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—If YOUR SUBSCRIPTION is due, kindly forward it at once.

—SOME ONE has well said that grumblers rarely work, and that workers rarely grumble.

—THE FAMILY is to be pitied which does not, as a family, recognize God and worship Him.

—CHRISTIANS sometimes talk of willingness "to die for Christ." That is well, should the necessity arise. But the great need is willingness to live for Him—to have His Spirit and follow His example in all things.

—THE ESSENCE and power of christian life, said Phillips Brooks, lies in the touch of soul upon soul. Everything else is but machinery. You may get rid of the machinery, but the power may go on. But get rid of the power, and the machinery all tumbles to pieces.

—A PASTOR writes: "I have come to the conclusion that we have more common honesty in the six days we cannot expect blessing on the seventh. If a man is not honest as to his debts his profession of christianity is a fraud. The 'higher life' needed is the ten commandments." Amen!

—DR. RAINFORD, of New York remarked in a recent speech that "it took God one hundred thousand years to make an ape." An ill-bred wit in the audience remarked, "But it doesn't take you five minutes to make an ass of yourself." The remark was an impertinence, of course, deserving rebuke. But some people may feel disposed to excuse the fellow on the ground that he was probably thinking of Dr. Rainford's monstrously absurd proposal that churches should establish and conduct run-shops.

—THE BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, held this year in Denver, Colorado, are reported to have been meetings of great interest and encouragement. The attendance was thoroughly representative, embracing all sections of the country from New England to California. The reports say that the work of the denomination has had cheering results, and that the outlook is bright.

—DR. BRIGGS does not intend to leave the Presbyterian Church, as has generally been expected. Notwithstanding the General Assembly's condemnation of his beliefs and teachings he declares his purpose to remain where he is. Altogether aside from the question whether he or the Assembly is right, the honourable thing for him to do is to retire from a denomination with which he is not in accord.

—THE QUESTION of church entertainments has come to be a grave one. Churches seem to think that to attract and interest the people they must provide various kinds of entertainment. And they are, often, not particular whether what they provide is consistent with christian teaching and character. One thing leads to another, till one wonders what next. Dr. Donald well says, there is nothing of entertainment in the Ten Commandments; nothing funny about the Sermon on the Mount; nor do we find in any utterance of the men who

wrote the Epistles and Gospels the faintest suggestion that they were possessed with the spirit of entertainment. The Church of God is not a house of attractions. The lust of entertainment and the teaching of the cross go not together.

—THE "PARLIAMENT of Religions," proposed to be held in Chicago during the Exhibition, does not meet with the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He says:

"The difficulties which I feel are not questions of distance and convenience, but rest on the fact that the Christian religion is the one religion. I do not understand how that religion can be regarded as a member of a Parliament of Religions without assuming the equality of the other intended members, and the parity of their position and claims."

The objection is well taken. The same thought has, doubtless, occurred to many persons.

—A FULL REPORT of the closing exercises of the Seminary is printed in this issue. We are greatly indebted to the young gentleman—Mr. Case—who furnished the report. He is, we understand, to be a member of the teaching staff next year.

We are sure our readers, interested in the Seminary, will read the account with pleasure. It must be very gratifying to all the friends of the institution that it has had so successful a year in every respect. The work done is excellent, the financial report is most encouraging, and the religious interest such as must cheer the hearts of all. The results are most creditable to the Principal and his staff of teachers; and must win for the school a still larger and heartier support from the denominations under whose auspices and in whose interests it is conducted.

—A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in England has just done a good thing, of which some churches would do well to make a note. A man who had defrauded his creditors made the church a gift of a considerable sum of money. On becoming aware of the man's dishonest doings, the church returned the money. The act of the church was a fitting rebuke to the wrong-doer, it gave the people a lesson in simple christian honesty, and honoured the doctrines of Christ.

The Church of Christ never needs to depend for support on ill-gotten money. Such money is often offered to churches, and always for a purpose. Too often it is received; sometimes it is even sought after. The church that, knowingly, receives such support, and pays the price demanded—silence about the wrong-doing which the money represents, becomes a partner in the sin. The cause of Christ is reproached—not honoured, by such things.

