

The Christian Messenger.

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FAREWELL TO MISSIONARIES.

A service will be held in Granville Street Church, on Sunday afternoon next, commencing at 3 past 3, for the purpose of designating to Mission work, the two young ladies to leave for India on the following day. A delegation from the Foreign Missionary Board at St. John, N. B., is expected to be present, and give them their letters of instruction. The Baptist ministers of Halifax and Dartmouth, and other city ministers are expected to be present. It is proposed to have the Sabbath Schools commence at 2 o'clock, and close about 3, to enable the teachers and others to attend this Farewell Service.

The following notice from J. March, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Board, came to hand last week just after we had gone to press. We trust that its contents will receive all the more attention from the circumstance that it did not reach those for whom it was intended sooner:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Miss H. Wright, and Miss A. C. Gray, our missionaries elect, will sail from Halifax, in the Allan Line steamer which leaves on Monday, November 3rd. A farewell service will be arranged for, of which due notice will be given. It will be remembered that the Foreign Mission Board in its annual report to Convention presented a very strong appeal for increased and regular contributions to their funds. Convention approved of their suggestions, and ratified their plans. Expenses of missionary travel, the purchase of Scripture portions, some necessary repairs to buildings, and the ordinary quarterly remittances will call for the expenditure of over two thousand dollars within the next three weeks. The first three months of the Convention fiscal year have nearly passed, and scarcely anything has been forwarded from churches or individuals to the mission treasury. The friends of missions need to stir themselves to get forward the money needed for the carrying out of this great work in good season, but we have no doubt the pastors and churches will not be wanting in efforts to redeem the pledges made to the Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. W. H. CLINE, from Toronto, commenced his engagement for three months with the Granville Street Church on Sunday last. In the morning he preached an excellent sermon from "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces."—Psalm cxxii. 7. He laid a good foundation for prosperity by demanding of all believers supreme regard for the House and Worship of God. In the evening his text was from Ephesians ii. 13: "But now in Christ Jesus ye who were sometimes far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

His invitation to all who could do so, that they would stay and hold a short prayer meeting after the congregation was dismissed, was accepted by quite a large number. Mr. C., with Mrs. Cline—a daughter of Dr. Crawford, principal of the late Prairie College, Rapid City, Manitoba—attended the Sabbath School in the afternoon, and Mr. C. gave an animated address to the School.

A paragraph appeared in the *Messenger* last week stating that:

"It is said that the St. Vincent's Hall, Cornwallis Street, formerly the North Baptist Church, has been purchased for \$1,800 on behalf of Rev. H. H. Johnson, for a third church to be formed among the colored people."

We were misled by a paragraph in one of our daily papers. Being so accustomed to believe what appears in the newspapers, we supposed that it was all correct! We are however informed by the Rev. Mr. Johnson himself that there is not a particle of truth in the report, and he supposes that the rumor was raised to injure him in his missionary agency.

THE CANADIAN INTER-COLLEGIATE MISSIONARY ALLIANCE is the name of an association which will hold its first annual convention at Toronto on the 30th and 31st instants and the 1st and 2nd of November. It is an alliance of theological colleges formed for the

purpose of cultivating a missionary spirit among students before they enter upon the actual work of the ministry. All the colleges in Ontario, and four in Quebec, have already joined the alliance, and an earnest effort will be made to bring in every theological college in Canada, with every prospect of success. Eminent members of the different denominations will address the Convention. On Thursday, Oct. 30. Address of welcome, Rev. Principal Castle, D.D., McMaster Hall, Toronto. Address, Rev. John Potts, D.D., St. James' Methodist Church, Montreal:—"The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the need of the Church in relation to missions."

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday also papers will be read and Sermons preached by able prominent men of different denominations.

The following Committee have charge of the work:—Rev. W. J. Armitage, Wycliffe College, Chairman; W. H. Cline, McMaster Hall, Secretary; J. C. Robinson, Wycliffe College; Chas. Scadding, Trinity College; R. N. Hudspeth, Trinity College; J. C. Smith, Knox College; J. A. Jaffray, Knox College; W. M. Walker, McMaster Hall; J. N. McTavish, Queen's University.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF ONTARIO WEST.—The 33rd Annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Convention commenced its session on Tuesday the 14th inst. The leading men of the denomination were present. The afternoon was spent in considering the report of the work of Woodstock College for the year. This was highly satisfactory. The attendance has been very large. Extensive improvements have been in the building and teaching staff. The assets of the College above liabilities are about \$110,000.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported that 28 candidates for the ministry had been received into the College. There has been liberality aided with free tuition, and also direct pecuniary assistance.

