

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., January 23, 1884.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Annual meeting of the W. M. A. Societies, of Halifax and Dartmouth was held in the basement of the North Baptist Church, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15th. The meeting was the largest and most enthusiastic one ever held in the city under the auspices of the above societies. The presence of the sisters from Dartmouth contributed not a little to the interest, as this was the first time the W. M. A. Society in connection with the church on the other side of the harbor was present at these anniversary occasions. C. H. Whitman, Esq., of Dartmouth, presided with his usual efficiency. The choir of the North Baptist Church, led by W. T. Harris, furnished excellent music during the exercises.

After reading the 42nd chapter of Isaiah, the chairman called on the Rev. E. J. Grant to offer prayer.

Reports from the three societies were read by their respective secretaries.

The first by Miss H. Wright, Secretary of the Society connected with the Granville Street Church, reported there had not been much change during the year. The work had gone on as in previous years.

We have hope for the future, and assurance to go forward in the power of His might for whom we are working. We are very desirous that those who have not become members of the Society will do so this year, and be willing workers in our midst. Our monthly meetings have been interesting to those who have attended them, and our thanks are due to Mrs. Selden for missionary intelligence. We hope that our members will all try to afford us the pleasure of their presence as well as their contributions. We trust that there will be a marked difference for the better in the attendance during this year.

The number of members is 57, amount contributed is \$54.00.

The report of the Aid Society connected with the Dartmouth Church was then read by Miss A. E. Johnston. The Society is in its third year, and has made very commendable progress. It says:

We organized in 1882, with a membership of 7. Two Missionary Links were subscribed for, and \$5.50 raised in money. The next year saw us with 10 new members, 4 new subscribers to the Link, and \$15.50 to send into the Treasury. This year we make a fresh start with 22 members (nearly half of the women in the church) and as each sister at our last meeting pledged herself to bring one new member in February, we trust to have a better record with which to close the year. We are not the only one of our Societies which has to deplore the small attendance at our monthly meetings. Too many of our sisters we fear, feel that when they have paid their \$1.00 their work is done, and if we would only feel that upon each one of us as individuals rested the responsibility of this work, if each member of our different Societies would but listen to the Master's last command, "GO THOU," we would come together in such numbers that not only would we be encouraged to greater efforts, but such earnest prayer would arise from our monthly meetings as would bring down a rich blessing upon India.

At a sale last Summer \$17 00 was realized, and it is expected that as the Sunday School collections increase the Society will soon be in a position to support a native teacher or preacher.

Mrs. J. W. Manning read the report of the North Baptist Society. The report states that 60 Missionary Links are taken by members of the Society, and 30 Little Helpers. The Society seems to be in a flourishing condition.

The meetings of our Society have been regularly sustained during the past year, and the interest greatly increased by letters from our Bro. Archibald, mostly private, written to his friends who have kindly read parts of them for our benefit. Nothing touches our hearts like words fresh from our missionaries. The sight of the foreign post marks and stamps, the thin, blurred and frequently mutilated pages are like a breath from the far off land, and inspire us with the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice as nothing else can do. We have had eleven new members during the past year. Three of our number have removed to other places. We remit to the Central Board the sum of \$56.77.

There is connected with each of the Societies a Mission Band. The average number in attendance at the Band connected with the Granville Street Society during the past year was 21. This Band supports a little girl named "Lizzie," in Miss Hammond's, now Mrs. Archibald's, school.

The Band connected with the Dartmouth Society numbers 26. Its work is by no means done. It is active and vigorous.

During the summer months the Band of the North Baptist Society discontinued its meetings, but resumed them in the Autumn. 60 were in attendance at the first meeting. They support a young man called "David," who is pursuing his studies at the Theological School at Samulcotta. He spent his vacation in preaching with good results, and bids fair to be a very useful worker in the Master's vineyard.

