

The Christian Messenger.

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

We are glad to see that new interest has been awakened in this long established institution. The following Circular has been sent to the Pastors of the Baptist Churches of these Provinces and we doubt not that, in response to the invitation, and with the fact presented, given to the churches, there will be to-day earnest appeals to the throne of heavenly grace in accordance with the Saviour's injunction, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest, for the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." Although the Circular is addressed to the Pastors, yet its contents will also interest the general reader, and we doubt not the direction given by our Lord remembered will produce more than one day of prayer, and that these petitions will arise more frequently and earnestly that God will bless the efforts of his servants in this direction:

ACADIA COLLEGE, Feb. 9, 1884.

Dear Brother,—

You are probably aware that since so much prominence has been given to "The Week of Prayer," "The day of Prayer for Colleges" has been to a large extent neglected. It is a hopeful indication that a desire has been manifested in various quarters to restore this day to its former importance. The faithful observance of its appointment in the past often resulted in rich spiritual blessing. We therefore earnestly request you and the people of your charge to unite with us in observing the afternoon and evening of WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH INSTANT, as a season of Special Prayer for Acadia College and all its affiliated institutions, and for the higher institutions of learning generally,—that a spirit of complete consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ may rest upon teachers, that Christian students may hold fast their profession and live earnest Christian lives, that those students who are not Christians may surrender their lives to Christ as Teacher and Lord, and that there may be a great increase of those who shall devote themselves to the proclamation of the Gospel, at home and abroad.

For the present year there are sixty three enrolled in the College, about one-half of whom are church-members. More than one hundred are now in attendance in the Academy and Seminary. Of these about one-quarter are church-members. Thirteen of our present number have avowed the purpose of entering the Christian ministry. It is to be hoped that others will be moved to consecrate themselves to this work.

For the sake of the youth now studying here, and for the sake of the churches and the cause of Christ in the coming years, we ask, dear brother, that you and the people of your charge will unite with us, in your own church home, on the day above named, or if that is not practicable, on a day as near to that as possible, in prayer to God for the great blessings we have indicated. If for any reason it should be found impracticable for your church as an assembly to unite with us as indicated, we ask that you will yourself remember our request and encourage other Christians to do the same.

If there are any facts in connection with your work, which would be of interest to our meetings on the 27th instant, we shall be thankful if you will communicate them to us.

In behalf of the Faculty,
A. W. SAWYER, President.

We perceive by one of our London exchanges that the Rev. W. B. Haynes, formerly pastor of the Charlottetown, P. E. I. Baptist Church, is now pastor of the Baptist Church at Stafford, in England. At the last—the seventh anniversary of his pastorate, his people presented him with a handsome secretary writing table, and Mrs. Haynes with some articles from the drawing-room.

During the seven years' pastorate there has been a steady increase in the congregation from year to year. Ninety-eight have been baptized by Mr. Haynes.

His latest new enterprise has been the establishment of the *Stafford Christian Messenger*, the monthly organ of his church. The success has been so marked that the second year, on March 1, will commence with a monthly issue of a thousand copies.

We congratulate our brother on the adoption of so good a name for his paper. It indicates that he had some

regard for the name of his old acquaintance in Nova Scotia. We well remember his visit on arrival in Halifax—in the depth of winter. He was then not a little discouraged with the long voyage, the cold, and the further journey on to P. E. Island.

Rev. A. COBURN is using active effort to promote the interests of his Alma Mater. A letter appears in the *Yarmouth Herald* from him stirring up the people of Yarmouth in reference to the Harris Harding Professorship which was well begun some years ago. Although the letter is intended more particularly for those living in the county, yet there may be some living in other places who knew Father Harris Harding and would like to take part in the endowment of such professorship. We have had no request to copy this letter, yet, as many of the friends of Acadia will like to see what is being said and done in this direction, we place it before our readers, with the hope that some may "Go and do likewise."

THE HARRIS HARDING PROFESSORSHIP.

Mr. Editor,—

Many of your readers will remember that in the autumn of 1876 Rev. E. M. Saunders visited this County as an agent for Acadia College. Meetings were held in the town and in other parts of the County, and it was decided to endow a chair in Acadia College to be known as the Harris Harding Professorship. Some subscribed liberally and upwards of \$13,000 was pledged during this canvass.

Little has since been said concerning this matter, and some may suppose it has been lost sight of. Such is not the case, however. Though some of the local agents did not give the attention to collecting which was expected, \$2,095 have already been paid in, and there are notes drawing interest amounting to \$10,695. So that the income to this professorship is already about \$767.00 per year.