In the afternoon the Home Mission Convention Board, composed of all the Baptist churches in Ontario, from Belleville West, entered upon its work. For thirty-three years it has pursued its work of aiding weak churches, in sustaining pastors, and in spreading the gospel in the new parts of the country. A large number of churches, now strong have been aided in the days of their weakness by this society. The report showed that for the money expended the work done on the mission fields was most satisfactory and encouraging. Thirty-five missionary parties have been employed during the year. About 400 have been added to the mission churches. During the last six months fifty-four have been baptized, and a commodious brick chapel bought and paid for. There was a general feeling that home mission work should receive increased attention. Only \$5,000 had come into the treasury during the year. The president called attention to the fact that less had been given this year than last. Rev. Robert Cameron, M. A., of Brantford, said that while we do not propose to do less for foreign missions and ministerial education, we ought to do more for our home work.

Rev. Dr. Murdoch, of Port Hope, was in favor of appointing a general missionary to look after home mission interests. A committee, consisting of the President, Secretary, Dr. Castle, and Rev. Messrs. Cameron and McEwan, was appointed to report as to plans for future work.

ACADIA ATHENÆUM.

LECTURE ON MILTON.

On Friday evening last, 24th, Rev. S. McC. Black gave before the Acadia Athenæum a very instructive lecture on *The Life and Writings of Milton*. The introduction was a most eloquent exposition of the poet's mission, ranking him next to the preacher as a moral reformer. Extracts were read from *L'Allegro*, *Il Penseroso*, *Comus* and *Paradise Lost*, showing the strength and beauty of these poems. A very judicious estimate of the poet's genius and moral worth was given by the talented lecturer.

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THE CONGO MISSION.

The Livingstone Island Mission on the Congo River, West Africa, which has now been adopted by the American Baptist Missionary Union was begun in 1877, a few months only after the news of Mr. Henry M. Stanley's long and perilous journey through the dark continent reached England. The first two missionaries sailed from Liverpool for the Congo in January, 1878, and up to the present time fifty missionary agents have been sent out, of whom ten have died, and others left the service. There are now seven stations established, reaching about five hundred miles into the interior, and twenty-six missionaries on the staff, of whom three are in England. The Congo language has been reduced to writing, a grammar and dictionary published, and several hopeful converts gained. The whole expense of the mission to the present time has been about \$150,000, and the whole work with a steamer for the navigation of the Upper Congo, is transferred to the Missionary Union upon the simple condition that it is to be supported and carried on with all practicable vigor.

The Congo Valley is by far the largest and most accessible of the regions of Central Africa. It is estimated to contain about 2,500,000 square miles, or considerably more than the whole United States, excluding Alaska. The Congo river is navigable for steamers of five thousand tons to Vivi, one hundred and ten miles from the mouth. The Livingstone Falls must then be passed, one hundred and eighty-five miles long, before coming to Stanley Pool. From this point the river and its branches affords a navigable water-way of between four and five thousand miles into the richest and most fertile portions of the heart of Africa. The trade of the Congo Valley with England already amounts to six million dollars a year, and with better facilities for transportation will vastly increase. The climate of the interior is called delightful and the people are vigorous and intelligent. All the different tribes belong to the same great Bantu race, and their languages are in many respects similar. The population of the Congo Valley is estimated at forty-nine millions or nearly as large as that of the United States. In religion the people are pure pagans, simple fetich worshippers and offer a large and hopeful field for the introduction of Christianity. The aim of the Congo Mission is to carry the gospel to these swarming millions of the interior of Africa, and the prospects of success are most encouraging.

In connection with the above subject we may remark that our English brethren are also manifesting a deep and earnest interest in carrying the gospel into the heart of Africa by the Congo River. Mr. Tritton the respected treasurer of the English Baptist Missionary Society has just published a Book entitled, "Rise and Progress of the work on the Congo River" which Mr. T. says is mainly intended for "our Sunday Schools." The *Missionary Herald* asks for it a large circulation among senior scholars and young men, and adds, "If the facts here stated were widely known and the work done by the Congo Mission thoroughly understood, there would be no lack of funds for the prosecution of the enterprise, nor any lack of men to go to the front and conquer Central Africa for Christ." The *Herald* contains an excellent map of Equatorial Africa, showing the course taken by Stanley, as well as the missionary stations already established.

