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The Convention.

In another column will be found a deeply interesting report of the recent Young Men's Convention in this City, from the pen of Mr. McDonald, one of its esteemed Secretaries. We regret exceedingly, owing to ill health, that we were unable to attend; but we greatly rejoice to know, that this Convention, from first to last, has been a complete success. The hand of God is in it. We cannot but congratulate friend Welsh, President of the Young Men's Christian Association of this City, and his brother officials, upon the pleasing results of their arduous and persevering efforts. Surely they have not labored in vain or spent their strength for nought. Influences for good must go forth from these impressive services to bless society generally. Heartily do we thank the secular press of the city for the full and cheering reports of the proceedings as they went forward from day to day. These reports will be read by multitudes who seldom see a religious paper, and make salutary impressions upon many hearts.

The christian earnestness which characterized the several meetings, was truly inspiring, and, to our mind, constituted one of their most encouraging fea-We trust as the delegates return to their homes, they will carry this earnestness into their respective churches, and thereby be the means of awakening a wider and deeper zeal in the great work of saving souls. Eternal Sprit descend in mighty fulness to save young men.

A Second Luther.

The most startling letter of modern times comes from the pen of Father Hyacinthe, the renowned preacher of Notre Dame. See a description of him on our first page. This extraordinary utterance has fallen like an inspiration from heaven upon the great heart of universal christendom. Rome raves and pours forth her anathemas, but Hyacinthe is unmoved. Like the undaunted Luther he stands up defiantly in all the majesty of soul liberty. His letter is addressed to the General of his order in Rome. and is worthy of being inscribed in letters of gold. Here it is. Read, ponder, and pray.

MY VERY REVEREND FATHER :- During the five years of my ministry at Notre Dame de Paris, despite the open attacks and secret accusations of which I have been the object, your esteem and confidence have never failed me for a moment. 1 preserve numerous testimonies of them written by your own hand, and which were addressed as much to my preaching as to myself. Whatever may happen, I shall hold them in grateful remembrance. To-day, however, by a sudden change, the cause of which I do not seek in your heart, but in the intrigues of a party all powerful at Rome, you arraign what you encouraged. you censure what you approved, and you require that I should speak a language or preserve a silence which would no longer be the entire and loval expression of my conscience. I do not hesitate an instant. With language perverted by a command, or mutilated by reticence, I shall not ascend the pulpit of Notre Dame. I express my regret for this to the intelligent and courageous Archbishop who has given his pulpit to me, and sustained me there against the bad will of men of whom I shall speak at the proper time. I express my regrets to the imposing auditory who surrounded me there with its attention, its sympathies, I was nearly going to say its friendship. I would not be worthy of the auditory of the Archbishop, of my conscience por of God, if I would consent to act before them in such a role! I separate my self at the same time from the convent in which have resided, and which under the new circumstances that have happened to me, renders it for me a prison of the soul. In acting thus I am not unfaithful to my vows. I have promised monastic obedience; but, limited by the honesty of conscience, the dignity of my person and my ministry, I have promised under the benefit of that superior law of justice and of royal liberty which is, according to the Apostle St. James, the proper law of the Christian.

