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News from the Churches.

HALIFAX, NORTH CHURCH.—The Pastor Rev. J. W. Manning, baptized two persons on Sunday evening.

SURPRISE PARTY AT THE PARSONAGE AT DEERFIELD.

Our friends surprised us on the 11th inst. as they came driving into our yard, and taking possession of the house for a time. After passing the afternoon very pleasantly in conversation on the greatest and best of all subjects, we sat down to an excellent tea prepared by the sisters. Deacon Jacob Haley presented us with nineteen dollars and thirty cents from the friends, in cash, and this was increased in useful articles to forty dollars. This was responded to by the receiver, thanking the kind friends. Then the Psalm cxxxiii. was read and prayer offered by Bro. Brown, who also addressed the people appropriately. Also Deacons Haley and E. Crosby, Brethren M. Porter, N. Crosby and M. Crosby. May the Lord abundantly bless our friends.

JAMES A. STUBBERT.

TRURO, Sept. 24th.—Mr. Chute, (Lic.), occupied Rev. J. E. Goucher's pulpit on Sunday last, morning and evening. He also delivered an instructive address to the Sabbath School on the lives of Eli and Samuel, and alluded to the Sabbath Schools of Chicago.

Y. M. C. A. HALL.

Mr. Gourney the English evangelist, Rev. S. T. Rand, and the Presbyterian minister of Economy, gave excellent addresses, subject: "Joy and Labor."

TEMPERANCE.

The I. O. G. Templars have lately been honored by distinguished visitors, viz.:—Col. Hickman of Kentucky, M. W. Chief Lecturer, the G. W. Chief and G. W. Vice of New Brunswick, and Dr. "Iron Tea-kettle" M. W. Counsellor Chief of the Mohawks of Canada. He says the above is about as near as people generally get to his name.

He thought the Indians were ahead of the whites in intellect. The Chief was on a delegation to the Governor-General on his first visit to Canada. The Governor said "In England it is reported that whiskey has a greater effect on the brain of your people than on the whites: Is this so?" "Yes," replied the Doctor. "Then may I ask your opinion of the cause, as a medical man?"—the touching reply was "Our people have more brains than yours and so are more affected as whiskey affects the intellect—laughter."

WE had a visit from Rev. P. R. Foster, who has been spending his vacation in making a visit to the people of his former field of labor, at Margaree, C. B. He baptized two persons whilst there, and expects that Bro. Haverstock who had just arrived before he left would soon be called upon to baptize several persons who had expressed their desire for fellowship with the people of God. The Church is looking for a revival of religion.

MR. WHITMAN called at our office last week. He has been laboring for some time with the Church at Tanook, and speaks encouragingly of the state of religion on the Island. May the people with their late Providential blessings have also a gracious visitation, so that they may receive the true riches in abundance.

CUMBERLAND CO.—At Amherst Shore on Sabbath, 16th Sept., one person was baptized by Rev. H. Bool.

At Lindon Rev. D. W. Crandall baptized one on Sept. 2nd.

In the report of the Union on the mission to Sweden, the number of baptisms for the year is given as 4,510, the largest ever reported; the most fruitful year next to the last being 1879 when 3,384 were baptized. In connection with this, it is well to note the remark of a lay missionary writing from Russia to 'The Gospel in All Lands' for May 31, 1883. He says, 'The revival movement, which has been at work in Sweden, has passed over into Finland, and it is not only leading to conversions, but also to divisions. Many of the State clergy are dead spiritually, and hence the new converts separate themselves from the Established Church. They show, when they are not Baptists, a Brethrenistic tendency; and this is least of all acceptable to the powers that be.'

The following is a touching tribute to a departed master of players on the Cornet. His instrument had done good service in the sanctuary for a number of years:—

The Silent Trumpet.