At the Samulcotta Seminary the students are required to work at manual labor one hour every day, something very hard for a Telugu of caste, but they do it and like it too. Mr. Archibald being a member of the same church that sustains "David," writes them interesting particulars concerning him, and sends messages from him to the Society. Mr. A. says he is 16 years of age, good looking a rugged strong boy, and promises to make a very useful man. The report contains many other excellent things which we should like to present to our readers. After the reading of the reports the chairman stated that Miss Payne, recently from Burma was present, and had with her a Burmese little girl. He invited Miss P. to the platform. She then came and gave a highly interesting account of what she had seen in that far-off land. She described a journey to the jungle, and showed how ready the people were to receive the missionaries. The travelling conveniences are not the most desirable, as all their cooking utensils, food and bedding must be carried. On entering a house you are invited to partake of *coon*, a most disagreeable mixture which the natives chew, composed of liquorice, lime, tobacco and curry, boiled together and packed in boxes. All chew, from the youngest to the oldest. It is the custom and that alone makes it proper.

Mr. Selden said he wished to explain to those present who might not be aware of the fact that the earlier Foreign Missionary labors of the Baptists in these Provinces had been in the locality where Miss Payne had been lately engaged, on behalf of the American Missionary Union. And although the Societies whose reports had been just read, were now seeking to benefit the Telugus in another part of India, it was very gratifying to see here one of the fruits of former labor in the person of the child, Mah Thit—Miss New—a grand child of one of the first of Judson's Native Preachers. He Mr. S. knew that the Societies would be glad to give expression to their pleasure at having Miss Payne with them, after an absence of seven or eight years, spent in missionary labor in that far-off land, and had hastily prepared, and would submit the following:

Resolved, That the Societies now holding their annual meeting, are glad to offer a most hearty welcome to Miss Payne amongst them, as representing the people on whose behalf the Baptists of these provinces for many years expended their labors and contributions in sustaining Native Preachers, when the brethren in the United States were in difficulties, and were compelled to discontinue that part of their mission work.

We are also reminded by the presence of Miss Payne, and of Mah Thit, the child of one of the converts—the laborers in that land, of our brethren Burpee and Crawley, who have gone to their rest, and of Brethren Wm. George and H. Morrow and E. Kelly, and their wives, and Miss Norris now Mrs. W. F. Armstrong, and Mrs. Kelly, formerly Miss Blackader, and Miss DeWolfe, for several years of valuable service, all from these provinces, and all missionary laborers in Burma.

Notwithstanding that our present missionary work is transferred to another people in India, we cannot but regard the labors of Miss Payne and her associates as having strong claims on our warmest sympathy and our earnest prayers.

The Halifax Dispensary reports for the past year:—

Patients treated..... 3,082
Deaths..... 62
Teeth extracted..... 780
Prescriptions dispensed..... 14,067

Church collections on Dispensary Sunday:—

1881..... 1882..... 1883.....
\$985.89 \$1,321.79 \$1,426.96

This is doubtless one of our best public charities. The fund for giving nutritious food to the sick poor is a most desirable one to aid. Those who

have means should occasionally read our Lord's story of the Good Samaritan and heed his injunction, "Go and do thou likewise!" They would be blessed in their deed. There is very much good Samaritan work requiring to be done now-a-days.

The Report stated that Mrs. Webster, the janitress, continues to discharge her duties in a very satisfactory manner.

After a vote of thanks to the various officers of the institution, the old board of directors was re-appointed as follows: President.—W. C. Silver.

Vice-Presidents.—His Worship the Mayor and H. H. Fuller.

Directors.—Wm. Dunbar, Edward Smith, Robert Taylor, M. Dwyer, W. D. Harrington, Wm. Robertson, J. F. Kenny, hon. treasurer.