It is for the more perfect practice of this boly liberty that I came to ask at the cloister, now more than ten years ago, in the elan of an enthusiasm free of all human calculation, I shall not venture to add free of all the illusion of youth. If, in exchange for my sacrifices, I am to-day offered chains, I have not only the right but the duty to reject them. The present hour is solemn. The church passes through one of the most violent, dark, and decisive crises of its existence here below. For the first time in 300 years, an Œcumenical Council in not only convoked but declared necessary; -such is the expression of the Holy Father. It is not in such a moment that a preacher of the gospel, where he the least of all, can consent to reman as the mute dogs of Israel, unfaithful guardians, whom the prophet reproaches as unable to bark. Canes muti, non valentes latrare. The saints were never silent. I am not one of them, but nevertheless I belong to their race, filii sanctorum sumus, and I have always been ambitious to place my steps, my tears, and if nccesary, my blood, in the tracks which they have left. I raise, therefore, before the Holy Father and the Council, my protestation as Christian and preacher against these doctrines and practices, calling themselves Roman, but which are not Christian, and which in their encroachments. always most audacious and most baneful, tend to change the constitution of the Church, the basis as well as the form of her teaching, and even the spirit of her piety. I protest against the divorce, as impious as it is insane, which it is sought to accomplish between the church, who is our mother according to eternity, and the society of the nineteenth century, of whom we are the sons according to the times, and toward whom we have also some duties and attachments. I protest against this more radical and dread ful opposition to human nature, which is attacked and made to revolt by these false doctrines, in its most indestructible and holiest aspirations. I protest, above all, against the sacrilegious perversion of the Word of the Son of God bimself, the spirit and the letter of which are equally trodden under foot by the pharisaism of the new law. It is my most profound conviction that, if France in particular, and the Latin races in general, are delivered over to social, moral, and religious anarchy, the principal cause is without doubt, not in Catholicism itself, but in the manner in which Catholicism has, during a long time, been understood and practiced.

I appeal to the Council about to meet, to seek for remedies for the excess of our evils, and to apply them with us much force as gentleness. But if fears in which I do not wish to share, come to be realized, if the august assembly has not more liberty in its deliberations than it has already in its preparation, if, in aword, it is deprived of the essential characters of an Œcumenical Council, I will cry to God and men to call another, truly united in the Holy Spirit, not in the spirit of party, and representing really the Universal Church, not the silence of some men and the oppression of others. "For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I burt; I am black; astonishment bath taken hold on me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physican there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered ?"-Jeremiah, vini. In fine, I appeal your tribunal, O Lord Jesus ;-Ad tuum Domine Jesu tribunal appello. It is in your presence that I write these lines; it is at your feet, after having prayed much, reflected, suffered, and waited much, that I sign them. I have confidence that if men condemn them on earth you approve them in heaven. That is sufficient for me, living and dying. FR. HYACINTHE.

A Large Subscription.

It is well known that Messrs. Trevor & Colgate built the fine stone Baptist Church, in Yonkers, near New York city, costing over \$250,000, which they presented to the Society. Lately, the agent of the "Baptist Church Building Fund," called at their office, in Wall street, New York, to get the annual subscription. One of the partners heard the story of the agent, said, "Wait a minute," took his partner one side, soon returned, and said, "The committee are prepared to report. Give me your subscription book." He put the firm down for Fifty Thousand Dollars, handed a checque of Ten Thousand, and said, "We will give you the balance in a few days." The whole fair did not occupy more than five minutes.

The Young Men's Convention.

The first Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of New Brunswick, was organized on Thursday afternoon (Oct. 14th), at 3 o'clock, in St. David's (Presbyterian) Church, Saint John. The meeting for organization was preceded by one half hour's devotional exercises; brief, but earnest prayers were offered for the special outpouring of the Divine spirit upon the Convention.

ORGANIZATION. Wm. Welsh, Esq., President of the Saint John Young Men's Christian Association, was called to the Chair, and J. E. Irvine, Secretary of the Saint John Young Men's Christian Association, appointed Secretary, pro tem. The Hymn (from the printed circular, compiled for the occasion), "A charge to keep I have," being sung, and prayer being offered, the Rules and Regulations were submitted and adopted for the guidance of the Convention. The following

COMMITTEES were then appointed. On Arrangements, Devotion,

Business, Credentials, and Associations. The Committee on Arrangements reported, Presi dent, Wm. Welsh; Vice Presidents-J. B. Morrow. of Halifax, Geo. M. Milner, of Charlottetown, Henry Furness, of Boston, H. B. White, of St. John, and Kenneth McKenzie, of Moncton; Secretaries-J. E. Irvine and Joshua S. Clawson, of St. John.

These Nominations were unanimously adopted. Forty-two Delegates (not including members of St. John Association), were reported in attendance, besides a number of the clergy from different parts of the Provinces and St. John, who were received as members of the Convention.