One of our brethren recently at Newton Theological Institution writes us:—

P. S. Newton Theological Institution is in splendid condition, professors and students enthusiastic in their work, but we miss the students from "Acadia," than whom no others have done better work here in the past. I think "Hillside" will be found to be correct in his prophecy and eventually "the tide will turn" in favor of Newton again. T.

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THE U. S. BAPTIST AUTUMNAL CONFERENCE will be held in the First Church, Philadelphia, Dr. George D. Boardman, pastor, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 11th, 12th and 13th, 1884. Rev. Henry G. Weston, D. D., of Crozer Theological Seminary will preside. The discussions will be on Educational,

Missionary, Temperance, Theological and Scientific subjects. The social and political development of peoples and the conduct of Public Worship. Appointed speakers will be limited to thirty minutes, volunteer speakers to five minutes.

Literary.

BRIEF NOTES ON THE NEW TESTAMENT: The Gospels by Geo. W. Clark, D.D. the Acts, Epistles, and Revelation by J. M. Pendleton D. D. Published by the American Baptist Publication Society. Price, \$1.00.

The design of this work is to furnish a brief commentary on the New Testament that would present the results of the most careful study without the various processes by which these results are reached. The great object of the authors is stated in the preface: "The Scriptures were given as a means of the believer's spiritual growth; and this has been borne continually in mind in the preparation of these Notes." It might justly be said that their paramount aim has been to prepare matter for Christian meditation—just such matter as abounds in the books of the New Testament, so as to give the sincere milk of the word for younger disciples, and the strong meat of the gospel for Christians of riper years.

The Maps and the Harmony of the Gospels that precede the Notes, as well as the varied matter embraced in the Appendix, will be found of general interest and utility.

McALPINE'S HALIFAX DIRECTORY FOR 1884-85.

This valuable manual of Halifax City and Dartmouth ought to be on the desk of every merchant, and is a great convenience to many private persons as well, seeing it gives the address of every household in the city and Dartmouth, and often saves much valuable time and trouble.

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL INDEX: The editor and proprietor of the *Moncton Daily Times*, Mayor Stevens, is making an addition to the issues from his office by bringing out a monthly sheet with the above title. No. 1 contains a well executed cut of Moncton city giving a bird's eye view of the streets, churches, houses and surroundings generally. The paper has a large amount of information concerning the industrial pursuits and institutions of Moncton and in future numbers will aim to illustrate as far as possible the progress and development of other communities. We wish all success to our enterprising contemporary.

THE PULPIT TREASURY FOR NOVEMBER.—E. B. Treat, Publisher, 757 Broadway, New York. \$2.50 a year Clergymen, \$2.00. Single copies 25 cents.

This number is full of good things. Dr. Deems furnishes his portrait, a sermon and a view of his church; there is also by the Editor an appreciative sketch of the life of this busy excellent divine. Dr. Palmer of New Orleans follows with a capital sermon; Dr. Hamilton, of New York, with another on "The Attractive Power of the Gospel." A Thanksgiving Sermon by Bishop Clark will amply repay perusal. Prof. Kellogg has a second Exegetical article on *Matthew and Zechariah*. The *Model Young Woman* by Dr. Walsh will furnish hints to those who conduct a service for Young Women. Bishop Ryle on *The Manner of Keeping the Sabbath*, Dr. Lewis on *Wakefulness and How avoided*, Dr. Mitchell on *Religion Among North American Indians*, Dr. Broadus on *Prayer*, with several other capital articles make up an unusually excellent number of this deservedly flourishing monthly.

THE FENTON FAMILY; or, FOR MOTHER'S SAKE. By Rose Hartwick Thorpe. Author of "Curfew will not toll to-night." Price \$1.25. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society.

A domestic story that will deeply interest the young people. Many a family has been called to pass through similar experiences to those of the Fenton Family. By the death of Mr. Fenton, his family were left in very reduced circumstances. There were four children; Bertha, Tom, Fay, and little Teddie. The children set out with the aim to be kind, considerate, and helpful for mother's sake; their efforts were carried out. It will be seen what degree of success attended them. Some of the arts by which young lads are lured to ways of sin are indicated; and the need of divine aid, in order to escape the various snares, is clearly and forcibly presented.

