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Help Him.

Mr. Spurgeon, in answer to a mem-
ber of an almost deserted church, who
writes how it may be filled again with
worshippers, has given some excellent
advice which may be useful to other
people elsewhere. He says:

"Quite enough for the pastor to fill the
pulpit well, and that filling of the pews
depended upon the zeal, earnestness,
and the diligence of those with whom
he commenced his ministry; if they
would support him by their earnest
co-operation, the meeting house would
soon be full. I remember, when I first
came to London, preaching to eighty
or ninety in a large chapel, but my
little congregation thought well of me,
and induced others to come and fill the
place. I always impute my early
success to my warm-hearted people,
for they were so earnest and enthusi-
astic in their loving appreciation of
the young man from the country
that they were never tired of sounding
his praises. If you, any of you, are
mourning over empty pews in your
place of worship, I would advise you
to praise your minister."

"Another one says: 'Do not be
afraid of doing too much for him. If
he has a conscientious appreciation of
his duties, no man can carry about with
him higher views of life or more pressing
anxieties and responsibilities.' His
labours for the race, especially his own
flock, extend from the cradle to the
grave. Help him."

It is a reproach to be in the bonds of
sin, but to be in the bonds of prison for
the sake of Christ is great glory.—*Earl
of Arundel, 1587.*

Look at the stone over which you
have stumbled only long enough to
recognize it quickly when you come
that way again.

News from the Churches.

AVONPORT was visited by Rev. J.
F. Avery a few weeks since just before
the Central Association, and feeling dis-
posed to attend a prayer meeting was
invited to conduct it, he consented and
was subsequently requested to hold
another meeting, and then another, but
was taken sick, and then had to go to the
Association. A week or two after he re-
ceived a note from one of those present
which says:

You will be anxious to hear how the
meetings are by this time. The Free
Baptist minister has been here taking
charge of the meetings, and the Metho-
dist ministers have been here also.
The work is still going on. We had a
good meeting last evening; about 25
young converts spoke, saying they felt
their sins were all forgiven and they
were happy. There are about 8 or
10 young men and boys. Two young
men rose last evening for the first
time. The young men have a prayer
meeting before the public meeting,
and it is doing a great deal of good

among them. The young women
have a prayer meeting here this
afternoon. Surely we are led to ex-
claim, What hath God wrought! What
reason we have to praise Him. The
work seems to go on so quiet and yet
so deep. We have great reason to
bless God that He put it into your
heart to come to Avonport. Though you
were tired and sick, yet the Lord made
you a great blessing to the people and
if your health had been good, and you
could have remained with us two or
three weeks, I think we would have
had the greatest revival we ever had in
Avonport, but the Lord is able to carry
on His own work. Pray for us that
many more may be brought into the
fold of Christ, and may God bless your
work, and give you many precious souls
for your hire, that you may see even
better days than you have ever yet
seen.

We are pleased to learn that our
young brother, William C. Goucher,
Licentiate, is supplying the churches
at Acadia Mines and Great Village, for
a few weeks during his vacation, and
his services are much appreciated.

Our brother, Mr. H. E. S. Maider,
informs us that while at McMaster
Hall last year he supplied the Etobicoke
Baptist Church. He has just
received an invitation from the church
to resume his labor's there, not only
during the ensuing college term, but to
continue. He has not yet decided to
accept.

Literary.

It is announced by Messrs. Funk &
Wagnalls that, owing to the marked
favor with which "Mum," by Tur-
gueniev, has been received, they will
soon publish two more of the great Rus-
sian's powerful works—"An Unfortunate
Woman," and "Assya." Neither has
ever before been translated into Eng-
lish, and the translation now to be given
has been made directly from the Rus-
sian, by Henry Gersoni, a countryman
of the author. Sold by S. F. Huestis,
Halifax.

"Ten Years a Police Court Judge,"
is the title of a book soon to be issued
in Funk & Wagnalls' Standard Lib-
rary.