We gathered to put away until the great day of rising the body of Matthew Arbuckle, one of the monarchs of sweet sounds. In the richest of all arts he was one of the masters. Born in Scotland, fifty-four years ago, he went around the earth, his wonderful cornet sound in almost every land. With the military band of the Twenty-sixth Cameronians, he served in China and India, everywhere and all the time augmenting his skill. He could not, for many years, step on the platform of any academy of music in the land without evoking vociferations of welcome. Music with him was not a cold art, but the outpouring of a warm and enthusiastic nature. He played with his eyes full of tears of sympathy, and when he poured forth some favorite selection like that of "Robin Adair," his body, mind and soul expanded and quaked with overmastering emotion. He said to me: "Some music I play from notes, but 'Robin Adair' I play from the heart, for my mother used to sing me to sleep with that in Scotland." He was the complete gentleman. His manners, the tones of his voice, his smile, his attire, his personal presence, his conversation, a charm to most refined circles. By what arithmetic of musical art could it be estimated how many hundreds of thousands of people he moved in the right direction and made happy? He was the first to give popularity to cornet playing in church service. There are churches all over the land that now conduct their music by cornet precursor; but Matthew Arbuckle, in the Brooklyn Tabernacle, lifted the cornet for the first time in divine service since in the ancient Temple God commanded the people "with trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King." For many years, Sabbath mornings and nights, we heard him in the discharge of this important service. When he would rise on his dais, and with great dignity, solemnity and grace wave the audience to their feet, and then in prompt and powerful and enchanting strains lead forth the worship, it was something not soon to be forgotten. But the silver trumpet hath fallen from the lips and the skillful fingers have forgotten their touch, and the music of a long life is done. Those who devote their lives to this magnificent art, what responsibility rests upon them, what opportunities open before them, what potent influences come at their call. Let the bereft household have our tenderest sympathy and most importunate prayers. To lose such a husband and such a father, how appalling the calamity. The wound must have almighty medicament. But there is solace in human commiseration. You know what great, big tears Arbuckle wept when others had trouble, and we must weep over his household, wrapped in midnight of excruciating agony. But it is an illumined night. It has constellations of hope. Matthew Arbuckle always impressed me as a good man. He could hear no story of Christ or heaven without a responsive look that seemed to say he believed it all, and had experienced its power. I think all up and down the land he made the same impression. I think there has been no pause in the music, but that he has taken it up in higher galleries, and in mightier doxologies. St. John says: "I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps." "I heard a great voice, as of a trumpet." "The first angel sounded, and the second angel sounded, and the fifth angel sounded, and the sixth angel sounded." Oh, the roll of heaven's eternal orchestra. Mozart is there, Handel is there, Beethoven is there, all Christian musicians departed are there, and when the baton celestial lifts, what harmony! "like the voice of many waters, like the voice of mighty thunderings—Alleluiah!"

Question: Why should men commend in patriot soldiers who died for others, and condemn the blood-atonement of the Lord Jesus?

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.
Home Missions.

Since the meeting of the Convention, two meetings of the Home Mission Board have been held, at which the following business has been transacted:

1. Election of Officers.

A. C. Robbins, Esq., Chairman; Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., Vice-Chairman; Rev. A. Cohoon, Cor. Sec'y.; Rev. J. D. Skinner, Rec. Sec'y.; Rev. C. Goodspeed, Treas.; Rev. J. A. Gordon and Dea. James Crosby, Auditors.

2. Enlargement of Work.

At the first meeting several hours were spent in the consideration of the condition and needs of the Home Mission work, after which the following resolutions were passed:

1. To send out an appeal to the churches for men and money. This appeal has already been prepared, and will be sent out in a few days. As it in no wise interferes with the working of "The Convention Plan," it is hoped that all pastors to whom it is sent will see that it is read from their pulpits, and that all who see or hear it will heartily respond.

2. That in view of the great lack of pastors, steps be taken to obtain suitable men from abroad.

3. To appoint a few general missionaries, who shall visit in turn the pastoral mission fields and strengthen the things that remain, until faithful pastors can be found to take charge of them. Rev. J. Wallace has been offered an appointment as one of these missionaries.

Grants and Missions.

1. Rev. N. Vidito a mission of 8 weeks to Greywood and Milford; labour to be extended to Kempt if that church is not supplied.

2. Rev. M. P. Freeman a mission of 8 weeks to Little River and Oxford.

3. A grant of \$150 to the Kings Co. mission field, N. S., for the year beginning Aug. 1st, 1883. Rev. D. Freeman, missionary.

4. A grant of \$150 to the New Harbour field, N. S., for the year beginning Aug. 1st, 1883. Rev. D. McLeod, missionary pastor.

5. A grant of \$250 to the Northam field, P. E. I., provided \$100 of that amount be collected outside the field by the missionary, as he has offered to do. Rev. E. N. Archibald, missionary.

6. A grant of \$350 to New Glasgow, N. S., for the year beginning Sept. 22, 1883.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.

Hebron, Sept. 18th, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger.

Advocate Harbor.

