

The Christian Messenger.

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THE MERRIE MONTH OF MAY.

The climate of England has given us this designation of our present month. English literature is largely formed of the changing seasons as there experienced. Climate has much to do with merry-making, and in England where the flowers, especially the white hawthorne, or Mayflower, have made more progress, there is more to cheer and to invite out-of-door enjoyment than in our older Spring time. Climate is not wholly regulated by latitude, or we should have something approaching to the warmth of the Mediterranean, instead of the thermometer ranging from 29 to 45 degrees as it has been here the past few days. We like, however, to fancy that Spring has come, and we therefore charge the chilly winds from the South-East to the lingering remains of the Arctic ice off the Atlantic coast. Whilst we have no tall Maypoles wreathed with flowers from top to bottom, we have the beautiful trailing Mayflower, and the early morning walks into the woods in search of them with pleasant companions, is perhaps as healthful as the old English hilarity indulged in around the pole.

The more practical observance of the first days of May is the disturbance of the household by the upsetting of things in general, and the universal discomfort that reigns until they are cleansed and restored again to something like order. What a blessed thing it would be if there were none of these seasons, but whilst the good housewife sees the need of it, it is safer to submit, and that with as good grace as one can command, and believe that it is one of the essentials of good housekeeping.

AN ENQUIRER ASKS:

Is a magistrate who is a member of a Christian church justified in issuing a summons against another member of the same church, for a misdemeanor, the complaining person being also a member of the same church?

It is evident that in this case the complaining brother and the offending one should meet, and endeavour to adjust their differences. The magistrate being a brother as well as a Justice of the Peace should have endeavoured to effect a reconciliation between them. His office as a pacificator should be respected by his brothers, but it is hardly in accordance with New Testament teaching for him first to use legal measures, which would be likely to effect a greater estrangement, before proceeding in the more genial spirit of the gospel. His office of Justice would permit him to act independently of his relation to his brethren in the church, if he chose to do so, but as a church member proceeding on gospel principles he would have been more likely to benefit both of his brethren, and secure the peace of the church of which they were fellow-members.

It is rumored that Louis IV., (the father of Princess Victoria, who was recently married to Prince Louis of Battenburg), who has been a widower since the death of Princess Alice in 1878, has made a formal proposal for the hand of Princess Beatrice, the Queen's only unmarried daughter. It is said that this proposal has been accepted by the Queen and Princess Beatrice, subject to the passage by parliament of a bill legalizing marriage between widowers and deceased wives' sisters. Louis IV. is forty-seven years old, Princess Beatrice is twenty-eight.

The Deceased Wife's Sister's Bill will be brought before Parliament in a few days. It was passed by the House of Commons last year, and on the second reading in the House of Lords also, but by a strong rally of the Bishop's party was thrown out on its third reading. The above rumor will give additional interest to this very necessary legislation in England.

QUEBEC is indulging in Lotteries by Act of Parliament. The assembly has passed an act to incorporate a Lottery company, for charitable purposes!—Robbing Peter to pay Paul, or vice versa!

CLOSING EXERCISES AT MCMASTER HALL.

Last week witnessed the closing exercises at Toronto Baptist College, the final examinations having occupied the previous week.

COLLATION.

The third annual collation of the trustees, faculty, and students of the institution was held in McMaster Hall Tuesday afternoon, April 29th. There was a large attendance of invited guests. Among the latter were Rev. Professors Greig and McLaren, of Knox College; Professors Loudon and Hirschfeldt, of Toronto University; Revs. Dr. Sutherland, Hugh Johnston, and Dr. Thomas; Professors Wolverton and Farmer, of Woodstock; Messrs. John Macdonald, Thos. Lailey, R. W. Laird, John Turnbull, (Montreal), and Charles Raymond, (Guelph). After a very enjoyable season, spent in general conversation and in partaking of the well-spread feast, addresses were the order of the day. Nearly all of these were of an exceptionally high order; but time forbids even a mention of many of them. President Castle referred facetiously to the mistake of the reporter who had announced the collation as the "collection." He spoke of the accomplished consolidation of ministerial education among the Baptists of Canada, and of the appointment of the fifth McMaster Hall professor in consequence. He stated that, as another legitimate result of the union, the college had had, during the past year, a much larger number of students than during the first two years. There were some forty-one regular attendants at the Theological Classes, and quite a number of other students having the ministry in view, but at present taking their university course, were associated with the college. The institution thus sent out fifty young men to mission fields in the North-West, in the Maritime Provinces, and in other parts of Canada. He was sure that the heart of the founder of this college to-day throbbed with gratitude and joy when his eyes beheld the rich fruitage of his liberality.