AN ANECDOTAL tricycling article,
profusely illustrated by Joseph Pennell,
will appear in the September CENTURY.
It records the incidents of a journey
from Coventry to Chester, treating of
Isaac Walton's country, with its quaint
old-fashion inns, sequestered villages
where the curfew still rings at sunset,
the bicycle races at Derby, etc. etc.
As Mr. Pennell is an expert and en-
thusiastic wheelman, his dozen or more
pictures will have a special interest in
the line of character sketches.

The September number of *Harper's
Magazine* promises to be in itself quite
a tour of Europe. Mr. Rideing will
describe "A Run Ashore at Queens-
town," including Blarney Castle and
Killarney, with many illustrations.
Further instalments of Roë's "Nature's
Serial Story," with Gibson's and Dil-
man's illustrations; and Black's "Judith
Shakespeare."

Few people are aware of the im-
portant work now under way in North-
western Minnesota, to guard against the
dangers of high-water and the incon-
veniences of low-water in the Missis-
sippi River. A number of lakes in
that region are being connected into a
reservoir system, which is to collect
and feed water as it may be required.
A full account of this great engineering
work is promised, with illustrative
diagrams, in the September *Harper's*.

The wheat-fields of the great basin
of the Columbia River, a region that is
to become one of the most notable in
the United States for its productiveness,
will form the subject of a paper by Mr.
Earnest Ingersoll in the September
Harper's.

RAILWAYS IN INDIA.—The Select
Committee of the House of Commons
have agreed to report in favour of the
proposal of the Government of India to
spend £28,000,000 in laying down rail-
ways for the prevention of famine, and
£5,500,000 for the improvement of
existing railways.

PALESTINE TO DAY.—Out of the
620 places in Palestine, west of Jeru-
salem, mentioned in the Bible, 430 have
been identified, 132 of which identifica-
tions were made by the staff of the
Palestine Exploration Fund.

THE LENGTH OF PASTORATES.—
It is an important, and perhaps an
unfortunate fact, that Nonconformist
ministers do not now retain their pas-
torates over the same congregations for
so long an average of years as they used
to do. The "Society for the Relief of
Aged Ministers" reports that in 1818,
when it was founded, "the average
duration of pastorates appears to have
been about twenty years. It may now
be reckoned at not more than half that
period; and even this average will
probably continue to decrease."

AVERAGE OF MINISTERIAL LIFE.—
"Baptist ministers, as a general thing,
appear to live to a good old age. There
are 102 deaths reported in the 'Year
book' during 1883. Of these the ages
of eighteen are not given, two were
under thirty years of age, seven between
thirty and forty, nine between forty and
fifty, eight between forty and sixty,
twenty between sixty and seventy,
thirty-three between seventy and eighty,
twenty between eighty and ninety, and
two over ninety. More than one-half
of the whole, fifty-five out of 102, were
about seventy years of age. From an-
other source we learn that in the British
Islands thirty-nine Baptist ministers
died, and twenty-three were over seventy
years of age."

MESSRS. MOODY AND SANKEY.—Mr.
Moody's seminary at Northfield, Mass.,
has had 169 students during
the past term. Mr. Sankey, cost-
ing \$6,000, is to be opened in
November. A new recitation hall is
being erected, and still more buildings
will be required on account of the growth
of the institution. Mr. Sankey was look-
ing hale and hearty and "as brown as a
frontiersman" when he landed in New
York. "I am feeling a little worn out
but pretty well, as you can see," he
said to the inevitable interviewer. All
he needs is a few weeks' rest; and then
Mr. Moody and he intend to resume
their work, but they have not yet de-
cidedly where. He declares most em-
phatically that, in spite of reports to
the contrary, his voice is just as good
as ever it was.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