A week or two since there was an examiner required in the University of Oxford and the Rev. R. F. Horton, Fellow and Lecturer of New College, a nonconformist, was nominated and approved by a majority of the congregation, but the fact of his being a nonconformist was sufficient notwithstanding his high moral intellectual and scholastic character to arouse opposition, and the clergy from all around the city were induced to come and give their votes against him.

The Liberation Society passed a series of resolutions in reference to the action of which the following is the first:

1. The refusal by the Convocation of the University of Oxford to confirm the selection, by the Nomination Board of the University, of the Rev. R. F. Horton, M. A., Fellow and Lecturer of New College, as one of the examiners in the rudiments of faith and religion, avowedly on no other ground than that he is a Nonconformist, is regarded by this Committee as violating the spirit of the Universities Tests Act, 1871, by which it is enacted that, save as to certain offices—of which this is not one—no person shall be required to belong to any specific church, or denomination, to enable him to hold any office in the University.

A London paper of a week or two since says "There was no sunshine whatever registered at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, last week."

This could hardly be said of Nova Scotia.

C. H. SPURGEON.

It is pleasing to see how Mr. Spurgeon enjoys his relationship with the boys and girls in his orphanage. He went to the south of France for a rest of a few weeks. Whilst there however he does not forget his people old or young, but keeps up correspondence with them. The Orphanages contain about 400 fatherless children, now require about £10,000 a year to sustain them; and the money comes.

The usual festivities were observed at Christmas. The tables were arranged with great taste, a box of figs, a new shilling, a coquette and Christmas card and an orange being placed in front of each child. Every boy and girl in the Orphanage were present, for the beds and ward of the infirmary were without a single occupant.

In the absence of the president his brother Rev. J. A. Spurgeon enjoyed the post of honour, supported by Mrs. Spurgeon, and inaugurated the proceedings at the dinner table by reading the following characteristic letter from his brother:—

GRAND HOTEL, MENTONE,
December 23, 1883.

Dear Children,—It pleases me to think of you all as full of glee and gladness to-day. Let us thank God for providing the Orphanage, and then for giving us kind friends who think of our daily wants, and then again for finding another set of friends to make us merry on Christmas Day. You see the Lord not only sends us our daily bread, but something over. Let us together bless the Great Father's name. I do not know how you can thank him better than by becoming His own dear children, through believing in His Son Jesus. I hope every boy and girl will be found believing in Jesus, loving Jesus, and serving Jesus.

I am just a thousand miles away from you, but my love gets to you by one great leap. It is a little after seven on Sabbath morning, and the sun is just up, and the sea is like melted silver. There are such sweet roses in my room and just outside the window there are oranges and lemons. Don't envy me for I know the oranges are sour, and those which you will have to-day will be much better. Do not forget three cheers for Mr. Duncan. I shall listen between one and two on Tuesday

and if I hear your voices I shall just ride on the moon to you, and drop down from the ceiling. That is a great big if.

Be very happy, and very kind to one another. Do not give the dear matrons and masters any trouble at any time. Obey immediately all Mr. Charlesworth's rules, and make him happy, and then perhaps he will get quite stout.

God bless you, my dear girls and boys. Three cheers for the Trustees. No more except my best love,

From

C. H. SPURGEON.

The report of Mr. Spurgeon's health was that he had felt some inconvenience in his foot, and had rested it in bed, otherwise his health had been excellent.

We learn from the Burlington Hawk-eye that the resignation tendered by Rev. Dr. E. C. Spinney of the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of that city, in consequence of ill health and consequent inability to discharge the duties of his office, was accepted on the 6th ult., and at the same meeting, and in accordance with the doctor's letter of resignation, the church invited Rev. A. W. Fuller, the assistant pastor, to the position of pastor, and appointed a committee to prepare a formal expression of the sentiments of the church toward Dr. Spinney. On the following Sunday morning the committee reported a series of resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, First, that while bowing to the will of God, we deeply regret the affliction which has come upon our dear pastor and fellow worker in the Lord.