A YANKEE SCHOOL TEACHER IN VIRGINIA. By Lydia Wood Baldwin. Funk & Wagnalls' (10 and 12 Day Street, N. Y.) Standard Library. Paper, 25 cents. Halifax, S. F. Huestis, Granville St.

A lively book comprising a series of sketches of life in the Old Dominion immediately after the close of the war. The author has drawn largely upon her personal experience, and the result is a work that has all the value of truth

and all the interest of fiction. We could not name another volume where life among the negroes of the South is portrayed with such evidences of intimate knowledge of their habits, beliefs, superstitions, and modes of everyday life. It is a book that evolves many hearty laughs at the absurdities related, and presents much that is pathetic as well as ludicrous. The dialogues, are re-produced, dialect and all, with remarkable skill.

AN OLD SAILOR'S YARNS. By Captain Roland F. Coffin. Funk & Wagnalls' Standard Library. Paper, 15 cents.

It is not a common thing for one who has for years served as a sailor in all positions, from before the mast to the captain's cabin, to have the literary art this author displays in relating his experiences. He tells them in the vernacular of the fore-castle. It is almost as good as a voyage to read after him. No one will find the "old sailor" tripping in his seamanship, and no one will find his yarns sagging in their interest. They treat many phases of sea-life, from whaling in the south sea to blockade-running in the late civil war.

ST. NICHOLAS for November is the first number of the new volume, it is full of the good things promised for the coming year, and opens with a beautiful frontispiece in colors, from a painting by A. M. Turner. J. T. Trowbridge contributes the opening chapters of "His one fault," heedlessness. In another serial, "Among the Law-makers," the author, Edmund Alton, relates his often amusing experiences, while a page in the U. S. Senate, tells many new anecdotes of public men, and gives a graphic and easily understood account of the organization of the national government.

Other attractions peculiar to this number are a capital girl-story, by Louisa M. Alcott, the first half of a boy-story, by H. H. Boyesen, and an exceedingly clever satirical sketch, by F. Marshall White, entitled "The cruise of the Pirate-Ship 'Moonraker,'" showing the pernicious effects of reading trashy literature.

The November CENTURY marks the beginning of the fifteenth year of this magazine and also the beginning of a most expensive enterprise—the recently announced series of papers on the Civil War, by Generals Grant, McClellan, Rosecrans, and others in high rank. The illustrations, some twenty-five in number, are largely from photographs made during the war, or from recent sketches of the battle-field.

"The Chinese Theatre," by Henry Burden McDowell, is an entertaining paper, with striking drawings by T. Wores and Kenyon Cox, the latter of whom writes and illustrates a paper on "The Sculptors of the Renaissance"; Austin Dobson contributes a poem, "The Old Sedan Chair," which has illustrations by Reginald Birch. Mr. Joel Chandler Harris (of "Uncle Remus" fame) is the author of a new story of ante-bellum days in the South, entitled "Free Joe and the rest of the World." "Open Letters" contains a notable letter from Mr. Cable, entitled "We of the South," and other short papers on "A School of Dishonesty," "Recent Fiction," "Mr. Watt's Pictures," "The 'Christian League's' Practicality," "A Rallying Point for a New Political Party," and "Church Music."

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

We understand that St. Vincent's Hall—formerly the North Baptist Church, has been purchased by Chebucto and Mayflower Divisions, Sons of Temperance, for \$2,000—an excellent situation for those who belong to the north part of the city.

Bears are said to be plentiful on the Margaret's Bay road.

Extensive schools of mackerel passed Canoe last week and a number of good catches of fair number were made.

The Good Templars are doing Temperance work in the Western Counties of this province. Col. J. J. Hickman has been lecturing through the counties of Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Digby, Annapolis, and Kings. He has organized eighteen lodges, having an average of fifty members to each. He is at present lecturing in Halifax, on Monday evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, and last evening in College Hall.

The Park Street Rink is let to Mr. Sheraton for \$800 a year to be used as a roller skating rink.

A young man named James Legg sentenced to the Penitentiary last week is stated to have boastfully confessed to a fellow prisoner in jail that he was the author of a number of fires about the north end of the city within the past year, including nearly all the otherwise inexplicable conflagrations which have been unsuccessfully investigated.