Dear Editor,—

Through your paper I wish to express feelings of gratitude to the brethren and friends of the Advocate Harbour church for their unvarying kindness and sympathy manifested towards me during my stay among them this summer. In Apple River, one section of the field, there are only a few Baptist families having a considerable Baptist preaching, but have to hear it in a Methodist house, and although the Methodist friends are very obliging and liberal to them, they would feel better in a house of their own, and I understand a move is to be made in the near future towards the erection of one.

Owing to the disturbed state of church matters at Advocate the results of labour were not as apparent as were hoped for, but in all these affairs the only thing for us is to leave all in the hands of the Master, knowing that in His time all will be well.

Yours in Christ,

M. B. SHAW.

Acadia College, Sept. 5, 1883.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger:

DEAR SIR.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Montreal will be much obliged if you will kindly insert the following article in the next issue of your paper, or as soon as possible, as the grape season will soon be over, and we consider this an important means of temperance work.

I. RENAUD,

Sec. of the Montreal W. C. T. U.

COMMUNION WINE.

It is a well known fact that when fermented wine is used for Sacramental purposes, the reformed drunkard cannot put the sacred cup to his lips without incurring the danger of a relapse into former habits. "One of the members of our church told me that before we gave up using intoxicating wine, it was with the greatest difficulty that he was able to resist taking more after the faste was excited," writes a deacon in a western church; and this man's experience is that of many. For this reason if for no other, churches should be careful to use unfermented wine, and they would no doubt be glad to do so if they knew how to obtain that article. Miss Willard, in her book entitled "Woman and Temperance," tells how the problem was solved in a church in an American city. The lady who solved it, says: "Some time ago our church decided not to use fermented wine, but somehow a sort of logwood decoction got into the chalice, which was entirely out of place and harmful to our cause. Some of the deacons said, 'We cannot have such a mixture as this—it will not answer'; and they were right. The matter troubled me. At last I said to my husband, 'I can't go out much to the temperance meetings, or take an active part in the work of the Woman's Union, but I can prepare wine enough for our church of eight hundred members for all the Communion of this year, and I'll do so.' It was no easy undertaking. It kept me in my kitchen wide awake and on the alert for several days; but I've got the wine all bottled up, and the people are well pleased with it." "Let some lady in each church," says Miss Willard, "go and do likewise, and she will have helped our many sided cause in a noble efficient way." This lady's recipe is as follows:

Take twenty pounds Concord grapes and add two quarts of water. After crushing the grapes put them into a porcelain kettle; when at a boiling heat the juices separate from the pulp and skins. Then strain through a tin sieve or colander, using a little more water; add six pounds granulated sugar. After the sugar is all dissolved, strain through a thick cloth. Then heat hot and pour immediately into stone bottles, and seal tightly while hot. The above will make three gallons, and if properly put up will keep any length of time; but all air must be kept from it till wanted for use. It is better to use bottles that will hold the quantity needed for each Communion.

A Montreal lady has for a number of years prepared all the wine used in the church to which she belongs, from a very similar recipe, at the small cost of 25c. a bottle. Her plan is as follows:

Take 25 pounds of grapes and a pound of sugar, mixed with a quart of water; bring to the boil, and when cool squeeze through a jelly bag. Mix the juice with four pounds of sugar, boil 15 minutes, and skim and bottle while hot in bottles taken out of boiling water. Seal with bees wax and rosin. This makes a very excellent article.

Another well recommended recipe is the following:

Take one gallon of grapes, mash them well, add half a gallon of water and let stand in an earthen jar for three days. Then run off the liquid which is at the bottom, being careful to disturb as little as possible the skins and seeds that have risen to the surface. Add a pound of sugar to each quart of grape juice, bring to the boil, and while at that temperature can in self-sealing jars or sealed bottles.

These directions are published in the hope that temperance ladies throughout

the county will take the matter up, and see that the churches are provided with a pure wine for the Communion table. In regions where grapes are not to be had, arrangements might be made with a Woman's Christian Temperance Union in some other place to provide the necessary quantity at a reasonable price.

Please cut this out for future reference.

For the Christian Messenger.

Our Children's Future.