Second, That it is with profound sorrow we accede to his request and dissolve the relation which has happily so continued between us for three and one half years.

Third, That we hereby bear cheerful testimony to the faithful and unselfish Christian labors of our dear brother and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Spinney, and that in this separation we shall lose in them true fellow-laborers in the Lord.

Fourth, That our sympathy and prayers shall go with Dr. Spinney and his family in their removal from us, and shall follow them in the years that are to come, in memory of the tender relations that have existed between us.

Fifth, That we shall pray that God may according to His own will, grant to our brother restoration of health and a long life of usefulness in his chosen work.

Sixth, That we commend our dear brother and sister to God and to the sympathy and love of our brethren and sisters in the Lord wherever their lot may be cast.

Mr. Fuller has for six months occupied the pulpit as assistant pastor and has the confidence and esteem of the congregation. He was highly esteemed by his predecessor who recommended him first as an assistant, and afterward suggested him as his own successor.

THE PRIMARY QUARTERLY, a new Lesson H'p prepared by the American Baptist Publication Society for 1884, is a real beauty. The attractiveness of its cover prepares us for the good things found between its covers. A pleasing 'Primary Service' Map, and 'Map Talk' form special features. Each lesson has two pictures. There seems to be just the right things prepared for each Sunday. This Quarterly takes the place of 'Our Children's Picture Lesson.' It is sure to be a great success. The Society has done well in its publication. Price, in clubs of five or more, 10 cents a year. See advertisement in our columns.

MISS SARAH FREEMAN CLARKE has devoted part of her life to the task of following the footsteps of Dante in his wanderings through Europe. The notes and sketches made by her will be reproduced in the March and April numbers of THE CENTURY, while in the February number two preliminary papers will appear. Among the portraits, a copy of the famous mask of Dante will be given, and a full-page engraving by Cole of the Dante of Raphael painted on the walls of the Vatican, in the famous 'Disputa.'

SLAVE-TRADE IN THE RED SEA.—A correspondent of the *Phare d'Alexandrie* writes from Hodeida:—"For some time past, the towns of Hodeida and Yemen have been full of slaves, more than 250 having lately been imported from the African coast of the Red Sea. The sale of these poor creatures is made almost in public; the average price being ten to twelve tallies per head. Everyone here shuts his eyes! The French consul, taking pity upon these unfortunate, telegraphed to the Governor-General at Sana, but this official has not deigned to reply, nor is anything done to stop the trade in human beings. I have read and re-read the firmness of the Sultan and the last Convention of 1880 between England and the Ottoman Empire, but in spite of these, unfortunately I see around me nothing but slavery, slaves to the right of me, slaves to the left of me. Let Europe decide, once for all, to put a stop to this vile traffic!"

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

The Halifax City Council has decided to adopt the Standard Time—that of the 60th Meridian, which will be about fourteen minutes before our solar time. His Worship Mayor Fraser has issued a proclamation in accordance with the decision of the Council, and respectfully requests all citizens on and after the 1st day of March to adopt such Standard Time.

This is a very sensible decision. If the Railway authorities continue the time of the 75th Meridian, which they now use, we shall have to make an allowance of just one hour for the difference.

At the meeting of the Board of School Commissioners on Thursday last, Commissioner Read gave notice of motion that hereafter teachers in the employ of the Board be prohibited from receiving testimonials of value from their pupils at Christmas or New Year's.

We advise every farmer or stock raiser to invest in *Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powder* and feed them out to their herds this winter. Depend upon it it will pay big interest. Don't buy the large packs as some of them are worthless.

A Gold Medal has just been received by Messrs. Bremner & Hart, of this city, for their very superior display of dry fish at the London Fisheries Exhibition. The medal is an extremely handsome one, and is said to be the only gold medal similarly awarded to any private firm in Canada.

One of the pulverizing mills at the Acadia Powder Company's works, near Waverly, accidentally caught fire on Thursday. The building, a small one, was entirely consumed, but the machinery in it was only slightly damaged.