Mr. Gibson, proprietor of the south end ash and door factory, lost three of his fingers the other day by having his hand caught in a piece of machinery in operation.

The Chronicle says track-laying on the Dartmouth Railway is expected to commence in about a fortnight. We hardly think it will be as soon as that.

The cable steamer Faraday is here for bunker coal. She takes about 2,000 tons.

The Norwegian barque Progress arrived on Friday last from Rotterdam with a cargo of sugar for the Nova Scotia refinery.

At a meeting of the Governors of Dalhousie College on Thursday last, the Hon. Adams G. Archibald was nominated to a seat at the board. A committee was appointed to examine the foundation of the college building, and to ascertain whether it will be possible to so reconstruct, repair or enlarge the structure as to render it adequate for the increasing requirements. The Convocation meeting was held in the House of Assembly yesterday.

PUGWASH.—The Tea Meeting was a good success. The amount hoped for was realized. Brethren Steele and Miles visited us on the occasion, and spoke hopefully of the interests of the cause of Christ here. The pastor had the pleasure of baptizing a sister on the 19th inst., and adding two to the church by the hand of fellowship. The paragon will be ready for occupation early in the Spring.

DANGEROUS.—If you have diarrhoea or dysentery check it at once. Use Minard's Liniment freely on the bowels, spread on brown paper and take it internally according to directions. It will cure the worst case in a few hours.

We are anxious for all to know the value of Minard's Liniment. If there is any person in the Dominion or United States that does not know of it, please write to W. J. Nelson & Co., Bridgewater, N. S., and they will forward a pamphlet that will inform you of a remedy of more value than gold or diamonds.

A cough or cold taken between now and Christmas frequently lasts all winter. This is certainly the case with people who have weak lungs. The most convenient, reliable and inexpensive remedy is *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment*. It is to be used internally and externally.

Last winter we warned our readers against buying the large packs of worthless horse and cattle powders, and as it is now time to begin to use them, we again urge them not to throw away their money. *Sheridan's Powders* are strictly pure, but we know of no others that are.

SCOTT'S EMULSION OF PURE Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites, is more nutritious and strengthening than any other combined or single remedy. The Medical Profession universally attest this fact and prescribe it in Consumption, and all wasting conditions, with splendid results.

HOW GREAT THE CHANGE.—It is comparatively a short time since the introduction to the profession and the public of that valuable preparation known as BUD'S CREAM EMULSION, and which to day, stands higher than any other known compound in British North America. It has been universally adopted by the profession who pronounce it excellent, and another, and the highest, recommendation it could obtain that it is the ONLY ONE USED IN THE HOSPITAL.

New Brunswick.

The visit of the Marquis of Lansdowne to New Brunswick, was greatly enjoyed by our neighbours. They indulged in electric lights and a torch light procession. The capital too was visited and its judges, lawyers, professors and students of the University appeared in robes and gowns. In his reply to the address of the citizens he referred to the fact that this was the anniversary of his arrival in Canada, and said he hoped he had succeeded in laying the foundations of a pleasant acquaintance with the people. The vice-regal party left St. John for Ottawa, on Thursday, at 10.45 p. m. Lord Lansdowne, before leaving, acknowledged in very feeling terms the invariable cordiality with which he had been received on his first visit to these provinces.

News of the World.

The Imperial Parliament re-assembled on Thursday last. The Queen's speech at the opening was very brief as follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen:

I have brought you together to enable you to further consider the great subject of the representation of the people. I continue to maintain relations of amity with all the foreign powers. Information from the Sudan includes painful uncertainties, but the energy, courage and resource conspicuously displayed by General Gordon in the successful defence of Khartoum deserve my warm recognition. The advance of my troops to Dongola has for its object the rescue and security of those who have so faithfully cooperated with him. I am using my best endeavours in Egypt to promote the further improvement of affairs in that country. I have given my support to the Egyptian government in the difficult financial position in which it was left through the failure of the recalled conference. I regret the occurrences in the Transvaal and am considering with the Cape government means to secure the observance of the convention.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The operations in the Sudan render it necessary to ask of you further pecuniary provision.

My Lords and Gentlemen:

A bill for the extension of the Parliamentary franchise will be at once introduced. May the blessings of God attend your labors.