

The Christian Messenger.

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DEVELOPMENTS OF TRUTH.

In pursuing the thought suggested last week, that the history of Christianity during the past two or three centuries has been by developments of its grand truths and principles, which have been overlaid by the errors of the dark ages, we may refer to John Knox, in Scotland, and Whitfield and the Wesleys, in England and the United States, as fresh announcements of the great truth that religion must be made a personal matter. They have been more fully and extensively reiterated by their successors. But the demand for the Church being a distinct and separate body, having in it none but those who believe in Christ, has not been so distinctly announced by the bodies to which they belong, and so consistently carried out as by Churches of the Congregational and Baptist orders. In the Methodist body the expression of a desire to flee from the wrath to come, has been held to be the qualification for membership, and the Presbyterian Churches have comprised in their membership, believers and their children. The administration of what is regarded as baptism to infants, interferes with their carrying out fully the separation of the Church from the world, and leaves them with a large number of persons who believe they have received Christian Baptism, and by virtue of that rite, are entitled to some sort of membership.

It is becoming more and more evident that this is not like the churches of the New Testament, which, it is clear, consisted of those who having made a confession of faith in Christ as their Lord and Master, were regarded as believers, disciples, saints. If none were regarded as members of Christian Churches, or held to be suitable materials of which to form a Church of Christ, except such as gave evidence of living a life of faith in Christ, and of endeavouring to render loving obedience to his precepts and commands, what a vast difference would soon be apparent throughout Christendom; and how much better would the preachers of the gospel be able to make appeals to the unconverted. This is a fruitful topic, inviting to more lengthy remark, but we must not enlarge.

This then—a converted Church membership—we hold to be one of the great demands of the present day. All more or less hear, the gospel preached. Many who do so, regularly, have no thought that they need any further spiritual exercises than an attendance on Public Worship, once or twice on the Lord's Day, and so have no intelligent appreciation of themselves as sinners needing a divine Saviour. It must be evident to such as are familiar with the Word of God, that a practical application of this foundation principle—a converted church membership, is one of the great wants of the Church of Christ among all denominations at the present day.

We need scarcely invite the attention of our readers to the article on our first page "Providing for one's own." Mr. Humpstone is the pastor recently settled over the Emanuel Church of Brooklyn, New York. The spirit which it breathes is loyalty to truth and a high appreciation of the precepts and example of our Lord and Saviour, and which are fast emerging into their proper position, among all the followers of Christ.

The Wesleyan has an excellent engraving of the handsome new Academy building at Sackville. It is of four stories with a basement. We should judge by the accompanying description that it is a grand building, well worthy of the people to whom it belongs. It is heated by water.

Notwithstanding the efforts made by certain parties to get the Act passed last session of Parliament, allowing marriage with a deceased wife's sister, set aside, the Queen will not disallow the Act. Let us be thankful that we have a sensible woman on the British throne.

FROM THE NORTH-WEST.—The Prince Albert Times and Saskatchewan Review of November 22, 29, and December 6 came to hand a few days since; they express strong dissatisfaction that they have a mail only every three weeks and are agitating for a weekly mail. Out in the cold is with them no figurative expression. The editor Fitz-Cochran Esq., late of Halifax, very properly says: To have to wait three weeks for our letters and newspapers and no telegraph to inform us of the doings of the great outside world may have suited the last decade, but will not do for this generation.

With reference to the number of inhabitants in Prince Albert, some idea may be gained by the following item: Last fall there was 1,000 gallons of coal oil consumed, and still there was not enough. 2,000 gallons is this winter's supply.

The following register was kindly furnished by George Duck Esq., Dominion Land Agent:

	above zero.	below zero.
Nov. 28		15 deg.
" 29		4 "
" 30		2 "
Dec. 1		4 "
" 2		2 "
" 3	6 deg.	
" 4		2 "
" 5		20 "

The snow fall has been exceptionally heavy so far. More snow has already fallen than during the whole of last winter. This makes travelling very heavy, and in the woods, owing to the early fall of snow in October, the muskies are not frozen sufficiently strong to allow teams to pass over.

The editor says Nov. 22, we received a turnip to-day from one of our subscribers which weighed sixteen pounds.

QU' APPELLE.—N. W. T. says: We have had two cold snaps this month, the lowest reading of the thermometer being thirty-eight below zero on Thursday, Dec. 14. The weather has been very pleasant in the Valley, there being good sleighing for a month past, and clear, bright days.

