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News from the Churches.

DARTMOUTH.—Rev. E. J. Grant administered the ordinance of Christian Baptism on Sunday last. There are we understand several other persons who are expected shortly to apply for baptism and admission to the fellowship of the church.

OSBORNE, April 24, 1883.—Many among us of late have professed a saving belief in Jesus the Christ; nine of whom have publicly expressed their faith in Him by being baptized in his name, and others are seeking for the way of truth as revealed in God's word.

On the 2nd of April the friends gathered at the home of their pastor. After spending a very pleasant evening, left with us tangible and valuable tokens of regard. May the Lord reward them.

P. R. FOSTER.

Bro. Foster has an interesting field of operation at Osborne, especially in the large Sunday School. He had baptized twenty converts previous to the addition mentioned above.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—Bro. Hans Mills writes us from Athol:—"The following may be of interest to your readers respecting the cause of God in Westbrook and Southampton, Rev. J. A. McLean preaches part of his time in those places. A good interest was manifested from the first. Three persons were baptized in February. This brought up opposition. Rev. Dr. Murray was sent for and delivered eight lectures. A few days after he left three others were immersed,—notwithstanding he laboured hard to make the people believe that immersion was never practised in the day of Christ or his apostles. Since then Rev. D. G. McDonald has reviewed the Dr.'s lectures. He occupied five nights in the seven, shewing in a masterly manner from Pedobaptist authors the fallacy and sophistry by which Dr. M. had tried to impose upon his audiences. But I am thankful to say our prospects are encouraging. Our prayer and conference meetings are well attended, our pastors services are highly appreciated. Seven persons—all heads of families have been baptized, and two others have been received for the ordinance.

THE WORK AT FREEPORT.—Dear Messenger,—Since my last to you I have been privileged with again visiting that baptistry in the solid rock, and of "burying with Christ" in baptism three more rejoicing converts. The scene was solemn and impressive. Others beside the candidates stood on that rock who ought, I believe, to have gone down into the waters because of Christ's command to those who have believed in Him.

After the baptism a large company retired to the house of God, where a very impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. R. H. Bishop, A. B., who was on a visit to the Island, and who, by the way, will probably settle there as my successor in the pastorate of the Freeport and Tiverton churches. The Rev. John Rowe, of Hebron, was also present and gave a very stirring appeal at the close of the sermon. The hand of fellowship was then extended to the newly received converts, and so closed a very solemn and hopeful service.

I believe there are many sheaves to be gathered for the Master from Long Island. God has a people there whose prayers He will answer, and whose efforts He will bless to the conversion of multitudes.

We have left the Island, but we have not failed to be deeply interested in its inhabitants, nor shall we soon cease to pray God in their behalf.

Some, yea, many of the old "pillars" are falling and will soon be seen on earth no more. But God's promises and purposes will never fail. He will raise up others who will bear aloft the "banner." Cheer, my honored brethren, cheer! God is for you. He will bring it to pass.

J. F. KEMPTON.
Chester, N. S., April 25, 1883.

RIVER HERBERT.—Rev. Isaac R. Skinner writes April 27th:—"I baptized seven last Sabbath in Shulee. They will unite with River Herbert Baptist Church. I am in hopes to get some subscribers for the MESSENGER from that quarter. Mr. Chubbuck comes to us Wednesday, May 2nd, to hold special services. We hope and pray that his labors may be abundantly blessed at River Herbert. Dear Bro. S. ask the brethren of the churches to pray for us."

NOTES FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The spring has opened with good prospects. The steamers have been running for more than a week, which is nearly two weeks earlier than usual, and already the hum of business has broken the monotony of the past six months.

The Legislature has been in session now for some time, busied with, it is said, unimportant affairs. It will probably rise before the end of the week. The movements of the authorities and the Sisters of Charity in relation to the Marine Hospital is still arousing suspicion and justly exciting criticism.

The manufacture of cheese is attracting the attention of P. E. Island farmers; and several new factories are starting this season.

Although the most of the churches are doing fairly there is no particular religious movements except in a few. In these however the triumphs of truth have been glorious.