Professor McLaren spoke in behalf of Knox College. He extended congratulations for the great work accomplished in so short a time, and also further congratulated the Baptist denomination upon having the best equipped theological institution in the Dominion.

Prof. Loudon expressed the kindly feeling of University College and also of Toronto University towards McMaster Hall, and embraced the opportunity to speak strongly in favor of the State as the guardian of higher education. His arguments were probably weighty—from his own point of view. Prof. Farmer spoke in behalf of Woodstock College. He thought that this institution had a sphere, which was much above that of the high school and Academy and yet did not necessitate competition with Toronto University.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of the Senate of Victoria University, Coburg, dwelt upon the Christian element in education. Colleges should be conducted on broad Christian principles; the professors should be Christian men; and the curriculum, while providing for the highest literary and scientific culture, should give a prominent place to Christian truth.

Rev. John McEwen, who spends his time and talents in Sunday School work, emphasized the fact that the ministry demanded men who could teach as well as preach. He considered McMaster Hall in advance of all other theological institutions with whose curriculum he was acquainted, since in its chair of Didactics, it made provision for the cultivation of this teaching ability among its students.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The annual Convocation of the College took place in Jarvis St. Baptist Church, Tuesday evening.

The following was the

PROGRAMME.

1. Anthem, "Gloria in Excelsis."—Haydn.
2. Prayer.
3. Hymn, "Lord of all being, throned afar!"
4. Address, "Fact and Theory." Jacob J. Baker, M. A., Toronto.
5. Address, "Extemporaneous Preaching." Arthur W. Jordan, Truro, N. S.

6. Chant, "Deus Miseratur."—Heathcote.
7. Address, "The Elements of Power in Christ's Discourses." Edward E. Jordan, White Sands, P. E. I.
8. Address, "The Apprehension of Spiritual Truth." Beverley N. Nobles, St. John, N. B.
9. Hymn, "Our country's voice is pleading."
10. Conferring Diplomas.
11. Solo and Chorus, "Palm Branches."—Faure.
12. Benediction.

The addresses were such as to hold the best attention of the audience. They were highly creditable both to the members of the class and their instructors. That on *Fact and Theory* was a logical and impressive condemnation of the prevailing tendency to theorize, and to follow theories in preference to clear, unmistakable facts. That on *Extemporaneous Preaching* contained strong arguments in favor of this mode of proclaiming the gospel. It was carefully prepared and highly appreciated. The subject of Mr. E. F. Jordan's address was well chosen, and entering into its spirit, the speaker treated it with good results. Mr. Noble's address contained much new thought beautifully expressed. His illustrations were particularly apt and striking and his delivery was effective in its naturalness and freedom.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Dr. Castle presented the above mentioned young men with diplomas, since they had completed a full course.

Rev. John Stuart, M. A., of Beamsville, Ont., was then presented with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, Dr. Castle explaining that this degree could only be obtained upon examinations in which the candidate must make 75 per cent. of the maximum marks in each and every subject of the course.

The following additional diplomas were then conferred:—

- Institute, Woodstock, Ont., admitted *ad eundem gradum* in Toronto Baptist College.
- Rev. John Harden Best, Chatham, Ont.
- Rev. C. W. Haycock, Lakeport, Cal.
- Rev. Ebenezer Hooper, Kingston, Ont.
- Rev. John Wm. Clarke, Ingersoll, Ont.
- Graduates of the Canada Baptist College (Montreal) admitted *ad eundem gradum*:
- Rev. John Dempsey, Ailsa Craig, Ont.
- Rev. A. Campbell, Lochaber Bay, Que.
- Rev. Aaron Slaght, Pitkin, Colo.
- Rev. Titus Mooney Merriam, M. A., Hudson Centre, N. H.
- Graduate of Theological Department Acadia College admitted *ad eundem gradum*:
- Rev. Charles H. Corey, M. A., D. D., Richmond, Va.