The President then delivered an address, referring n eloquent terms to the object of the Young Men's Dhristian Association, and the purpose for which the Convention was convened, considering that from the experience of the brethren from the Sister Provinces and the United States, in these matters, this Association and the Delegation from the different sections of our Province, might be greatly benefitted. He directed the brethren to God, the source of all wisdom, and besought that love would characterize all their deliberations; and, from this Convention, a practical influence for good might be shown, in the establishment of many Young Men's Christian Associations and great ingathering of young men in them, and finally into the church of God.

from Major General O. O. Howard, President of the Young Men's Christian Association, and Howard University of Washington, Mr. A McLean of Boston, Captain Brainard, Chairman of the National Executive Committee of New York, expressing regret on not being able to be present, were read. On motion -it was Resolved, that a christian greeting be sent by this Convention to the Massachusetts

Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association convened at the same time in Lowell. Mass. Ten minutes were then spent in friendly introduc-

tions; after which the following

TELEGRAM was despatched as above resolved:

To the Young Men's Christian Convention at Lowell, The Young Men's Christian Convention at St. John, N. B send Christian greetings. Read Hebrews xiii. 20 and 21

To which, on the following day, was received by

telegram the following reply: To the Young Men's Christian Convention at St. John:-Your Christian greeting is received and highly recipro-

cated. Read Philippians i. 8 to 8 verse.
(Signed) A. S. Woodward,

Pres. 3rd Am. Convention, Lowell, Mass.

from the following Delegates were then heard: Mr. Matthews, of Boston, reported that their As sociation was in a prosperous state. had been and is still being greatly blessed of God: membership at the present time, 2,000 (including East Boston). Held three daily prayer meetings-morning, noon, and night-in their Rooms, and one each day on board the Receiving Ship, Ohio. These were all well attended, and scarcely a meeting held but resulted in the conversion of some young man. They pay particular attention to Tract distribution. Hold meetings in different destitute parts of the city and suburbs. One meeting held regularly on the Sabbath, in a tent, on the Common, is attended by from 800 to 1,500 persons. Rich blessings were attending their every effort.

Mr. James Fowler, of Bass River, said that their neighborhood being so sparsely settled, it would be difficult to establish an Association, but in Kingston, a village a few miles distant, one might be sustained. J. S. McLean, Esq., of Halifax, said he felt that the result of this Convention, would be an important era in the history of the young men of New Brunswick. There were only three Associations in New Brunswick, while in Nova Scotia they had thirty five. Christian young men have something to do beside atending to their secular affairs they should seek to nfluence and reclaim those who were going astray. These Associations were doing a glorious work in the United States and by the blessing of God we are determined that similar work shall be done here. Mr. F. Beattie, of Pictou, said these Associations numbering in their County, fourteen; had been abundantly blessed. One of their Associations had lived and flourished eleven years in a sparsely settled country place, and he thought other country districts might do likewise.

Rev. Mr. Howard suggested that a delegation be sent to Bass River.

Mr. Furness, of Boston, replied that much had been done in their country by rallying meetings. J. B. Morrow, of Halifax, said they had come to this Convention, to enjoy as they had, elsewhere, on like occasions, a large outpouring of the Spirit in answer to united prayer. Referred to the warm hearted greeting he had received in the Boston Association, while visiting that city as a stranger.

W. Roache, Esq., of Halifax; Mr. H. McDonald, of Boston; Mr. Furness, of Boston; and Mr. D. P. Howe, Jr., of New Castle, spoke earnestly of Christian work personal contact, and expressed a hope that when the next annual Convention was held for New Brunswick, a flourishing Association would be reported from every town.