A despatch from Gloucester, Mass., states that the schooner *Oreos*, which assisted the barque *W. L. J.* into this port a few weeks ago, has been awarded \$2,500.

Ayer's Pills cure constipation, improve the appetite, promote digestion, restore healthy action, and regulate every function. They are pleasant to take, gentle in their operation, yet thorough, searching, and powerful in subduing disease.

Edward Letherington, a young man employed at the Dartmouth Rope Works, had his thigh and the lower part of his back very badly cut and torn on Tuesday afternoon last by being caught in a stretching machine he was working. The wounds were dressed by a Dartmouth physician, and he was brought over to his home on Lower Water Street.

THE COMMERCIAL CABLE.—A telegram from London on the 7th inst. states: The steamer *Faraday*, in the course of a week, will begin to coil into her tanks about 1,000 miles of the commercial cable. The *Faraday* is intended to leave London the last week in January for Dover Bay, whence she will lay the first 500 miles of the cable toward Europe. She will then return to Dover Bay and lay a section between N. v. Scotia and Cape Ann, Mass. The *Faraday* is expected to leave England again at the end of May or the beginning of June, carrying the remainder of the cable, which will thus complete the first line of communication of the Commercial Cable Company between England and America.

The barque *Janie*, from Bahia for Halifax with sugar for the Moncton R.inery, was wrecked on Sunday night on the *Ellenwood's* Island, one of the Tusket. A tug was sent from Yarmouth and a small portion of the cargo and material were saved. The vessel is a total wreck.

It is a dangerous thing to neglect a cough or cold or any difficulty of the throat or lungs. Live not a moment in getting a bottle of *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment*. You can rely upon it to cure you. It is also a sure preventive of diphtheria.

The 21st annual meeting of the N. S. Fruit Growers Association was held at Wolfville on Wednesday last.

Mr. Avard Langley was re-elected President and C. R. H. Starr, Secretary. After dinner in the evening speeches were made by Major-General Laurie, L. De V. Chipman, J. W. Longley, M. P. P., Dr. Rand, Peter Innes, Prof. Higgins, D. B. Newcomb, John Starr, C. R. H. Starr, Avard Langley, William Dennis, Rev. F. J. H. Axford. It was unanimously decided by a rising vote to admit women to membership. It was also decided to send a collection of fruits to the World's Exposition at New Orleans next December for which the Local Government will be asked to make a substantial grant. The matter of getting a frost-proof warehouse at the Halifax terminus was again strongly urged. The Association was awarded a silver medal for its exhibit at the St. John Dominion Exhibition.

At a meeting of the N. S. Institute of Science last week Professor Lawson gave an interesting account of the northward range of the indigenous grape vines of America, to the north in Ontario and along the Atlantic seaboard. From the mass of correspondence supplied him it appeared that the vines are found in Annapolis and Pictou Counties, growing wild and ripening there. They are not at present known on the Atlantic coast, but fire and the growth of spruce woods, etc., would probably account for their extinction.

The Scott Act election for Yarmouth county is to take place on the 6th of March.

At the North Street Railway Station on Saturday afternoon two railway cars were allowed to run off the track and damage the wooden platform. Two women in the cars at the time cleaning were much frightened and a little hurt.

The *Liverpool Times* gives a paragraph crediting Miss V. Cohoon of Port Medway with great bravery and presence of mind. Mrs. W. Cohoon, Miss Villa Cohoon and Miss Vaughn, were crossing the harbor on the ice, when Mrs. Cohoon attempted to cross some new ice and broke through. Miss Cohoon immediately ventured to her rescue pulled off her sarkie, and approaching as near as she dare, threw it to her. Unfortunately it slipped from her hand, but Mrs. Cohoon had still sufficient strength to throw it back to her rescuer, retaining her hold, and she was then drawn to firm ice!