—TO WITHHOLD commendation where it is due is a fault. To praise the undeserving is equally a fault. The latter is, perhaps, more common than the former. Praise that is given with equal facility on all occasions, without respect to the truth in the cases, and just because it is expected, soon ceases to be of any value. He who falls into the habit of indiscriminate praise is soon not taken seriously no matter what he says. This from the "Herald," is good advice. Let us not make our praise too cheap. Let us not sign testimonials and recommendations simply because we are asked so to do. He who pours forth his words of commendation miscellaneously, out of mere general good nature, strips himself of the power to reward some one who is really deserving. There should be a careful regard for justice in our words as well as in our acts. A conscientious man cannot bring himself to bestow his praises indiscriminately simply because something of the kind is expected and is deemed polite.

Young People's Societies.

Young People's Societies, under various names, but chiefly Christian Endeavour Societies, have multiplied amazingly within two or three years. That the movement organizing the young people for mutual christian help and christian work is eminently good no one can question. That immeasurable good has already been done there can be no doubt. Many young christians have been saved from falling into indifference, many have developed capabilities for christian service which neither they or anybody else thought they possessed, and through the instrumentality of the societies many have been won to begin the life of faith.

In our own churches, both in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, these societies have been formed; and we are glad to know that the number of them is being increased. There are, if any, churches and communities in which it is not possible to organize the young people for christian

culture and work. Wherever it can be done it should be done.

But organization is not enough. As with every good thing, so with this—great care is needed to assure not only the permanency of the organizations, but definiteness of activity. How long these societies can continue in their present form, going on, as they should, from strength to strength and from victory to victory, is a question which some are pondering. One contemporary, "Zion's Herald," recently devoted an article to urging the importance of a definite crusade being undertaken by them.

The movement, said an observant gentleman lately, "has now reached the point where it must begin to die, unless it gives itself body and soul to some grand practical crusade." It may not, perhaps, have come quite to that critical point yet, but that it will, sooner or later, reach it, unless something is done, there can be little doubt. "Aggressive and objective work is the only thing that will keep any organization permanently alive. A political party with no fight in it, and nothing to fight for, would soon cease to exist. A church without a definite mission to perform, and a definite devil to contend with, would speedily be in need of an epitaph. All institutions and organizations, as Mrs. Partington would say, must have 'ethin' to 'bout agens' in order to keep themselves alive and vigorous; and this is just as true of a religious organization as of any other. Its vitality depends upon its aggressiveness."

The young people's societies are excellent training schools, but the training is all lost unless the trained go out to work.

The paper already quoted urges as a rallying cry for the Young People's societies some one of the great reforms of the day. "The whole organization as an individual fighting unit ought to throw itself into some one grand crusade and fight it out to victory. Think what a tremendous power it would be if it gave itself utterly to the service of any present day reform. No force could stand against its consecrated thousands."

Perhaps at the Convention of the Societies, to be held next month in Montreal, this question may receive consideration. Let us hope so.

"What is wanted is a crusade, something objective; something all-enlightening; something to set souls on fire with indignation and resolve. That is the perpetual need of any organization with the breath of true and enduring life in it. That is the need of the united young people of all our churches, of whatever denomination, throughout America. Out of the Christian training-school into the Christian arena—is the true law of spiritual development and accomplishment."

Union Baptist Seminary Closing Exercises.

The public exercises in connection with the closing of the Union Baptist Seminary were pleasantly introduced by a special meeting of the Literary Society on the evening of June 10. The chief attractions of the evening were a French play under the direction of Miss Fitch, a vocal solo by Mrs. de Blois with violin obligato by Miss Williams, a young ladies chorus entitled the "Gleaners," and a piano duet by Misses Davis and Dawson. The participants in the French play presented their parts so well as to be positive proof of the thoroughness and success which attend this department under the direction of Miss Fitch. The whole programme was pleasantly rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Sunday morning J. W. Manning, of St. John, preached the annual sermon before the graduating class. Taking as his text 1 Cor. III, 10, "Let every man take heed how he buildeth," he delivered a most interesting and instructive discourse. Character building was his theme and after calling to mind the latent possibilities of every individual he proceeded to discuss his subject under three main divisions—1st, foundation, 2nd, construction, 3rd, completion, or after construction, what? As a permanently beautiful super-structure is impossible when not rested on a sure foundation so must an enduring noble character, the greatest of structures, have a firm basis. But attention to the construction is equally important and that to which even greater importance is due is the completion. The one glorious goal should ever be kept in view.

