which the life of Wortman Trites, who died recently at Moncton, was insured for \$2,500, decided not to pay the claim on the ground that fraud had been committed. The company would not only contest the matter but prosecute certain parties for fraud.

In the Civil Court, at Shelliack, a case was tried recently. Amount claimed \$4.11. Counsel being retained on both sides, the cause was tried with a great deal of learning and ability. After the court sat for about three quarters of a day, it finally gave judgment in favor of plaintiff for the sum of five cents.

D. W. Hoegge & Co., of Fredericton put up during the past season -6,000 two-pound cans of Indian corn and ten tons of tomatoes. They propose running their establishment during the winter months canning meats.

Dominion of Canada.

The Governor-General is returning from his visit to the interior of British Columbia. The party travelled as far as Lake Okanagan, over four hundred miles from New Westminster.

A deputation waited on Sir Charles Tupper on Wednesday, relative to improving the navigation of the Red River. Sir C. Tupper will probably arrive at Ottawa from his North-West trip by the latter part of this week.

The Dominion Government has appointed Thursday, November 9th, as "Thanksgiving Day" for the bountiful harvest.

The Duke of Manchester has resigned the Presidency of the Canada North-West Land Company, and Lord Elphinstone has been selected in his stead. The stock has become stronger in consequence.

Nearly one hundred surveying parties are now in the field, and with this large force the surveys are rapidly progressing along the line of railway to the Rocky Mountains. It was intended to subdivide about six hundred townships during the present season, but not more than five hundred will be attended to.

The Fisheries Department is arranging for an exhibition of Canadian fish at the forthcoming exhibition at London.

During the past year goods to the value of \$2,963,700 were exported from Kingston to the United States, an increase of \$883,000 over the previous year.

Dr. Thorburn conducts the civil service examination at Toronto, Mr. Decelles at Montreal, and Mr. Lesuer at Halifax.

An Extraordinary Offer.

There are a number of persons out of employment in every county, yet energetic men willing to work do not need to be. Those willing to work can make from \$100 to \$500 a month clear, working for us in a pleasant and permanent business. The amount our agents make varies, some make as high as \$500 a month while others as low as \$100, all depending on the energy of the Agent. We have an article of great merit. It should be sold to every House-owner, and pays over \$100 per cent profit. Each sale is from \$3.50 to \$10.00. One agent in Pennsylvania sold 32 in two days, and cleared \$64.00. An agent in New York made \$45.00 in one day. Any man with energy enough to work a full day, and will do this during the year can make from 2,000 to \$5,000 a year. We only want one man in each county, and to him will give the exclusive sale as long as he continues to work faithfully for us. There is no competition, and nothing like our invention made. Parties having from \$200 to \$1,000 to invest, can obtain a General Agency for ten counties or a state. Any one can make an investment of from \$25 to \$1,000 without the least risk of loss, as our Circulars will show that those investing \$25 can after a 30 days trial return the goods unsold to us and get their money back, if they do not clear at least \$100. They show that a General Agent who will take ten counties and invest \$216.00 can, after a trial of 90 days return all goods unsold to us, and have money returned to them if they fail to clear at least \$750 in that time. There are many persons having money to invest, who could not give the business personal attention—such can employ sub-agents without leaving home—making a small amount yearly out of a very small investment. We are not paying salaries, but want men willing to work and obtain as they pay the profits of their energy. Men not willing to work on our terms will not work on any. Those meaning business will receive our large descriptive circular, and extraordinary offer by enclosing a three cent stamp, with their address. The first to comply with our terms will secure the county or counties they may wish to work.

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