The latest market prices at Prince Albert are given as follows:

Beef 15 to 16 cents per lb. Fresh Pork, 20 to 25 cents per lb. Eggs, 50 cents per dozen, very scarce. Butter, 50 to 60 cents per lb. Potatoes \$1 per bushel, Turnips, \$1 per bushel, Wheat, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel, Oats, \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel, Barley, \$1 per bushel, Flour, XXXX \$5.50 to \$6, XXX, \$4.50 to \$5 per sack of 98 lbs., Oatmeal, 20 cents per lb.

The sky on Friday evening was brilliantly illuminated with the aurora borealis. It requires the clear air of these northern latitudes to display this beautiful atmospheric phenomenon to perfection.

The Rapid City Standard in noticing matters between the Manitoba and the Dominion Governments, on the subject of railway construction, says:

"A good deal has been said and written about danger to the Confederation, arising from conflicts between Dominion and Provincial authorities. There certainly seems to be some cause for apprehension. The Dominion is not yet seventeen years old and already there is serious friction in the working of its machinery. A deadlock may occur at any moment between the Ottawa and Toronto Governments. If the former adheres to its present North West policy it is but a question of time, and a very short time, until Manitoba will be driven into political rebellion."

England has made remarkable progress in her Common School arrangements during the past twenty years.

In all the advance movements there is a practicalness given which is not found in many other countries.

In the Examination papers for teachers in the Training Colleges at the close of the past year, we find in addition to papers on the ordinary branches of School work, one paper on Political Economy. Here are some of the questions:

Credit has been called the instrument which turns wealth into capital; examine this, and discuss the influence of credit on prices.

Discuss the advantages of the joint stock system, and explain the frequent failure of enterprises with limited liability.

What circumstances have given rise

to Trades Unions? Explain the effect of a trades fund upon the wages of the trade.

What do you understand by tenant-right? Show that the general welfare of the community is concerned in the best cultivation of the soil.

Discuss the question whether expenditure for foreign war should be met by loan or by increased taxation.

Among the numerous subjects of examination for Female Candidates of the 2nd year, including musical notation, we find a paper on Domestic Economy. We copy a few of the questions from the paper:

Describe, with exact statements of time and quantity, the processes of roasting, boiling, and stewing any piece of beef you choose.

Describe different methods of making tea and coffee, and say which method you think the best, and why you think so.

Give accurate items of proper expenditure of a family of man, wife, and four children, where the man is a peasant in the country earning 15s. per week, or an artisan in town earning 30s. per week.

State, with accurate items, the cost, profit, and benefit to a peasant, of a cow, a pig, and poultry.

What are the causes and nature of the following complaints, and the best ways of avoiding them:—Consumption, typhoid fever, itch, weakness of eyesight?

If you were hiring a house what points affecting health would you inquire into?

The Church Guardian thinks the season of Lent would be more suitable for a Week of Prayer than the first week of the year—"a time when festivities are indicating the joy of the church of Christ at the Incarnation of her Lord!"

Home News

Nova Scotia.

The Local Legislature is summoned to meet on Thursday, the 8th day of February.

APPOINTMENTS.—Colchester Co.—To be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands—Samuel G. A. Morrison, of Acadia Mines.

Victoria Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Alexander McDonald, Baddeck.

Kings Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Alexander Giván, Harborville; C. W. F. Webster, Cambridge; and W. Clarke Hilsley, Somerset.

Digby Co.—To be a Notary and Tabeillon Public—Charles Burrell, Esq., of Weymouth.

Mr. F. B. Crofton, of Truro, is appointed Librarian of the Provincial Library. It is intimated that the salary of \$1,000 a year will be reduced.

The Central Board of Agriculture advertises for applications from Provincial societies or Exhibition committees desiring to undertake the Provincial Exhibition of 1883. The applications will be received until the 18th inst.

The City Fire-wardens have been busy enquiring into the facilities for the protection of life and property in case of fire in some of our larger buildings. The Y. M. C. A. building and the Halifax Hotel were inspected on Thursday last.

At the meeting of the City School Board on Thursday last, in accordance with a motion at a preceding meeting the following list of officers, other than teachers and janitors, in the employ of the Board, with the amount of salary received by each was presented:

*Supervisor, Benj. Curren.....\$1,400
Secretary, Robert J. Wilson..... 1,000
Caretaker, John Morris..... 550
Messenger, Henry Flowers..... 150
*Less 10 per cent.