The urgent calls for other funds for the College, made necessary by the burning of the old College Building, have interfered with the raising of this Fund, but the Baptists of Yarmouth County owe too much to Father Harding to allow this most fitting memorial to remain in its present incomplete state. We should push forward in this matter until the amount has been brought up to \$25,000. Only a small number have as yet contributed anything. If the poorer would cast in their mites, and the richer the "much," it would speedily be accomplished. We would especially commend this object to any who are asking, "to what objects shall I make bequests?"

It may be thought by some that the College is of less importance to the denomination in the matter of Ministerial Education, and consequently less deserving of support, since the Theological Department has been transferred to Toronto. This is a mistake, however. Without wishing to seem to undervalue Theological training, we have no hesitancy in saying that for any minister the Arts Course is more important than the Theological. This more important work Acadia is still doing and will continue to do with ever increasing efficiency. It should be remembered, also, that it was as an Art College that Acadia was established, not as a Theological School. If she was then deserving of support she is now.

I may add that I shall be glad to receive and forward to the Treasurer of the College any donations to the Harris Harding Professorship, and see that the names of the donors are enrolled among the contributors to this Fund.

Very truly yours,
A. COBURN.

Hebron Feb. 11th 1884.

We find by the *Canadian Baptist* that in Toronto and other places in Ontario, the brethren are not slow in acts of kindness to their pastors.

The Olivet Street Church, Montreal, reports the baptism of four—two men and two women and the reception of four by letter. Several others are enquiring the way of life.

Rev. J. L. Campbell, so long one of the leading men in all the Christian work of the Baptist denomination in Ontario is leaving Cheltenham for Nyack, N. Y., where he has accepted an invitation to the pastorate. The *Baptist* says: We regret very much that the denomination in Canada cannot retain Mr. Campbell.

The church of Whitby has been receiving accessions by baptism. In addition to this there seems a remarkable movement in a body that has hitherto regarded the ordinances as not required at the present day, but

the account says: We have had a most signal example of the power of "truth to prevail" in another respect. Rev. J. Barker of the "Society of Friends" held some special services in our neighborhood and many souls were converted. He having been baptized himself, said he thought it was the duty of all Christians to obey Christ in this ordinance of baptism, and as a consequence he applied for the loan of our baptistery, and on two Sunday evenings recently he baptized eighteen on a profession of their faith, many of them members of his own church. Since this "new departure" among them is in the direction of a fuller obedience to the will of the divine Master, we heartily wish them God-speed.

AVARD LONGLEY.

Passed away very suddenly on Friday last. He, only a short time since had an operation performed on his eyes, in Boeton, and returned hoping to obtain early relief of the difficulty in his eye sight. He had been about on Friday morning, took his breakfast as usual, and shortly after expired, apparently without any premonition.

It seems almost impossible that he who was in our office, conversing as freely as ever, only a few days since on his return from Ottawa, is now no more with us. After an intimate acquaintance of over thirty years, the fact came to us as a shock of no ordinary character. His deep interest in all our denominational interests and readiness to do anything he could to promote the welfare of its institutions, made him a most valuable man and he was consequently held in high esteem. His strict integrity and earnest Christian character pointed him out as the man for almost any duty and emergency in the church of which he was so valued a member. He filled the office of President of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces for two years, in 1876 and 1880.

Mr. Longley was born at Paradise, Annapolis Co., on the 22nd February, 1823. It was remarkable that his sixty-first birthday was the day of his death! He was married twice: first to Maria Whitman, and after her death to Charlotte Augusta Troop, of Wolfville. Several children remain. Mr. Longley has been a member of the Baptist Church at Paradise since his youth. For many years he has been one of the Governors of Acadia College. An active son of temperance, he was grand patriarch of the order in Nova Scotia a quarter of a century ago, and never shrank from the advocacy of the Temperance cause in Parliament or on the public platform. He was one of the founders of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, twenty years ago, and one of its most enthusiastic and intelligent members. The present advanced condition of pomology in the Annapolis valley owes a great deal to Mr. Longley and he was now the president of the above association. In 1859 Mr. Longley was elected for Annapolis as the colleague of Hon. J. W. Johnston, and was re-elected in 1863.

For some years Mr. Longley filled the position of chief commissioner of railways in Nova Scotia. In 1878 he was elected to represent the county of Annapolis in the House of Commons. Our most sincere sympathy is tendered to his widow and bereaved family.

The death of Mr. Longley makes the third Governor of Acadia College who has been called away since the Convention! First Mr. Rupert D. Eaton then Dr. deBlois and now Avard Longley.