The first Session closed by singing and prayer. THE MEETING OF WELCOME was held in the Centenary Church, at 71; every available seat and standing place, on platform, aisles,

and doorway, was occupied. On the platform, to the right of President, was his Excellency Lieutenant Governor Wilmot, and surrounding him were the clergy and representative dele-

The choir of the St. John Association led in sing-

" All hail the power of Jesus' name, &c." and the vast audience joining, produced a thrilling effect; reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. J. J. Hill, was followed by singing-"Blest be the tie that binds, &c."

and the President after stating the object of the meeting, introduced the Rev. Mr. Lathern, who delivered an ADDRESS OF WELCOME

on behalf of the pastors and churches of this City. He welcomed the Delegates as brethren in Christ, not the same denominationally, but in Christianity
—one. The question is not what's your Denomination? but are you soldiers of the Cross? He wel comed them as followers of the Cross. He welcomed them as pastors to our churches and christian homes. The choir then sang-

"Joy to the world, &c." and Mr. George Barteaux delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Association. After expressing regret that so heartfelt a welcome as he knew the members of Saint John Association were ready to extend, must be conveyed in such homely terms; yet hoping it would be none the less a reality on account hoping it would be none the less a reality on account of its plainness, he proceeded to show by the progress of the organization, which has at present, in North America a membership of 100,000, and the great amount of good accomplished through their instrumentality; their usefulness. The position taken by these Associations was the one Rock,

Christ. It was not their object to undermine the church, but to aid and assist in the great work.

Rev. N. McKay, was next introduced, and in glowing terms expressed his satisfaction in the movement. He reviewed the progress of the St. John Association, which in two years had gained a membership of nearly 400; and that crowded meeting with the Lieuten-

ant Governor giving it his countenance by his presence, attested to the triumph of the Institution; he looked forward to a bright future for our city and Province, through the instrumentality of the Young Men's Christian Association, and closed by appealing to Christians everywhere to support them.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey, being introduced, said he was delighted to see so many gathered for so noble a purpose. He believed the Christian churches were in sympathy with the movement, and were willing to aid the young men in their laudable enterprise. This was a mighty power for the advancement of religion.

There was a great difference between a profession of religion in theory and in practice. He encouraged the young men to work for the Master, quoting the words of the great Jesuit, Francis Xavier, "More work; more recruits for the Society of Jesus."

The verses of the Hymn-"Come let us join our cheerful songs." were then sung, and the President introduced Lieu-

tenant Governor Wilmot, who was greeted with loud applause. He said :- When we were singing the last verse of that beautiful hymn, I was thinking of what John saw in his vision, and I asked myself the question: How many of us will meet around the Throne to sing it there? Thank God; we may all ing that song in heaven. The work of Young Men's Christian Associations is in harmony with the spirit of that song, but our hearts must be in harmony with t toe. Sixty winters have passed over my head, and now I speak from the threshold of three-score years, and I testify that all the way through, the source of chief happiness has been in the service of Christ. When trouble came, it was because I had departed from Him. [His Honor here related a touching incident in his own life. Thirty-five years ago, I joined a Christian church, and shortly after, entered political life.] In all the struggles and temptations incident to public life, this has been my sheet anchor-the Bible and my closet the stay. I can commend this way to you, young men. Go on-your cause is right -you must succeed-Christ is with you. Here his Honor spoke of a mother's influence, and then very happily referred to the presence of the Delegates from the United States. Let the Christian young men of both nations say-Let there be peace. He illustrated this idea by that incident which recently took place in Cuba, when the British and American consuls wrapped the flags of their respective nations around themselves, and the young American of British descent, condemned by the Spanish Government to be shot, and saved him. His Honor appealed to young men to wrap those exposed to still greater dangers, in the banner of Christ's love. He referred to the necessity of earnestness in this work, to rescue young men from ruin.

His Honor expressed himself highly pleased at seeing the ministers of the Gospel present. He wished to do away with party names. He rejoiced in the success of each, and loved them all. He then passed a high encomium upon the ministry, saying, "I would rather be a herald of the Cross, if my head and heart were fitted for the work, than be monarch of the greatest empire in the world." After paying a tribute of praise to our christian Queen, in whose breast beat a heart as great and good as ever beat in the breast of woman, he clos edby urging the young men to go forward in the noble cause; his heart was with them, and they had his prayers. At intervals during the delivery of this eloquent address, the vast audience gave evidence of their appreciation by loud

The Responses of the Delegates were then called for ; and J. B. Morrow, Esq., of Halifax, Mr. Henry Furness, of Boston, Mr. D. P. Howe, of Newcastle, and Rev. G. M. Grant, of Halifax, responded in eloquent terms, returning thanks for the warm hearted christian welcome they had received. These speeches were thrilling efforts; some of them, particularly the last, powerful.