W. M. A. Central Board Meeting.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the
Central Board was held in the Vestry
of the North Baptist Church, on Monday
the 4th of May. After the usual devo-
tional exercises the minutes of the
previous meeting were read and con-
firmed. The accounts for the past
quarter were presented, showing that
\$755.47 had been received, and \$601.01
expended, leaving a balance of \$154.
47. The Reports of the Secretary and
Treasurer were submitted for adoption,
and presentation at the Women's M. A.
meeting at Convention, and accepted.
The estimates of mission expenditure
prepared by Mr. March for the guidance
of the Central Board were read over
carefully and discussed. It was decided
that from the amounts received from the
Societies by this Board, the following
items be chosen from the estimates to
which the funds shall be appropriated
for the coming year, viz:—

Ladies' Salaries.....\$400 00
For Schools..... 400 00
Preachers, Colporteurs, Bible
Women..... 100 00
Girls' Boarding School..... 100 00

The Secretary was instructed to for-
ward \$250 to the Secretary of Foreign
Mission Board, as the first quarterly in-
stalment in advance.

Resolved, That our proportion of the
\$250.00 reported to the credit of the
W. M. A. Societies at the Convention of
1883, be appropriated to the general
fund of the F. M. Board for its current
expenses.

The appropriations from Mission
Bands &c., during the past quarter
amounted to \$106.00. Quarterly re-
mittance in advance \$250.00. Sent to
Foreign Mission Board July 5th, \$356.00.
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

List of amounts sent in to Foreign
Mission Board, quarter ending 31st July:

Mission Band, Granville Street
Church, Halifax, for support of
"Lizzie".....\$25 00
Mission Band, Wind-or, to be
sent to Mrs. Archibald in aid
of the Gadaba School..... 32 00
"Bessie" for support of Chianie
in Boboli..... 6 00
From the Halifax W. M. Aid
Societies for support of Har-
riamah..... 25 00
Mission Band, Salem, Wilmet,
for Mrs. Archibald..... 3 00
Invalid member of Temple Ch.,
Yarmouth, for support of a
child in India..... 15 00
\$106 00

For the Christian Messenger.
Convention Accounts.

Mr. Editor,—
I would suggest as an improvement
on former method, that the receipts
from churches on Convention Scheme,
be grouped under the several different
Associations. It could be then seen
how much each Association raised; the
amount could be more easily compared
year by year and the gain or loss more
readily traced. Also would it not be
well to insert the name and number of
members of each church, in each Asso-
ciation whether contributing or not? a
blank of course would be left in them
where remittances were nil, but it would
result in informing the churches them-
selves of being non-contributing and
might lead to a new departure in future.
It might also lead to methods to be
employed, to induce such churches to
fall into line with those bearing the
burdens of the denominational schemes
of finance, a star might mark the name
of the churches non-contributing.

HINTS.

For the Christian Messenger.
From India.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Very much like a condensed donation
was that "Home Box." I cannot at-
tempt to say what it contained; for
the cheery editor of the MESSENGER
would consign the "acknowledgment"
to the waste basket because of its
length. But in it were articles "useful
and ornamental"; numerous, varied,
and valuable. Our friends seem sud-
denly to have multiplied an hundred
fold. Some benign spirit seems to have
said "to the North, give up; and to
the South, keep not back"—and North
and South obeyed, while East and West
followed suit.

It is impossible to express our thanks
personally to the many kind friends
who have thus remembered us. These
tokens of regard and sympathy will be
highly prized and the donors long and
gratefully remembered. And the mis-
sionary, his wife, and their little boy
will present frequent petitions at the
Throne of Grace that each one of our
dear friends who have contributed to
their happiness and comfort may receive
a rich return.

J. R. HUTCHINSON.
Chicacole, India, June 27, 1884.

For the Christian Messenger.
A Suggestion.

That each member who receives a
copy of the *Indian Report of the
Canadian Baptist Mission*.