In the evening Rev. C. T. Phillips of Woodstock, N. B., occupied the pulpit and spoke especially for the benefit of the Missionary Society. He chose as the basis of his remarks Nehemiah vi, 3, "I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down."

though he did not wish to undervalue that noble calling, the ministry of the Gospel, yet by no means did he believe it to be the only profession in which men can be truly pleasing to God. The Creator calls for the earnest efforts of a man in whatever work he may be engaged and all ought to follow the dictates of the spirit in their severally allotted vocations in life. Earnestly did he exhort the young people wherever their fortunes were cast to "over-abound in the work of the Lord."

But the Sunday evening after meeting in the Seminary chapel revealed more clearly than anything else could the actual atmosphere which characterizes the school. The Principal, Dr. de Blois, in his sympathetic and lovable manner, opened with a few remarks relating to the enjoyableness of the past school year and the earnest christian spirit which had prevailed throughout. After expressing his sorrow that such pleasant realities must soon become mere recollections of the past, students and teachers mutually poured forth from the fulness of their hearts prayer and praises of thankfulness for help in the past and of pleading for guidance in the future. Many on leaving carry with them the hope of eternal salvation a blessing of which they know nothing before attending the Seminary. Such ought surely to gladden the hearts and solicit the sympathies of parents and friends.

Monday at 10 a. m., real examinations of work done during the year were conducted by various teachers. A class in Physical Geography was examined by Miss Hughes, one in Algebra by Prof. Trefry, one in Latin by Prof. Chipman, one in Bible study by Rev. C. W. Williams, and one in English Literature by Miss Tucker. Miss Hughes, leading her class out by a few comprehensive questions, clearly presented the thorough work which had been accomplished in that branch. Prof. Trefry so conducted his examination as to display the firm grasp which his pupils had acquired over the principles of Algebra and their ability to apply rules in the most direct and concise manner. The examination in Latin conducted by Prof. Chipman was perhaps the most interesting of the day. He strictly adhered to the inductive method which had been used by the class during the year. The pupils showed a remarkable knowledge of Latin for a junior class, which spoke highly for Prof. Chipman as a teacher. In Bible study the students exhibited excellent work considering the small amount of time devoted to that subject during the year. Miss Tucker's class in English Literature was one of the most pleasing features of the morning's work, the subjects upon which the examination was based being those ever interesting plays of Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice and Julius Caesar.

Among others present at the public examinations were Revs. C. T. Phillips of Woodstock, J. W. Manning and A. E. Ingram of St. John, and Rev. Mr. Lockwood of Boston, all of whom expressed themselves as much pleased with the proficiency displayed by the pupils and the high standard of scholarship maintained in every department. The rhetorical contest for the silver medal, given by H. A. McKewen, ex-M. P., took place on Monday evening. The programme was,

(1) Chorus, (2) Piano Duet, Couriers, Misses J. & E. West; (3) Reading, The Uncle, Perry J. Stackhouse. (4) Reading, A Mountain Tragedy, Miss Bessie J. O'Brien. (5) Vocal Solo, True Love is Sweet, H. M. Leonard. (6) Reading, The Rhyme of the Duchess May, Miss Maud Davis. (7) The Story of Black Ledge, Miss Edna West. (8) Vocal Solo, My Lady's Bower, Miss Bessie O'Brien. (9) Reading, The Chariot Race, "Ben Hur," Miss Maud Sprague. (10) Reading, Hanging a Picture, William Wynne Hatfield. (11) Vocal Solo, Fleeting Days, Miss Mabel Murray. (12) Reading, A Tale of Sweethearts, Miss Annie McDonald. (13) Piano Solo, Rondo Capriccioso, Miss Bessie O'Brien. (14) Chorus.

All the parts were excellently given, the music interspersed giving variety and charm to the well chosen selections for reading. All the competitors were worthy of praise and a decision was difficult, but after some consultation the medal was awarded by Rev. Mr. Lockwood, on behalf of the judges—Revs. Messrs. Lockwood and McKiel, and Mr. E. J. Sheldon to Miss Annie McDonald daughter of Mr. Mont. McDonald, of St. John. The hearty applause which followed expressed the general approbation of the audience.