Appropriate hymns, well sung, interspersed the speeches, thus not only arousing the intellect but ouching the heart.

THE SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Through the recommendation of the devotional committee, it was arranged that each morning during the Convention a prayer meeting of one half hour, commencing at 71, be held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., and also that each session be preceded by one half hour's devotional exercises. All of these meetings, conducted by the Delegates, were seasons of refreshing. After the business was concluded, reports relating to Christian work were received from Milner of Charlottetown, Cromwell of Fredericton, Roach, Wiswell and M'Lean, all of Halifax, Rev. Mr. Currey of Upper Gagetown, and Rev. Mr. Payson, of Gagetown.

These reports were interesting, inasmuch as they all pointed to a wide field for Christian labor, and Christianity in daily life were numerous as well as each speaker expressed a determin of God, to go to work in His vineyard. The first subject was then taken up for discussion-" The best means of organizing and sustaining Young Men's Christian Associations."

Opened by Roach of Halifax, in a comprehensive address of 5 minutes, each succeeding speaker being limited to five. The first step towards organizing an association is to find out the ministers, and show them that the work will not interfere with theirs; get their assent, and if possible their co-operation. Find out the best young men and speak to them on the subject. Carry the work into your commercial letters. Use the Press. Let your own light shine. Ask God to help you. Call a public meeting. Have a constitution sketched out before hand. Organize. Appoint a committee to go to work at once. Elect good office bearers—well qualified church members he best young workers you can find. You must have a comfortable room to meet in. Library-debating and literary classes, social meetings, lectures, Bible class, prayer with prayers short, singing, keep out of debt-work. Let every member feel that the success of the association depends upon his own personal efforts. Be kind, be sociable, be on the look out for young men; shake hands with them in the street; don't call them brother in the meeting and give them the cold shoulder outside. Remember there is a Christian body as well as soul—and live right in the world. A lively and instructive discussion ensued, each of the speakers briefly expressing his views in relation to the subject under consideration.

Prayer meeting as usual. After which the following resolution was moved by Mr. Wiswell and seconded by Mr. Howe and adopted :-"Whereas, it is highly desirable that some

tical results should arise from the meeting of the present Convention. Therefore Resolved-That in the opinion of this

Convention it is the duty of Delegates, upon their return home, to use the most strenuous efforts to establish Young Men's Christian Associations in their respective localities, and for that purpose to ask the co-operation of the resident or officiating clergyman. Business being gone through, reports were heard from the following Delegates-Rev. Mr. Bleakney of Elgin, Mr. McKenzie of Moncton, Mr. Daley of Moncton, Mr. McKenzie and Rev. Mr. Watt of New Glasgow. These reports were like the preceding, stirring and instructive. Mr. Welsh, President of the Convention then opened the second subject for discussion

The cause of apathy among young men towards The first was neglect of education in youth. Second-The manner in which family devotion was conducted. Third-A want of consistency in professing

Christians. Fourth-Indifference of the church to ward young men and boys.

These points were enlarged upon by the speaker and many useful lessons introduced. This question elicited unusual interest, and called forth many pithy remarks and touching incidents from the experience of those who engaged in the discussion. The time being limited, one half hour of the evening session was allowed for the conclusion. His Honor the Lieutenant

excellent hints. AT THE EVENING SESSION the subject-" The necessity for Young Men's Chris- when a lad, nothing surprised me so much as the im-

tian Associations" was discussed. Mr. Joshua Clawson gave the opening address. He said these organizations were a help to the Christian church. Assisted in upholding the minister's hands, they gave to the main seem to vie with the more than a thousand merchant honest clerks, and aided generally in restrees, planted by an only brother. They had been cuing young men from the dangers with which they were surrounded. Several speakers followed in quick succession, expressing their various views.