THE *Canadian Baptist* has had considerable of discussion of late respecting Prairie College. It is now closed and it was supposed when it ceased operations it was for the purpose of its being early reconstituted at Winnipeg. There does not, however, seem to be entire unanimity with regard to this being done. By some it seems to be held that it would be better to go further west, and that even Moose Jaw would be better suited for a centre of Baptist educational operations in the North West. It seems, however, at present altogether uncertain what will be done in this matter. The Winni-

peg directors of Prairie College now express their willingness to review their action in closing the institution at Rapid City, and leave it entirely at the option of the brethren in Ontario and Quebec to re-open and control it should they deem it prudent to do so.

We owe an apology to our friend Dr. I. P. Warren, editor of the *Christian Mirror* for the supposition that an excerpt, made from his paper by one of our friends and forwarded to us, was from his pen. It closed with the words: "If you wish to increase the visible church you can easily do so by making it essential to salvation to belong to it." We made our protest against any such doctrine. The editor of *Zion's Advocate*, Rev. Dr. Burrage, has kindly sent us a copy of the *Mirror*, which shows that Dr. W. made the extract from Dr. James N. Clarke's book entitled "Steps of Belief," for the very purpose of condemning the slander of Baptists it contained. Dr. Warren precedes the extract by saying, "Our Baptist friends complain, not without reason, of the misrepresentations of their views made by Dr. J. P. Clarke, &c." Dr. Burrage will accept our thanks for his kindness in enabling us to correct the wrong impression.

We have received a copy of the *Moose Jaw News*, edited by J. E. Wells, formerly professor in the Woodstock Baptist College, and our frequent Ontario correspondent. It is published in the city of Moose Jaw, North West Territory.

Moose Jaw is to be congratulated in having so able a man in charge of its local press. We wish our western contemporary all health and prosperity.

The *Beacon*, is a new weekly paper, "set up" in Boston. It is of a high tone apparently intended for "society," with illustrations, at \$2.50 a year. It is to fill a place not previously occupied, although that city has so many good papers. "The *Beacon* will not be a newspaper" according to the common acceptance of that term, but rather a weekly review of the literature and amusements of the day.

"LEARNER" wishes us to explain "whether or not baptism is essential to salvation, providing, of course, that the person has the opportunity of obeying that command."

We would not like to have to determine how much a person may trifle with convictions of duty without endangering his or her salvation. If any person like "Learner" is satisfied that baptism by immersion is the *only* proper mode, his refusal to obey the Saviour's command may be an act of resisting the Spirit and of hostility to God, which may result in eternal death. And yet we must not imagine for a moment that salvation is secured by the act of submission in baptism. It is but an act declarative of discipleship and of the intention to entire obedience to Christ in all his commands. Salvation is alone by faith, dependance and trust in Christ.

STANDARD TIME is to commence on Saturday next so that Time in the Maritime Provinces is to be regulated according to what it is on the 60th degree of longitude. This will make it necessary for the clocks and watches to be put 14 minutes forward from what they have heretofore been. It is decided by the military authorities to adopt the STANDARD TIME. The noon gun at Halifax will therefore be fired at 11.46, and all time-pieces will then require to be changed and made 12, and so will continue. The Telegraph offices have been working by this time for several months past.

FROM BIMPATAM, INDIA.—A brief note from Rev. I. C. Archibald, dated as above, January 7, 1884, gives us the pleasing intelligence that he is enjoying excellent health, and that he is greatly pleased with his work among the people so far as it is possible for him to engage in it, and in getting the Telugu language. Mrs. Archibald too is enjoying better health than she has had for the past three years.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

The Local Legislature has been giving its attention during the past week, principally to the Revision of the Statutes.

The New Assessment Act too was under consideration.

ON WEDNESDAY, Dr. Munro asked if the Government had requested the Provincial Grange to give them a skeleton Bill of what they wished enacted. Mr. Campbell said he thought the Government had wisely waited for light on this subject.

ON THURSDAY, Mr. Fraser gave notice that he would move a series of resolutions asking the Dominion for an increase in the subsidy for the Public Service of the Province.

ON FRIDAY evening, Mr. McRae brought to the knowledge of the Assembly in a very appropriate address the death of Mr. AVARD LONGLEY, of Paradise, who had suddenly passed away on that day. Mr. L. had long held his place as a representative of Annapolis County, in that Assembly and in the House of Commons. Other members spoke in terms of the highest respect of the deceased and expressed their deep sympathy with the bereaved family.

After which Mr. J. W. Longley said the near relationship which existed between himself and the gentlemen referred to made it impossible for him to say anything of a personal character, and he could only express the great grief which he felt at the tidings of his unexpected death. It would leave a great blank in the county in which the deceased gentleman had always lived. He had been identified during his career with every important movement that had occurred in the Province, and had maintained during that time a high character for integrity and probity. He (Mr. L.) felt that his memory was safe in the hands of his country. It only remained for him to tender to the gentlemen who the late Mr. Longley for the very generous way in which they had sympathized with them in their bereavement.