A letter was read from Dr. Gilpin, headmaster of the High School, giving the results of the recent examination for admission:

Honor Scholarship.—John C. DeWolf, Fred H. Pickles, Wm. H. Roche, Chas. M. Whiston.

The Halifax Auxiliary Bible Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday last in St. John's Church. Addresses were delivered by several clergymen and others.

Horses have been lively during the past week in the city. Several who undertook to start off on their own account came to grief, making work for the carriage builders.

The City Council has been busy preparing the New Assessment Act for the Legislature.

The nominations for Inverness County election took place on Thursday at Port Hood. Mr. Macdonald, (Government), and Dr. McLennan (Opposition).

At Liverpool there were four new vessels registered last year. The total number of vessels now on the books are 91, of 8,814 aggregate tonnage.

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES.—The great secret of beauty is pure blood. Eruptions and all blotches that disfigure the face, may be quickly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. Annie Heath, of Portland, certifies that she was cured by this remedy, after suffering for two years.

THAT HUSBAND OF MINE is three times the man he was before he began using "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists.

Captain Michael Wilson who was accidentally shot last week died on Tuesday last, from the effects of the wound. A post mortem examination was held, the results of which were given before the coroner and jury at the inquest. The bullet was found imbedded in the anterior surface of the seventh cervical vertebra. John Wills who had the revolver in his hand when the shooting took place, was a warm friend of the deceased, and has done all in his power by attending him to aid in his recovery. The jury returned the following verdict:—

"That the deceased came to his death on January 4th, 1883, from a wound received from a pistol accidentally discharged by John Wills on December 18th, 1882. The jury further find that Robertson's shop in not mentioning it was loaded at the time, and at the same time the jury are of opinion that too much caution cannot be used in regard to firearms."

Captain Wilson was highly esteemed in this city and at Barrington, by the whole community. He enjoyed on his brother before he died, that the shooting was perfectly accidental and that Wills was not to blame, and said to him: "Poor John meant no more harm to me than he would have done to you."

The International Hotel at Shubenacadie was burnt down on Tuesday the 2nd, and most of the furniture destroyed.

Pictou has added seven vessels during the year measuring 2695 tons struck off ten vessels measuring 3888. Remaining on the register 101 vessels measuring 33,226 tons.

Shelburne registered thirteen new vessels, of 1,488 tons. The total number of vessels now on the registry of the port is 134, of twelve thousand and fifty five aggregate tons.

Samuel Hiltz of Lunenburg, was accidentally shot in the leg by a companion while duck shooting on Monday last.

There will be 4,000,000 feet of lumber shipped from Bridgewater in the spring.

A PRAISEWORTHY OBJECT.—"None name it but to praise." This is true of that unsurpassed remedy, "Hayward's Yellow Oil." It cures pain and inflammation, whether from sprain, bruise, or frost bite, lame back, rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, croup, deafness, and is for internal and external use.

CATARH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging irritation, inflammation, all Kidney and Urinary Complaints, cured by "Buchupaiba." \$1.

On Friday last the Lillian of Halifax, a vessel of 48 tons, owned by Mr. Walter Murray, of Port Hawkesbury got ashore on Shetland Island, near Three Fathom Harbor. The vessel lies on her beam ends with her hatchways partly covered with water, and has her sails set. A steam tug went down to her assistance and returned the same night.

WOLFVILLE ITEM.—The Scot Act in Kings.—Last Friday evening the 5th, a large meeting was held in the vestry of the Baptist Meeting house, Wolfville, in the interest of the Scot Act. This Act was believed to be an excellent one in itself, but hitherto in Kings County, as possibly in other Counties, no adequate provision had been made for carrying it out. A temperance committee, acting for the whole County, had undertaken the prosecution of different rum-sellers, but the ends of justice had been largely thwarted by their appeal from one court to another. This meeting was therefore called to pass a resolution to the effect that a Stipendiary Magistrate be appointed for the township of Horton, from whose decision in cases of this kind, it seems there can be no appeal. Such resolution was passed unanimously.

In Counties that have no Inland Revenue Office, the better way for the enforcement of the Scot Act appears to be the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrates. For this purpose the Municipal Council can divide the County they serve into districts, and the justices of each district can from their own number appoint one or more Stipendiary Magistrates. Would it not be well for each County that has adopted the Scot Act to move in this matter?

On Saturday night a police sergeant, passing through Bedford Row, found a drunken man lying on the sidewalk fast asleep. He was taken to the lockup and \$153 was found on him. He was let out on Sunday on paying a fine of \$2.00.