Dear Editor,—

In your last issue you permitted me to offer a suggestion in reference to our "Convention Scheme," viz., monthly missionary prayer meetings. Now permit me to go a step further and suggest the importance of a system of youthful missionary organization. Let one or more whose whole heart is in the work, visit our churches and form "Juvenile Missionary Societies," or "Mission Bands," under a simple system as to rules. Officer it, appoint a staff of collectors, have 25 cts. admission per annum, and 50 cts. for adult membership. Let the collectors divide the district so as to canvass all the people. Have quarterly mass meetings, with suitable entertainments, addresses, music, readings, &c., and a collection in aid of the funds. As the result I predict in the near future a host of men and women coming into our churches with hearts really interested in the mission cause at home and abroad.

Youthful impressions, good or bad, are lasting. I'll give one illustration only. Sept. 4th, 1847, John B. Gough's "Cold Water Army" was organized in St. John, N. B., numbering 1,000 boys and girls. The good impressions then made are seen and felt to this day. A few days since this world-famed temperance orator, in commemoration of the above event, sent the writer his photo, with an interesting letter containing these words, "After forty years of public labor 'tis one of the greatest pleasures of my life to know my efforts for the young are remembered," &c. Who can estimate the importance of correct early impressions? Therefore, if we would have our churches filled in the future with missionary men and women, deeply interested in the noble work, let us lay the foundation by making special efforts to enlist their sympathies and co-operation in the early youth-time, and depend upon it the result will amply repay the toil of such seed-sowing.

W. J. G.

For the Christian Messenger.

CHESTER, N. S., Sept. 19, 1883.

Dear Bro. Selden,—

I am in receipt of a letter from a very worthy deacon of one of our Baptist churches, in which letter he refers to a visit which the community where he resides has had from a Mormon preacher, proclaiming himself to be a "Latter Day Saint." He refers also to the evil influence this "saint" has had over certain members of different Baptist churches, persons heretofore highly esteemed as Christians. A number of such have been converted to his faith, and have adopted and professed the Mormon religion!

To illustrate what this worthy deacon of one of our most intelligent Baptist churches thinks of this man and his religion—and that after having seen him and his work, and so having had an opportunity to judge correctly of the man and the miserable influence he exerts over some minds—I will quote a sentence from his letter to me. It was not meant for the public eye, but I venture to publish it, inasmuch as that I believe the people of God should be on their guard against all "Latter Day Wolves" who come to us professing to be "saints." Referring to this man our brother writes as follows: "I think warning should be given to all our people as that emissary of the devil, with his sly tongue, worms himself in among them." I am informed that this Mormon

"saint" purposes soon to visit Cape Breton. The Lord deliver the churches and people from the wretched doctrine and delusion of this misguided man. Yes, and more. May he deliver the man himself from this snare of the devil, and lead him to the God of his sainted father for salvation.

Our churches and people need to know more of Jesus Christ the Crucified. This would make them both better and happier; but they can well and wisely afford to shut out "Joe Smith" and "Brigham Young" and all their followers. Inquire for "the old paths," my brethren, and walk in them, and by-and-bye you shall rejoice in the Latter Day glory.

J. F. KEMPTON.

For One Month.

In addition to our numerous and intelligent readers, we believe there are **TEN THOUSAND FAMILIES** in Nova Scotia and elsewhere, who need the weekly visits of

The Christian Messenger.

We know of nothing that would do them as much good. We respectfully invite our friends to aid us in finding them out, and sending it to them.

For HALF-A-DOLLAR we will send the MESSENGER every week till January 1st, 1884. We would be glad also to send them

A GOOD HORSE,

but as we cannot do that, we will send them also by mail, free of postage, the best book on the Horse—**DR. KENDALL'S TREATISE ON THE HORSE AND ITS DISEASES.**

Any person—

LADY OR GENTLEMAN,

who can spend a few hours a day, may do much good, and at the same time make a little money for expenses by finding out such families, and shewing them the advantages of having

A Good Christian Newspaper

sent to them every week. Send us on the names and addresses of five New Subscribers with Two Dollars, and we will send the paper and the book,

FIVE FOR THE PRICE OF FOUR.

Every member of a Baptist Church ought to know what is being done by their own denomination. As the three Associations of this province have decided not to print the Minutes, and the Convention will charge 10 cents a copy for the Year Book, there is greater necessity than ever that members of churches should

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which gives good reports of what is done by these bodies in their Annual Sessions. The Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board promises to send us copies of

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THIS IS RELIABLE.—R. N. Wheeler, merchant, of Everton, was cured of a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs by Haggards Pectoral Balsam. This great throat and lung healer cures weak lungs, coughs, hoarseness, bronchitis, and all Pectoral complaints.