The closing exercises proper were begun at 11 a. m., Tuesday, after the train bearing many interested friends and visitors had arrived. Among those whose faces had not been seen before were Revs. J. W. Clarke, G. O. Gates, S. Mc. Black and A. J. Kempton, Dr. McFarlane, Messrs. Mont. McDonald, A. A. Wilson, A. C. Smith M. P., J. J. Bostwick and T. L. Hay all of

St. John; Dr. Jonah of Eastport, Me. and many others from various places in the province, with their families and friends.

After the Faculty and a number of the directors had taken seats on the platform the work of the day was commenced. Following is the programme:

Music—Processional March. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Clarke. Essays by members of the graduating class. The Medical Profession, by W. E. Jonah. Egyptian Architecture, by F. W. Titus. Phillips Brooks, by Frank Patterson. Vocal Solo, Branbury Town, Miss Lillie McLean. The Future of Canada by H. H. Reid. Valedictory by R. E. White, Double Trio, Last Night. Conferring Diplomas and Certificates. Awarding Prizes. Report of the Principal.

Without specializing or attempting a brief synopsis, it may be said the essays as a whole were of a high order and delivered in a most pleasing and praiseworthy manner. After Mr. White, the valedictorian on behalf of the class, had bidden a fond farewell to teachers, pupils, and fellow-citizens diplomas were awarded to the graduates in the courses indicated below. William Everett Jonah of Eastport Me., Matriculation course. Frank Paterson of St. Martin's N. B., English Scientific course. Harvey Hall Reed, of Harvey, N. B., English Scientific Course. Frederick Warren Titus of Bloomfield, N. B., Classical Course. Ralph Edwin White of St. Martins, N. B., English Scientific course. Another diploma was given to F. W. Titus for completing the work in the Matriculation course also. Certificates were then awarded to several young ladies who had passed the course in shorthand and typewriting. These were, Hattie Fowler of Hammond, N. B., Misses Nellie Brown, Gertie Fownes and Lillie Miller of St. Martin's, N. B., Misses Mamie Fowler and Nellie Kieth of Havelock, N. B., and Miss Etta Newsome of Beddeck, P. E. I.

Next the prizes were given. The list of those who won is appended:—Miss Annie McDonald, McKewen medal for excellence in Elocution. Leonard Crandall, prize given by A. C. Smith, M. P. for Excellence in Science. Frank Patterson, T. H. Hall prize for excellence in Mathematics. Harry H. Reid, C. M. Bostwick prize for excellence in senior English. J. B. Daggett, Seely prize for information on current topics. J. Wallace Ferris, Principal's prize for excellence in Freshman Latin. Joseph Mills, prize in Junior Greek.

The honor list is: Science, W. E. Jonah; Classics, J. Mills; Mathematics, Leonard Crandall.

The Principal, Dr. de Blois, in thoughtful well-advancing words, addressed the members of the graduating class. He wished to congratulate them on reaching this stage successfully but by no means is this the final goal. It is merely the start. Every thing as yet lies ahead and since each one has in some way distinguished himself as a student, success will surely attend their efforts if a high and noble purpose is made the watchword of life. Since he knew them thus he felt certain that the acquirement of knowledge and the living of a noble life would be theirs. As the time for parting had come he bade them God speed.

Then he proceeded with the report of the year's work. The mental progress, spiritual life, and financial condition have all received striking stimulus. The most sanguine hopes of those interested in the welfare of the Seminary have been realized. Of the 104 students enrolled nine were studying with the gospel ministry in view, and five of the 104 were members of the graduating class. The year has been one of special blessing to all in attendance and ten of the students have been baptized. The utmost harmony has prevailed between teachers and pupils continually, and the religious life seemed to be the special feature of the school. The class work has been excellent and the staff of teachers exceptionally strong. This was the first year for Miss Tucker, the Preceptress, but she has made her department thoroughly successful and will remain for the coming year despite tempting offers made her by two ladies colleges that sought her as their president. It is regretted that Prof. Trefry, who has been in such faithful service for the past four years, is to sever his connection with the school to take a further course of study. Profs. Chipman and Robinson will remain. By the strenuous efforts of the latter, the standard of excellence in music and elocution has been greatly improved. Typewriting and shorthand, which were in a sense, an experiment in the past year, have proved very successful by the efforts of Miss Maud Pye, under whom they will be continued in the future. Misses Vaughan and Fitch have also been ever ready and faithful. During the year Dr. deBlois