The important field at Bedeque is still vacant, and has had no preaching since Bro. Laver's departure except a few sermons from Bro. Bradshaw. Montague and Murray River have been without a minister for about three months. This is an important point, and a young man of ability will find appreciative hearers; and very soon the delightful joys of harvest work will repay his earnest toil.

OUTLOOK.
April 25th, 1883.

HOPEWELL, N. B.—Dear Brother,—The cause of Christ is still prospering with us. A deep religious feeling pervades the whole place. There have been five additions by baptism the last three Sabbaths, and we expect others to follow in the same ordinance next Lord's Day. All our meetings are characterized by large congregations, anxious enquirers, and joyful worshippers. We feel compelled to have meetings every evening in some part of the field, and frequently an afternoon service.

Our desire is that the Lord will add daily unto the church. We hope it will be a revival that will last the whole year.

Yours truly,
C. C. BURGESS.
April 23rd, 1883.

The Boston Baptist Churches are having a remarkable growth. The city that formerly indulged in whipping Baptists, and nailing up their meeting house doors has become wiser as well as better. Truth is mighty and must prevail. A correspondent of the N. Y. Examiner of last week says:

A Congregational pastor told me, a few days ago, that the remarkable work

of grace in progress in this vicinity is confined chiefly to Baptist churches. He knew no church of his own order where an extraordinary interest prevails and only one among the Methodists, while it seemed general among his Baptist neighbors. So far as I am informed his remark is true, and other denominations are sharing to a limited extent in the refreshing enjoyed by our own churches. The additions to several of our city churches will probably reach or exceed a hundred in each, such as Tremont Temple, Bowdoin Square, Trinity, East Boston, and possibly Clarendon street, and Ruggles street. Two of the Salem churches, Second and Calvary, have shared nearly as largely in the spiritual harvest, and others in the suburbs are welcoming numerous converts. Dr. Gordon thinks his church more deeply moved than at any time in his pastorate, but he shrinks from reporting numbers lest he imitate the sin of David. Pastor Brainin of Newton Centre, has similar scruples, and though permitted to gather in a few converts every month, he never gives a report at the Conference. His house is becoming too strait for the congregation, and a committee has been appointed to raise a subscription for a new building. The late Gardner Colby left \$255,000 for this purpose, provided an equal amount is raised and the house finished without debt.

CANAAN, KING'S CO.—Three persons were baptized in Canaan on Sunday, April 29th, by Rev. T. A. Higgins. Bro. J. W. Corey, of the Senior Class at Acadia College, has preached here fortnightly since last September, and his words have been accompanied by the divine blessing. Besides the three who have made public profession of Christ, others have grown to care for these things. Although the community is small, and the religious privileges not as great as in many places, yet a faithful few hold steadfastly on their way here, and from time to time find occasion to rejoice on account of refreshings from on high. S.

BRIDGEWATER.—Rev. S. March writes, "Glad to hear of the good news from the churches. We encourage some trials here, and also some encouragements in portions of the field. Expect to baptize some at an early date. May the Lord exert his power among us. Pray for us."

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY.—Four were baptized here on Sunday 29th April, by the pastor Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

From Wolfville.

PIERIAN ENTERTAINMENT.

This entertainment was given by the Pierian Society last Friday evening, the 20th, in the Large Assembly Hall of the College, and was repeated with a change of programme on the following Monday evening. The young ladies did themselves great credit. Particular pieces need not be specified, for the performances were of a high order throughout. This was proved by the enthusiastic *encores* which were received. The order of exercises may be learned from the following programmes:

FRIDAY EVENING.

1. Piano Duet, "The Pearl of the Sea,"—Merz. Misses Eliza and Linda Bridges.
2. Reading, "The Boys,"—O. W. Holmes. Miss Carrie Holly.
3. Vocal Solo, "Some Day,"—Wellings; Miss Annie Campbell.
4. Reading, "The Face against the Pane,"—Aldrich. Miss Eva Andrews.
5. Piano Duet, Waltz,—Chopin. Misses McLellan and Snow.
6. Reading, "Katie Lee and Willie Gray,"—Miss Helen Read.
7. Vocal Solo, "When Sparrows Build,"—Gabriel. Miss Bessie J. Robbins.
8. Reading, "The Polish Boy,"—Miss Kate Campbell.
9. Vocal Solo, "Answers,"—Blumen-thal. Miss Millie H. King.
10. Instrumental Solo, "Erste Liebe,"—Labitzky. Miss Alice Eaton.
11. Reading, "Tom's Little Star,"—Miss Hattie E. Wallace.
12. Vocal Solo, "Queen of the Night,"—Torry. Miss Harding.
13. Piano Duet, "Priests' March,"—Mendelssohn. Misses Hill and McClearn.