(a) Read it carefully in his study;
(b) Read one of its Reports each
month in the Missionary Concert mak-
ing the writer of that Report, his family,
station and work, the subject of special
prayer;
(c) Lend the Report to his deacons
and to as many of his church members
as care to read it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson both write
in terms of the greatest thankfulness
to all the contributing friends, but most
of all that the amount was raised for
the purchase of the new chapel in
Chicacole. Mrs. H. says under date
June 26th:

Oh how glad we were to know that
the Central Board of Nova Scotia had
voted the amount asked toward the
chapel! Now that it is finished I wish
you could see it, I feel more thankful
every time I enter that it belongs to
the mission.

A letter from Mr. Clinch to day saying
he had remitted the \$400 for the
chapel, but did not say by whom the
other \$200 was given. I suppose how-
ever Mr. March's letter will give that
information.

Mr. H. writing June 27th says:
The action of our sisters of the N. S.
Central Board in voting the \$200*
towards the chapel was a very agreeable
surprise to us. May the Lord reward
them! As I write the whole of the pur-
chase money, 900 rupees, is in hand.
We have much cause for gratitude to
God in this matter of the chapel.
The action of the Boards in so prompt-
ly responding to our call for reinforce-
ments, in the appointment of Misses
Wright and Hamilton, is very encourag-
ing. They will receive a warm welcome
from all on the field.

*\$20.25 of this amount was a donation
from the Chester Basin Mission Band.

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Editor,—

I see from the last Year Book that
over forty Licentiate are reported as
connected with the different Associa-
tions of the Maritime Provinces. Will
you permit me through your columns to
say to these that if any of their number
wish to go to McMaster Hall, I shall be
glad on their writing me to give them
any information that may be required.
D. M. WELTON.

News of the World.

In the House of Commons on Tues-
day of last week Mr. Gladstone an-
nounced that the Earl of Northbrook,
First Lord of the Admiralty, had been
appointed to go to Egypt with instruc-
tions to report upon the condition of
affairs so far as to advise the English
Government as to what counsel should
be given to the Egyptian Government
in the present circumstances.

On Wednesday Mr. Parnell opposed
the grant to Queen's College in Ireland.
These colleges, he said, should be swept
away and their advantages conferred
upon denominational colleges. As it
was, the interests of education were
sacrificed and the money squandered in
order to fill the Queen's Colleges with
ill trained students. T. P. O'Connor
supported the grant which was carried
100 to 35.

The Right Hon. Joseph Chamber-
lain in a lengthy speech at Bingley
strongly attacked the House of Lords.
He said the divine right of kings
was dangerous, the divine right
of peers is a ridiculous figment, and
the Lords are obstinate.

John Bright has written a letter, in
which he says: "America, France,
Germany and Russia, which are pro-
tected countries, are suffering more in
the present condition of trade than
England."

John Daley, the convicted dynamiter,
has been interviewed by a representa-
tive of the press. He says he was one
of four conspirators who movements
were directed from America. The
bombs that were found in his posses-
sion at the time of his arrest were
handed to him on the street in Liver-
pool by a fellow conspirator, who
hastened away. The bombs were not
for use in Birmingham, but in London,
where Daley would have handed them
to another conspirator. Daley suspects
that one of the conspirators turned in-
former. Members of the society who
have arrived from America have their
eyes on this man and will interview
him.

The Earl of Northbrook will hold a
direct commission from the Queen
which will give him the title of High
Commissioner. In the House of Lords
Earl Granville said that Sir Evelyn
Baring, the English representative in
Egypt, would accompany Lord North-
brook to Egypt. Mr. Gladstone, in
moving for a credit of £300,000 to pro-
vide for the expedition to the Sudan,
said that the purpose of the expedition
was merely to relieve General Gordon
and not to crush the Mahdi. It would
be sufficient to secure good government
in the Sudan. The evacuation of
that country was now out of the ques-
tion. England was bound to protect
Gen. Gordon. Labouchere objected.
The vote now asked for, he believed,
was a mere sop. Next year the House
would be asked to vote £3,000,000 to
carry on the work. The credit was
agreed to by a vote of 174 to 14. The
minority was composed of the Parnel-
lites and a few Radicals.