The new Catalogue of Acadia Seminary, Wolfville is just published, and presents that Institution in a most gratifying position. The following is the staff of Instructors:

- Mary E. Graves, Principal, English Literature and Rhetoric.
- Laura M. Gourley, (Fall Term).
- Annie M. Gilmour, Latin and English.
- Mme. Sophie Cornu, French and German.
- Augustus J. Dodge, Instrumental Music.
- Hattie E. Gourley, (Winter and Spring Terms). Assistant Instrumental Music.
- Florence L. Harding, (Fall Term).
- Jennie E. Hitchens, Vocal Music.
- Eliza T. Harding, Drawing and Painting.
- Hattie E. Wallace, Elocution.

In several branches required by the Course of Study, the students join the classes of Acadia College and Horton Academy.

The Seminary aims to provide, at a moderate expense, excellent advantages for young ladies, that shall prepare them for the different stations of life which they may occupy.

The location of the Seminary combines healthfulness to a remarkable degree, with scenery of unrivalled variety and beauty. From its elevated position on College Hill the building commands a broad and beautiful view of the Bay of Minas, the Cornwallis Valley, Cape Blomidon, and the legendary scenes of Grand Pré.

The building is four stories in height, including basement, and furnishes accommodations for between fifty and sixty pupils. It forms one of the finest and most attractive educational buildings in the Dominion. The rooms and corridors are high, spacious, well heated and ventilated, and all the appointments of the building are tasteful and commodious.

It is supplied with bath rooms, hot and cold water throughout, and in addition to a dining room, laundry, etc., it contains thirty rooms for the use of teachers and students, together with a Reception Room, Music and Recitation Rooms, Studio, Reading Room, Library and Museum.

Provision is made for three courses of study, a Classical, a Literary, and a Musical, upon completion of which diplomas are awarded according to the course pursued.

Special opportunities are afforded for the study of French and German, these branches being taught by a French lady,

who has had extensive experience in Germany, England and in this Dominion. The department of Music provides rare advantages, being in charge of experienced and efficient teachers.

Excellent instruction in Drawing and Painting is also provided, and young ladies are encouraged to cultivate these useful as well as decorative arts.

The high standing of the Lady Principal and her staff of able Teachers renders this institution one not to be surpassed we believe in the Dominion. Young ladies have now no lack of provision for superior culture at very moderate charges.

Letters of enquiry may be addressed to Professor J. F. Tufts, or to Miss Graves, Principal of the Seminary.

The following is a statement of the comparative cost of the Public Schools of the chief cities of the Maritime Provinces in 1882:—

	Expenditure.	Rate per pupil.
Fredericton, N. B.	\$11,028.00	\$10.49
Portland, N. B.	2248	20.812.47
St. John, N. B.	3819	62.329.81
Halifax, N. S.	5051	75,045.20
Ch'town, P. E. I.	1220	9,245.46
		7.51

Although the cost of Charlottetown Schools is so much below the others they are said to be very efficient and a credit to the Province.

QUEBEC is much concerned about the proposed Short line Railway between Montreal and Halifax. The proposal to carry it through the northern part of Maine would leave Quebec to the North, but it is contended that the heavy grades would be more objectionable than the increased distance, and that it would be better to take Quebec city in the line, and would be equal to a saving of about thirty-nine miles.

Literary.

THE BAPTIST QUARTERLY REVIEW, April, May, June, 1884, J. R. Baumes, 180 Elm Street, Cincinnati has eight able articles as follow:

- I. THE CURSE UPON NATURE. By Franklin Johnson, D. D., Pastor of First Baptist Church, Cambridge, Mass.
- II. LIMITATIONS OF TAXATION. By J. L. M. Curry, LL. D., Sec'y. and Manager of Peabody Educational Fund.
- III. EMOTIONAL EXCITEMENT IN PREACHING. By F. H. Kerfoot, D. D., Pastor of the Strong Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- IV. NATURAL LAW IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD. By Wayland Hoyt, D. D., Pastor Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia.
- V. THE MORAL ELEMENT IN PROVIDENCE. By Henry M. King, D. D., Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Albany, N. Y.
- VI. BAPTISTS AND LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE.—THE ENGLISH BAPTISTS, 1644—1689 (second paper). By Henry C. Vedder, Editorial Staff of the *Examiner*, N. Y.
- VII. BIBLICAL THEOLOGY—ITS NATURE, PRESUPPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND PERILS. By Professor Albert H. Newman, LL. D., Toronto Baptist College, Toronto, Canada.
- VIII. BOOKS—REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