A REMARKABLE FACT.—It is a remarkable fact W. A. Edgers, of Frankville, who was so far gone with liver and kidney complaint that his life was despaired of, was cured with four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters. At one day he lay a fortnight without an operation of the bowels.

Just five months ago it was my painful duty to inform your readers of the loss by drowning in their father's vessel, of the only son and youngest daughter of Bro. Capt. Wilson Denton of this place, it is now my painful duty to inform them of the death of Bro. Denton. During the last five months, the health of our Bro. was not at all good, the physical and mental sufferings he endured in connection with the capsize of his vessel, and the loss of his children, so shook his once robust constitution, that he never recovered from the effects, and on Friday last in the forty-second year of his age, he breathed his last, after suffering extreme pain for several weeks. Our brother and his esteemed wife were the first persons who made a public profession of religion at the commencement of my pastorate on this Island, and were baptized Jan. 18th, 1880. These were three years of Christian walk and humble piety. His place at conference and prayer-meetings, and communion occasions, was seldom empty when he was at home. He died in the faith of the gospel of that "Friend that loveth at all times, and sticketh closer than a brother." Our Bro. was a consistent Son of Temperance and Freemason, both of which societies in this place took charge of his remains, and attended

them to the grave, where, after prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton, of Freeport, the impressive Masonic services were conducted by W. M. Bro. Thos. Pack, assisted by the writer. A large concourse of people filled the house of worship where religious services appropriate to the occasion were engaged in, the pastor being assisted by Rev. J. F. Kempton. A deep solemnity pervaded the assembly, and it is hoped that impressions were made which will be eternal in their results. Dear Sister Denton is very graciously sustained under this second heavy bereavement by a firm, unwavering and intelligent faith in that merciful and loving Father, who has declared "all things work together for good to them that love God." Very deep sympathy is felt for her and her only remaining daughter. May the dear Lord sanctify the event to the good of his people.

A. E. INGRAM,
Westport, Digby Co., Jan. 3rd 1883.

At Westport, Brier Island, the earthquake was felt about ten o'clock on Sunday evening. The ice on a large pond covering several acres was broken by it, leaving large fissures said to be as much as six inches wide in some places.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER meetings are being largely attended in the several places of worship, where they were appointed.

On Monday morning at half past 9, the Y. M. C. A. Hall was filled. The meeting was conducted by S. L. Shannon Esq., A request was made by the Committee that except the address of Dr. Burns the time should be occupied by devotional exercises, and according to prayer and praise filled up the whole time. It was an excellent meeting.

The evening meeting in Granville Street Church was well attended, Rev. Mr. MacArthur presided. Dr. Burns gave an earnest address and prayer was offered by Revs. Laing, Dr. Saunders, McPherson, and others.

The Annual meeting of the Halifax and Dartmouth Sabbath School Association will be held in the school-room of St. Matthews Church, Halifax, on Thursday 18th inst., at 7.30 p. m. S. S. workers throughout the County are invited to be present to take into consideration the formation of a County Association.

POPULARITY.—Why they are popular.—The reason that National Pills are so universally popular is because they are certain in their action, mild and painless in their operation, and never leave the bowels constipated. They are sugar-coated, and contain no mineral poison.

DON'T BE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats." Clears out rats, mice, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, chipmunks, gophers, 15c.

New Brunswick.

The appointment of Hon. J. J. Fraser as a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, is gazetted.

The failure of Carvill & Sons in London is injuriously affecting the commercial interests of St. John.

At Moncton it was 22 degrees below zero on Friday last.

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

Dominion of Canada.

A great Convention of the liberal party was held at Toronto on Wednesday last. It is said that over six thousand delegates were present, Capt. McMaster presided. The Ontario government and its course in reference to the boundary question was an important part of the proceedings, the Dominion government and its acts were under review on Thursday. A set of resolutions was adopted declaring that the repudiation of the boundary award was a breach of public faith; also a protest against changes in liquor license law, and recommending the extension of the franchise in the direction of manhood suffrage. Others also on the election laws, judicial reform, etc.

The Dominion Parliament will meet for the despatch of business on February 8th.

Sir Charles Tupper has returned to Ottawa.

The National Steamship Line is building a monster steamer for their trade between Liverpool and Montreal. She will be 6,500 tons burden, and will carry 1,000 passengers, besides freight.

Quebec had a large fire on Thursday. Damages \$20,000.