Mr. Gladstone has been assured that
there will be no opposition in Parlia-
ment to the Australian federation.
The steamer Faraday, having on
board the whole of the deep sea section
of the second Mackay Cable, sailed from
London on Thursday night.
In South Africa a severe engage-

ment has taken place between followers
of Montsia and the Boers, in which
the latter were defeated. Many warriors
were killed, including several English-
men.

The Sultan of Morocco has caused a
massacre of the whole tribe in Angara
Kabila because they asked for French
protection. The men were killed and
the women and children made slaves.
Five thousand men from different tribes
have gathered to attack the Cherif of
Ouadizan, and war with France is prob-
able.

Several thousand tons of coal have
been ordered to be taken to Wady-
Halifa for use by the expedition for the
relief of General Gordon. General
Wood will proceed at the end of the
week to Wady-Halifa and Dongola.

The autumn expedition for the re-
lief of General Gordon will proceed up
the Nile by way of Dongola. Suakin
has been abandoned as a base of opera-
tions. The project of constructing a
railway from Suakin to Berber has
likewise been abandoned, and the plant
has been taken to India.

Ex-Empress Eugenie is building a
grand mausoleum at Flambrorough, in
England, where she lives. It is ex-
pected that it will be ready in October
to receive the remains of her husband
and her son, the Prince Imperial.

It is understood that Secretary
Lincoln has decided upon the promotion
of the survivors of the Greely party.
Steward Bieder Beck and private
Carroll will be made sergeants, and
sergeants Crainerd, Frederick and
Long will be made 2nd Lieutenants.
Lieut. Greely, it is understood, has
refused to accept promotion to the
captaincy except through the ordinary
course. This action on his part is
highly appreciated by those officers
whose promotion would have been de-
ferred for two to three years had he
accepted office. He will be ordered to
Washington about the first of Novem-
ber and will be occupied for a year or
so with his report.

The *Thetis*, *Beaver* and *Alert* arrived
in the harbor on Thursday about mid-
night. A salute of 21 guns was fired
from Castle William as the ships were
approaching. The bodies of the dead
were conveyed from the ships to the
island by the navy. During the trans-
fer minute guns were fired from Castle
William.

On Thursday last an unknown col-
ored man from St. John was run over
in Winn, Maine, by a train and
cut completely in two. From papers
found near the body his name is
thought to have been Abel Josephs.
The man stole a ride on the night
train from St. John and was put off at
Winn. He walked down the track
about four miles and laid on the rail
and probably fell asleep. He was
about eighteen years old.

At Molesto in California on July 21
a fire started at ten in the morning in
a wheat field. The alarm was instantly
telegraphed and telephoned to all avail-
able points, and two thousand men
from different sections rushed to the
rescue. The old-fashioned prairie way
of fighting a fire was resorted to. At
3.30 p. m., after a desperate struggle,
the fire was under control. The streets
there and at Oakdale were afterwards
filled with men with scorched faces
and singed heads of hair. Six thou-
sand acres of grain and several large
dwellings were destroyed; loss a hun-
dred and fifty thousand dollars.

On Sunday afternoon last there was
a distinct shock of earthquake felt
throughout the cities of New York and
Brooklyn. People rushed excitedly
from their houses and sought the most
open parts of the streets. Windows
were broken, crockery smashed and
policemen were called to preserve order
among the affrighted crowd. Children
screaming with fright were borne out
by their parents, who were no less
panic-stricken, and the whole population
massed itself in the centre of the streets.
In Ludlow Street the panic was at its
height. The streets were swarming
with people—men, women and children
huddled together like sheep—many of
them expecting every moment to see
the walls of their dwellings fall upon
them. The women and children were
screaming, and the men either swearing
or praying. This was kept up for
nearly half an hour.

The disturbance was felt with more
or less severity in many towns in Con-
necticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania,
North Carolina, Delaware, Massachu-
setts, including Boston, and Vermont
but reports do not indicate that any
serious damage has been done.