The 1st article shows it is not difficult to perceive that there has been a curse pronounced upon man. It is not so plain to discover that the animal and vegetable world are under a curse, and yet there are evidences that in the dispositions of beasts there are treachery, cowardice, selfishness and cruelty. The earth also brings its storms, its earthquakes, and produces its poisonous plants, malarious marshes, &c. The writer suggests that possibly the statement that "the creation itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption" may refer to a restoration of that which is not human as well as to mankind which shall be restored to its original character, which at the creation was pronounced "very good." He finishes with the following:

"On the other hand, while the Scriptures do not authorize, neither do they condemn the anticipation that the individual animal shall continue to exist after death. It is worthy of remark, also, that the latest scientific argument for the immortality of man, derived from the persistence of force, applies as well to the lower orders of living creatures.

Article 2 is an enquiry as to what are the limits which should control taxation for purposes of government.

Article 3 examines into the proper province of the emotions in gospel preaching, and how far it is right to encourage excitement in a religious assembly, and the value of sermon speaking as compared with sermon reading.

Article 4 asks if life in its several manifestations is subordinate to the environment of material substances.

The 5th article shows that there are evidences of design in all the arrangements of Divine Providence, and concludes by giving and adopting the four propositions of Dr. A. A. Hodge:

1. Every moral agent in this world has more of good and less of evil than he deserves.

2. Happiness and misery are much more equally distributed in this world than appears on the surface.

3. As a general rule, virtue is rewarded and vice punished even here.

4. The present dispensation is a season of education, preparation and trial, and not, (altogether or in large part) one of rewards and punishments.

Article 6 is largely historical and deals with the false charges made against Baptists under the several forms of government that have prevailed in England, and shows that "It is the glory of Baptists that they were the first to advocate religious liberty for all men, and that at no period of their history have they ceased to advocate it."

Dr. Newman contributes No. 7—a learned article on the very important subject, Biblical Theology—the unfolding of Divine revelation as distinguished from Systematic Theology.

THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN AND ORIENTAL JOURNAL, March, 1884. Edited by Rev. Stephen D. Peet, published by F. H. Revell, 150 Madison Street, Chicago. Price \$4.00 per annum.

"Out West" is usually considered the direction to look for that which is new in the way of invention or discovery, yet it appears that there they are not indifferent to developments of what is to be learned of the past. The antiquities of the early ages of the human race are gathered together in this enterprising magazine. The indications of the footsteps of mankind are carefully looked for on both continents. The questions, What our ancestors were? What they did? and How they lived? are being asked and search is being made among the mounds of America, into the buried cities of the East, and in the impressions made on the Geological formations—the stone books of the past—for the answers. Many curious facts and fancies are gathered together in this magazine which doubtless are read with interest by numerous scientists; and here are recorded the views of men who seek to bring up these permanent historical records.

Among the several good articles in this No. is an able one on "Who were the Mound-builders?" by Cyrus Thomas.

TIP LEWIS AND HIS LAMP: By Pansy, pp. 350. Price 25 cents. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co.

This is No. 1 of the Young Folks Library which is intended by the publishers to present a monthly volume at 25 cents each or \$3.00 a year. Each volume to represent some favorite author, of books well got up and bound in strong manilla paper. This was the first of Pansy's books. Its lessons are excellent and will be read with avidity by those for whom it was intended, and may be most benefitted by its teachings. It was originally published at \$1.25.

THE PULPIT TREASURY begins its second year with the May number, whose table of contents is laden with a rich store of varied articles, each one of which is appropriate, timely and instructive.

Dr. Theo. L. Cuyler's Portrait forms the frontispiece, followed by his sermon on *Demas the Deserter*, and with an appreciative sketch of Dr. Cuyler's life. President McKay gives an excellent sermon on *The Adaptation of the Gospel*. Pres. Harper on *The Study of Church History*; Rev. R. H. Williams on *A House-going Pastor*; Dr. Kittredge on *Common versus Sectarian Schools*; Dr. W. M. Taylor on *The Permanence of Christian Work*. Dr. Blackburn throws *Light on the International Lessons*. Dr. J. Hall gives an article on *More Spiritual Life*; Dr. Valentine on *Eighty Years of Indian Missions*. Other Departments are also full. This is undoubtedly "the Prince of Homiletic Monthlies," and deserves abundant success. Subscription \$2.50 a year; Clergymen, \$2.00; Single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, Publisher, 757 Broadway, New York.