MONDAY EVENING.

- Processional March, Lizzie Hill.
1. Overture, "Lustspiel,"—Belá, Miss Bertie Brown.
2. Reading, "Wax Works,"—Miss Hattie Harris.
3. Vocal Duet, "In the Starlight,"—Glover. Misses McLellan and Margeson.
4. French Recitation, "La Petite Marchande d'Allumettes,"—Miss Millie H. King.
5. Piano Solo, "Erste Liebe,"—Miss Eaton.
6. Vocal Solo, "Gaily chant the Summer Birds,"—Miss Bessie J. Robbins.
7. Reading, "Whistling in Heaven,"—Miss Helen Read.
8. Piano Duet, "March,"—Schubert. Misses Robbins and Rogers.
9. Reading, "The New Bonnet,"—Miss Eva Andrews.
10. Vocal Solo, "The Golden Days,"—Sullivan. Miss Millie H. King.
11. Reading, "Tom's Little Star,"—Miss Hattie Wallace.
12. Vocal Solo, "A Summer Shower,"—Marzial. Miss Harding.
13. Piano Solo, "Chapel of the Forest,"—Jungmann. Miss Lizzie C. Hill.

God Save the Queen.

CHAZAYA.

For the Christian Messenger.

The Education of Women.

THE ACADIA SEMINARY.

A story is told of a schoolmaster who boasted that he ruled the community in which he taught, saying that he ruled the children, the children ruled their mothers, and the mothers ruled the men. Napoleon's statement that the great need of France was good mothers has been repeated often, and the principle implied in it is recognized as true. While certain characteristics may be inherited, or copied, from the father, yet upon the mother the child depends chiefly for that training which will form the most important part of his character. If noble qualities are found in the mother the children are almost sure to reproduce them. If the mother is truly refined the children will not be rough, if she has cultivated tastes and lofty ambitions, they will not have boorish and depraved ideas.

In view of these facts, it is of grand importance that such education should be provided for the young women of the present generation as shall qualify them to discharge well the lofty duties which must presently devolve upon them. On nearly every hand our Province is making advancement, and we may hope for still greater things in the future. The young people of to-day ought not to be content to remain in that condition into which they were born, but should seek to make some progress which will be at once beneficial to society at large and creditable to themselves. While retaining all their inherited regard for religion, the Bible, the Sabbath, and holy living, they should patiently labor to add something to their birthright,—something which they may be proud to bequeath to posterity.—Homes should be made centres of culture and refinement. The crudeness and narrow-mindedness which were excusable while the country was still new, and the struggle for existence necessitated severe and incessant labor, should now disappear. The children of the next generation should grow up to be ladies and gentlemen—these terms being used in their true meaning, and not to describe a class of dainty, limpy, scented, oiled, befrizzled simpletons.

If this state of things is to exist, it is not sufficient that the men should be educated. It is the educated woman who makes a home in which refinement and culture have a potent influence. Young women sometimes have strange notions in regard to education. They suppose that, because their knowledge is not likely to be used in winning bread, or fame, or in doing some grand philanthropic work, therefore it is of small consequence whether they are educated or not. This is an egregious mistake. Though it be true that in their sphere they may be less conspicuous than men,

yet they need education none the less on that account. To a great extent they will determine the character and tastes of the men who will live and work in the next generation. Can a greater work than this be easily conceived of?

The young women of to-day, then, should obtain more than a smattering of education; they should obtain broader ideas than are commonly prevalent in ordinary communities; they should study under influences which will call into active exercise the best qualities which are in them, and at the same time refine their natures and aspirations.