A full and particular account of the Provincial Grange—the Farmers' Parliament—in our next.

The Centennial Sermon on the Rev. Henry Aline preached at Falmouth by Rev. Joseph Murray will also appear in our columns next week.

Literary.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST YEAR BOOK, 1884, American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, pp. 76. Price 50 cts.

This is a hand-book which all American Baptists should have. It gives a very brief but comprehensive view of who the Baptists are in their Churches, Conventions, Periodicals, Societies, and other institutions in each State of the Union. The lists of Associations and of ministers with their residences is omitted this year.

The tabular summary of Statistics gives

	1882.	1883.
Associations.....	1,167	1,196
Churches.....	26,931	27,913
Ordained Ministers.....	17,090	17,327
Additions by Baptism.....	94,680	111,932
" by Letter.....	44,506	54,403
" by Experience.....	6,714	6,861
" by Restoration.....	11,971	16,232
Diminution by Death.....	20,580	23,428
" by Letter.....	45,379	56,086
" by Exclusion.....	26,790	29,429
" by Erasure.....	6,354	8,143
Total Membership.....	2,394,742	2,474,771

This shows the addition of 29 Associations; 982 churches or nearly three new churches for every day in the year, with upwards of eighty thousand members in the year. What hath God wrought!

The Sunday Schools Statistics give even a greater proportionate increase than in the churches. There are about eighty Baptist newspapers and other periodicals.

In the statistical tables of Baptist and other denominations the following are the numbers of members in the ten largest bodies:—

Baptists.....	2,474,771
Disciples of Christ.....	840,300
Congregationalists.....	395,113
Episcopal Protestant.....	304,003
Lutherans.....	800,189
Methodist Episcopal.....	1,799,593
Methodist Episcopal African.....	391,004
Methodist Episcopal Zion African.....	300,000
Presbyterian North.....	600,095
Roman Catholic, entire R. C. population.....	6,377,330

There are other churches—Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist—but all number less than the above.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., was visited by a fearful conflagration on Tuesday of last week, which burned the south side of Queen's Square together with the Dominion Government building causing a loss of perhaps a quarter of a million.

LIVERPOOL too, was visited by a serious fire on Monday night of last week. The Masonic Temple, in the lower story of which were a number of offices and shops, was wholly consumed. The bravery of the firemen was rewarded by their being enabled to prevent other buildings burning although several caught at times.

A horrible case of murder occurred at Digby on Monday of last week. Wm. Kent, colored, was drunk and assaulting a family named Jordan. Kent and Howard Jordan were tussling on the floor and Elsie Williams his mother-in-law struck Kent with an axe several times and killed him. She confessed on Thursday.

We are having large demand for the (Consolidated 1, 2, 3 and 4, Sanky) music, also word editions. The cheapest and best place to buy, Baptist Book Room.

TESTIMONY OF WORTH.—Mr. G. E. Hutchins, of Rosaway, Digby County, states that his wife had been sorely afflicted with Salt Rheum in the hands for a long time and could find no relief from the pain and distress, until she used Gates' Nerve Ointment, which after using for a short time relieved her of all pain and soreness. He recommends it very highly to those similarly afflicted as a powerful and speedily healing ointment. 2 ins.

NIJATAUX AND ATLANTIC RAILROAD.—I am pleased to know this important railroad is being pushed on to completion. When I penned, as secretary, the account for publication of the first railway meeting held at New Germany, I scarcely expected the project would be carried out; and later, when on railway delegations to the Government on the subject, and the matter was treated lightly by friends and foes, with others, I was discouraged, yet stuck to it.

W. J. G.

The Gates Organ and Piano Company are supplying the market in this Province with a large number of instruments of their manufacture. If persevering industry will give success these business are calculated to give more joy to families than that which brings so them a good musical instrument. Whatever makes home happy should be encouraged. We wish all success to the Brothers Gates and large dividends to the shareholders of the company.

TO POOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We have a Price Books in stock, Baptist Book Room.

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 diseases. Feb. 14.

CRUMBS OF COMFORT.—Ear ache, tooth ache, head ache, neuralgia, and deafness can be instantly relieved and finally cured by Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. Get a bottle and read directions.

The editor of an agricultural paper says there is absolutely no cure for hog cholera, but that *Sheridan's Condition Powders* given occasionally will certainly prevent it. Be sure to get Sheridan's. The other kind is large packs are trash.

SELECT NOTES, 1884, by Rev. F. N. and M. A. Peloubet, \$1.25—15 per cent. off now is the time.

CAPTAIN ROD 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 Putner'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 Rod, 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 Putner'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 Itch, Ich, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Barbers' Itch, Blisters, 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. June 20. 1 y.