THE HOMILETIC MONTHLY for May furnishes evidence of continued wise and liberal enterprise on the part of its conductors to set before its readers a great variety of the choicest articles, adapted to every taste. The sermon by Dr. Henry M. Booth on "Religion in a Busy Life," is vigorous, chaste and beautiful. The shorter sermon by President Robinson, of Brown University, is also an original and lively production. "The Prayer-Meeting Service" is rich in suggestive thought. Dr. Chambers on "Misquoted Scriptures," and Mr. Duffield on "Hymnology" are well known writers. One not familiar with the work will be surprised at the amount and variety of original and striking thought and information here condensed, in the form of Hints, Criticisms on Sermons and Books. Price, \$2.50 a year; 25 cents a single number. FUNK & WAGNALLS, 10 and 12 Dey Street, New York.

FORD'S CHRISTIAN REPOSITORY AND HOME CIRCLE for May, received. The following are some of the contents of this widely circulated Baptist

Magazine. Orators of the Baptists, William Staughton, Biography and Portrait, by W. C. Ulyat. Snakim, Illustrated. General Havelock, Biography and Portrait. The Blind Bible Reader, illustrated, by W. Hurlin. The Brynnois Manuscript. The Salvation Army, by Geo. C. Lorimer. Now and Afterward, Poetry. Hope and Memories, Poetry, by Paul H. Hayne. The True Test, by Mrs. A. H. Bronson, etc.

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News from the Churches.

HALIFAX.—At the Conference meeting of Granville Street Church on Friday last, three persons made a good confession of faith in the Lord Jesus and were received for Baptism.

DARTMOUTH.—Rev. E. J. Grant baptized four persons on Sunday morning last at ½ past 9. There was a large attendance at the waterside near the Marine Railway.

PORT LORNE, HAVELOCK, & CO.—Rev. W. L. Parker writes April 30th, 1884:—"We have enjoyed some tokens of God's favor in my field of labour this Winter and Spring. We have been holding quite a number of meetings in Hampton and Wilmot Mountain Churches. Some who had wandered far away, have returned back to the service of Christ, and others we hope have been truly converted to God. At Havelock, a preaching station of the Wilmot Mountain Church, I have baptized thirteen happy converts. Also one at Port Lorne, a captain who was spending the winter at home with his family. May the Lord carry on his own work of salvation among men, until every hill and valley shall become vocal with his praise.

Port Lorne.

WEYMOUTH, N. S.—One of the brethren of this church, N. E. Butler, writes, April 30th, 1884:—"In our trouble we cried unto the Lord and He heard us. Our pastor, Rev. J. A. Stubbart, baptized six happy converts on Sabbath last into the fellowship of the Second Church, and others are looking toward the Kingdom. To Him who has washed us in His own precious blood be all the glory."

MILTON, QUEENS CO.—We much regret to learn from Rev. C. R. B. Dodge that through ill health he has been obliged to take a vacation which the church at Milton, with their usual benevolence have granted him.

On Sunday, April 6th, two were baptized by Rev. P. F. Murray who kindly consented to administer the ordinance. Several others have professed conversion, and a deep solemnity seems to prevail. These things—he says—made it seem doubly hard for me to be obliged to relinquish work, but, out of this as well as out of other seemingly adverse circumstances, he that ruleth over all can, and I believe will, bring good, for which both pastor and people will praise Him. By reason of the rest I have taken I feel already much improved.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday evening last, May 4th, the Pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. Herbert Foshy, gave the Hand of Fellowship and welcomed to the church twenty persons—eighteen of whom had been baptized by him, and the other two who had been received by letter from another church. This makes an addition of fifty since the present pastor came to Windsor a year ago.

BEAR RIVER, DIGBY CO.—Dear Bro. Selden,—You have cheered four hearts greatly as you have told us week by week how God is reviving His work among the churches. The welcome news has led us to "thank God and take courage."

It is our privilege also to speak of some mercy drops that have fallen upon us. A quiet work of grace is in progress in the Morgar Settlement, a section of this church. Thirteen have been baptized in three Sabbaths past. Eleven of them are heads of families, and the other two are both men in the