The revenue of the Dominion are as follows:

Customs.....\$1,482,297.99
Excise..... 649,581.43
Miscellaneous..... 348,855.19
Total.....\$2,480,734.61

The statement for the first six months of the fiscal year 1882, is:

Customs.....\$1,388,034.84
Excise..... 3,455,847.61
Miscellaneous..... 2,721,715.38
Total.....\$7,565,597.83

The Toronto Mayoralty case is now in court. There is no doubt whatever that the returns were tampered with.

Remarkable cases of insanity developed in Toronto on Friday evening last. The wife of Robert Coombe and her three daughters, whose ages range from 21 to 25, started out for a walk at four o'clock. They were accompanied by a lady friend. While walking the street the mother and three daughters exhibited unmistakable signs of insanity, waved handkerchiefs in the street and

called every lady they met by some masculine name. They were finally taken to the Police Station. A medical gentleman was sent for. While in the station they kept up their freaks without intercession. The doctors pronounced it genuine insanity.

H. R. H. Princess Louise is expected to leave Charleston, South Carolina for Bermuda in the steamer Dido, Capt. Domville, and it is said she contemplates remaining in Bermuda during the winter months, and will not go to Ottawa before the close of the next session of the Dominion Parliament.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE.—Rev. W. E. Gifford, while pastor of M. E. Church, Bothwell, suffered from chronic dyspepsia so badly as to render life almost a burden. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

News of the World.

The London Times says that Lord Raglan has sent a circular to English representatives abroad explaining the Government's action in Egypt, and inviting the powers to recognize definitely the free navigation of the Suez canal by ships of all nations.

Sir Charles Dilke, in a speech at Chelsea, on New Year's Day, pointed out that the peaceful condition of the British Colonies and excellent relations of England with foreign nations generally would allow the Government to turn its attention to domestic reforms.

The Malagasy envoys, started on the 1st inst., for Manchester with the American Consul for Madagascar.

The London Daily News of the 4th inst., publishes a letter from Madagascar, dated Sept. last, giving details of the murder of two Americans, Emerson and Hulett. Emerson was shot without the slightest warning by natives, whom the travellers had passed on the road. Hulett was wounded whilst fleeing, but turned on his pursuers with revolvers, when natives dispersed into the bushes from which they fired and killed him. The murders were committed on the 9th Sept. The bodies were recovered on the 15th. A French interpreter and an African attendant were also killed in the struggle.

The Inman Line steamer City of Brussels, Captain Land, from New York, December 28th for Liverpool, was run down in the Channel by a Glasgow steamer during a fog, and ten persons drowned. Two of the persons drowned were passengers.

Mr. Gladstone is indisposed. Dr. Andrew Clark was summoned to attend him on Sunday morning.

Mr. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has been on a provincial tour to inspect distressed districts.

A priest in Donegal telegraphs to the Daily News that he accompanied Mr. Trevelyan, in the parish of Glen-columb. They visited twenty families and found that there was not a morsel of food in any house.

On Wednesday last Delaney was found guilty of conspiracy to murder Judge Lawson, and sentenced to ten years penal servitude.

The Commission Court has sentenced a man in whose cause a jury recently disagreed, to seven years penal servitude for arson.

The National League meeting which assembled at Balmalaw, Kings Co., on Sunday Dec. 31st, in defiance of the Government proclamation forbidding it, was dispersed by a large constabulary force.

The trial of 66 socialists was to begin at Lyons on Monday. Thirty eight are charged with belonging to the International Association, and the remainder, including Prince Krapotkin, with being its officers.

The death and burial of Gambetta, has been the great political event of the past week in France. He died at midnight of the 31st ult. it was said from suppressed erysipelas. An autopsy held showed there had been long standing inflammation of the bowels, which led to a contraction of the small intestines, bringing about infiltration in the rear of the colon in the very wall of the abdomen. Deputations came from all parts of the country to attend his funeral on Saturday, which was a public one, 20,000 francs were to be expended on the ceremonies.

The London Press speaks in high terms of Gambetta and the serious loss to France from his death.

The Standard says: "It is not to be denied that Gambetta stood well above and beyond all other men in France. As far as can be judged his death is an immeasurable loss to France."

The Times says: "The history of the coming generation will be profoundly modified by the removal of Gambetta. Whether the change is for good or evil, it needs more than human wisdom to say; but of its magnitude there can be no doubt. The world itself is poorer for the untimely loss of so potent a force. France is bereaved of the one statesman who taught her to be true to herself even in the hour of despair."

The procession was nearly two miles long, a guard of honor preceding and flanking the catafalque, with its band playing a funeral dirge.

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