Paraboro has had some large smuggling of dry goods in barrels supposed to contain meal and biscuits.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla, being highly concentrated, requires a smaller dose, and is more effective dose for dose, than any other blood medicine. It is the cheapest because the best. Quality and quantity should be considered.

CAPTAIN RODD of the steamship, *Edgar Stewart*, has just brought to our notice a most remarkable case of a young lady who was a passenger with him some little time ago, who was on her way home "to die as she expressed herself," as she had been told by her physician that there was no hope of her recovery, that she was in an advanced stage of consumption, and recommended her to get home.

The captain seeing that she was very sick and having a very severe cough, gave her a bottle, that he had on board of *Pattner's* Syrup Hypophosphites, which at once relieved her cough, and gave her much comfort. When she got home she continued the bottle and found that it had done her so much good, that a messenger was despatched to the captain to get the patient half a dozen bottles.

The patient has been taking it for some time and has improved in a most astonishing manner, so that she is now able to attend to her duties, and enjoys better health than she has for over two years.

This is not the first charitable act of Captain Rodd, and who always looks after the interest of the passengers committed to his care, and says, "I always recommended your Syrup, as I could do it with the utmost confidence from the personal experience I have had with it, and I consider my medicine chest not complete without *Pattner's* Syrup Hypophosphites."

ITCHING PILLS.—SYMPTOMS AND CURE.—The symptoms are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, increased by scratching, very distressing, particularly at night, seems as if pin-worms were crawling in and about the rectum; the private parts are sometimes affected. If allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Tetter, Itch, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Blisters, Itch, Blotches, all scaly, crusty Skin Diseases. Sent by mail for 50 cents; 3 boxes, \$1.25, (in stamps). Address, Dr. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists.

John L. Boutilier, French Village, Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Liniment cured his daughter of a very severe attack of Diphtheria, after she was pronounced incurable and recommended all to use it should they be afflicted with the same disease. Feb. 14.

BAPTIST BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY.—NEW YEAR, 1884.—We have much pleasure in thanking our brethren and friends who have so nobly assisted us with their money toward Capital and Colportage Funds, and have favored us with their valued orders during the year 1883. We solicit still further your support and hearty co-operation. Our aim is to fill all orders entrusted to us with promptness and despatch, always selling at the lowest figures for CASH, allowing discounts where possible, and giving good value for your money. It will be gratifying to ministers and superintendents to know that the BAPTIST BOOK ROOM, Halifax, can supply their wants. In ordering Lesson Helps, Periodicals, Libraries, &c., for and during the year please remember your own Society before sending to Philadelphia; the price and quality are exactly the same. We are pleased to know that many Sabbath Schools, hitherto closed during the winter season, are being kept open for the first time and we heartily wish them success, and will send any poor schools thus making the effort, (upon receipt of stamps to pay postage), a few tracts, papers, cards, &c., free. We wish you all A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

GEO. A. McDONALD, Sec'y.
Jan. 2 3 ins.

Dominion of Canada.

The Dominion Parliament opened at Ottawa on Thursday last by His Excellency the Governor General with the usual ceremonies. At 3 o'clock the Marquis of Lonsdowne accompanied by the Marchioness and a full staff of official gentlemen and ladies, entered the Senate Chamber. When the House of Commons had been summoned, His Excellency read the following

OPENING SPEECH

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In fulfillment of the important trust committed to me by Her Majesty I have recourse for the first time to your advice and assistance. It is a source of the deepest personal satisfaction to me that I should have been called by Her Majesty to an office in which as her representative I am enabled to take a part in the public affairs of the Dominion, and to associate myself with you in the performance of the honorable duties which you are about to approach. I rejoice to learn that although the last harvest has been less productive than its predecessors, and although there are indications that the rapid expansion of your commerce has to some extent been followed by over trading, the general condition of the Dominion is such as to justify me