himself has been continually busy in personal solicitude, travel, and correspondence. He has addressed 40 public gatherings, travelled 7,200 miles, and written 1,100 letters and documents. He also wished to acknowledge several presents. A lady had donated \$50 towards the furnishing of an art studio, but \$100 more must be added to the sum. The library had been much helped by the donations of Rev. Messrs. Crowell, Martell and others. It was ascertained later in the day that some well-disposed gentleman had pledged \$100, and possibly he would make it \$200 to be expended next fall in purchasing books for the library.

This year the school has paid all current expenses and has a surplus of \$403. At no time, previous to the last year has even the running expenses been defrayed. A good part of the standing debt has also been lifted.

After Dr. deBlois had completed his report the portrait of the late Rev. Ezekiel McLeod, a gift of his son Rev. Dr. McLeod, was unveiled. Rev. C. T. Phillips made the presentation address. He called to mind the great work which had been accomplished by this well-beloved Free Baptist Father, in education and otherwise, and the noble purpose which led to the founding of the INTELLIGENCER. He thought that many more such pictures ought to decorate the walls of our schools, for the contemplation of those who sacrificed so much that we might enjoy our present blessed privileges must surely fill us with love and patriotism and inspire us to acquirement of nobler, purer life.

After the National Anthem had been sung and the benediction pronounced, the assembly repaired to the dining hall where the alumni dinner, which did much credit to the matron, Mrs. Scribner, awaited them.

Rev. C. W. Williams, president of the Alumni Society, took the chair and short after-dinner speeches were made by Messrs. M. McDonald, Rev. J. W. Clarke, Rev. G. O. Gates, Dr. Foster McFarlane, Dr. Jonah, J. J. Bostwick, A. C. Smith, M. P., Rev. A. J. Kempton, G. W. Titus, Rev. A. E. Ingram and E. J. Sheldon. Mr. Sheldon's remarks took a very practical turn, and he started a subscription for the decorating of the Assembly Hall which, in a few minutes, amounted to about \$120.

A large and appreciative audience was present to enjoy the very interesting programme which was presented in the assembly room on Tuesday evening. The concert was thoroughly successful and reflected much credit upon Prof. Robinson as an artist, as upon all the participants.

The closing week was enjoyed by all present and every one pronounced the past year the most successful in the history of our Seminary at St. Martins. SHIRLEY J. CASE.

The Tobique Mission Fund, Again.

Dear Bro. McLeod:—We on the Tobique river wish to express to the friends who have so readily responded to our call for money to help our work here our heartfelt thanks; we pray that they may be rewarded an hundred-fold. Yet, notwithstanding the contributions made much remains to be done. The Mission Board has sent out brother Carrier to the field, but only part of the money for his four months' labour is in hand. It is our earnest desire and prayer that not one dollar of this amount will have to come out of the general fund. None of us doubt that the money can be raised and no one burdened by it. Does any one ask how? By a little self denial such as we are all commanded to practice every day. This will do it in a very short time. Let there be a general rally in support of this work. Send Rev. G. A. Hartley, the treasurer, your \$5, 10, 25 cents or, if you will, your dollars. Come one, come all, come now! Will not the pastors bring this before their churches and congregations, and join with them in sending the blessed Gospel to this people. "He that giveth a cup of cold water to one of His little ones in the name of a disciple shall in no wise lose his reward."

Yours &c., J. N. BARNES.

THE MORMONS.—In the Presbyterian General Assembly, now in session at Brantford, Ont., in discussing Home Mission Work, reference was made to the mission to the Mormons of the Northwest. It was stated that there are 700 Mormons there. They are building a temple, and expect to have 10,000 Mormons in the Northwest in a short time. In many respects they are excellent settlers, but their moral and social principles are most dangerous to the Christian civilization of this country. A sharp eye should be kept on these people. Canada does not want a polygamous community on its hands.