Because the need of a school which would accomplish this was felt, the Acadia Seminary of to-day exists. That to a large extent it meets the requirements of the young ladies of these Provinces no one can doubt who understands the character and quality of the work done, and the guiding principles of those by whom the school is carried on. It is not an institution where certain lessons must be wearily learned, a certain dull routine lifelessly gone through, and where iron rules are enforced with cold and heartless severity; but rather, it is a home, in which everything is done to make study agreeable, and where wholesome regulations are enforced in the spirit of gentleness and love. The teachers are the instructors, friends, and, in some cases, the spiritual guides of the young ladies committed to their charge. The results of such a condition of things can be understood best by those who have had a chance to contrast it with a condition of a contrary character. There are teachers, perhaps oftener found among men than women, who are as cold and stiff as icicles. Unless you discover by some fortunate accident that they have human sympathies, you are continually wondering if they are not cleverly constructed automata, having steel springs in place of hearts. Between such teachers and their pupils there is a great gulf fixed, and the latter gain very little inspiration from the former. But teachers who have warm hearts as well as clear heads teach many lessons which are even more useful than those learned from textbooks.

In view of the methods of teaching and government which obtain at Acadia Seminary, the prosperity which has attended it during the past four years is perhaps not surprising, although certainly extraordinary. The following table shows the increase in attendance which has occurred in one year:

1881-2, 1882-3. Gain.		
No. in attendance Fall Term.	44	66
No. boarders Fall Term.	29	38
No. in attendance Winter and Spring Term.	54	84
No. boarders.	37	53
Whole No. in attendance.	57	90
No. from New Brunswick present year.	16	12
" Cape Breton present year.	3	2

These figures speak for themselves, and they speak well and loudly. For those who supposed that the St. John Academy would seriously diminish the attendance at Wolfville, it will be interesting to learn that while last year there were only twelve young ladies here from New Brunswick, this year there are sixteen.

If the past is prophetic of the future, is it not time for the Baptists to make plans for enlarging the Seminary building?

For the Christian Messenger.

Acadia Seminary.

Dear Editor,—

Please permit me through your columns to make the following acknowledgements of donations to the Seminary Library:—"Paul and Christ," "History of the Baptists," and "Memoirs of Mme. Feller," from Miss Cramp, together with five dollars; "Kathrina," from Miss Barrs; also two dollars from Mrs. Frizzle, and one dollar from Mr. Geo. V. Rand. Twenty carefully selected volumes have recently been purchased for the Library, among which is Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer of the World. This, together with Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Lippincott's Dictionary of Biography and Mythology, and Appleton's Encyclopedia already purchased, completes a list of invaluable books of reference, accessible to the students of the Seminary. We still have many empty shelves.

Yours respectfully,
M. E. GRAVES.
Wolfville, N. S., April 26, 1883.

We have had application made to us for a copy of the Year Book by persons interested in and desirous of learning the facts which were presented to the Convention in August last; but we have as yet (May 2nd) received from the office of publication in St. John one copy, and that without any cover. We have weeks ago sent for some copies, but they have not come to hand. Why?

Our Foreign Missionary Board have intimated through the Rev. Dr. Saunders, that their funds are now exhausted, and that they are in immediate need to meet the demands of the missionaries in the field. The Board has therefore appointed Dr. Saunders to an Agency to visit the churches, and endeavour by a personal canvas to collect what may enable them to go on.

Dr. Saunders being at Tanook last week, presented the case before the brethren there and obtained a collection of \$17.00.

On Lord's Day he preached in the morning in Granville Street, and shewed the necessity of something being done, and appealed to the congregation. In the evening he presented the matter in the North Church. The work of collecting is going on by members of the congregations.

The work of Bible Revision is progressing. We are glad to learn that the Revision of the Old Testament is substantially completed, and that there is good reason to believe that the English and American Revisers will agree to its publication within the coming autumn. There is perhaps even greater anxiety to see the Revised Old Testament than there was to see the New.

The question has been asked, Should a police constable or a magistrate be allowed to sign a petition for a license being given to a liquor seller? We think decidedly not.

Another question has been asked, Could a doctor honestly sign a petition for license, and another against a license to be given to the same person? Ought his name to count on the petition for license? We think not.

The friends of Acadia Seminary will be pleased to read the communication of "Spectator" on another page. It is from the pen of a gentleman not connected in any way as a teacher in either of the institutions, or in their management, and it may, therefore, be regarded as the voice of one of its outside friends.

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