SATURDAY MORNING'S SESSION. After the minutes of the previous session had been

read and confirmed-The following Resolutions were then unanimously dopted:— Moved by Mr. Irvin:

"Whereas a great obstacle to drawing You Men into Religious movements exists in the present use their influence in their respective positions and localities, on behalf of early closing."

Moved by Mr. Roach, of Halifax: Resolved, That within one month from date all deegates from towns and villages in which there are no the Secretary of the St. John Association what exertions have been made towards forming a new Association in their vicinity, their successes and need for tion in their vicinity, their successes, and need for help. That a quarterly report be forwarded from each Association heretofore formed, and to be formed, to the St. John Association, giving details of meetings held, progress made, number of prayer meetings and general work done. And further

Resolved, That each District give the name of a

Myed by Mr. Irvine:
"A order that the practical good intended to be

done by this Convention to the different Associations in these Provinces may be attained, be it "Lesolved, That Associations be recommended to discus the subjects embraced in the "printed circu-

lar" for the Convention." Moved by Mr. Howe, of Newcastle:

Reolved, That the members of this Convention earnetly endeavor in humble dependence upon God either in the family circle or in the Sabbath School to train the young in the knowledge of Christ and lead them early to cast in their lot with His people, and a the same time use their best efforts to induce

othersto follow a similar course.

And further, That it is our bounden duty to watch and tray lest we, the professed followers of Jesus, put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in our

And further, That we shall strive to take a more active interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of young people in general, and show by acts of kindness and words of hearty sympathy and counsel that

that religion which we profess is a religion of love." Moved by Mr. Irvine: " Resolved, That in this, the first Annual Convenion of the Y. M. C. Associations held in this Province, we have reason for encouragement of success in the great work in which we are engaged. That in view of this success and the power and influence which these Associations are exerting for the present and eternal welfare of young men, we pledge ourselves to labor with greater zeal and increased faith in God in their behalf. That in all our efforts we rely, not upon the power of man, but upon the presence of the Holy Ghost, and that in Christ

we are one. Moved by Mr. Matthews, of Boston: " Resolved, That one or more of the most active nembers of this Association visit the towns and settlements of this Province to labor with the delegates to the Convention in the immediate establishment and organization of Y. M. C. Associations." Mr. Foster of Fredericton, moved the following Reolution, which was adopted, and with all the rest

referred to the Association Committee : "Whereas we firmly believe that the sale and use of intoxicating Liquors as a beverage are in their effects directly opposed to the genus and spirit of our

Christian Religion,
Therefore Resolved, that this Y. M. C. Convention earnestly recognizes the urgent necessity of all its members using every influence under God for staying this tide of iniquity, and aid sincerely every means for the furtherance of Temperance and the principle

of Total Abstinance.' The subject for discussion at this session, "How can the Church and Young Men's Christian Associations best mutually aid each other," was taken up by Mr. Goudge, of Windsor. He believed that in one sease the Church and Y. M. C. A. were one. The Associations a kind of nursery to the Church. As a family and its training aid the Church, so may Y. M. C. A. A bond of union should exist between the two. Many useful hints were thrown out by the succeeding speakers.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

Besides the usual Business Committee reports and eports from Delegates, the session was occupied with he discussion of the subject, "The best agencies for promoting Christian work," opened by Mr. Furness, of Boston. The speaker, and those following, agreed that Prayer Meetings, Sunday Schools, Y. M. C. A. good, honest individual work, distribution of Tracts, visiting the sick, personal influence, conversation and hospitality, were among the best agencies for promoting Christian work. At

THE EVENING SESSION, Mr. Barteaux gave a full and comprehensive report of the work of the St. John Y. M. C. A., with which all felt satisfied, as it was evident this organization was exerting a mighty influence for good. The last subject for discussion, "Characteristics of Christianity in daily life," was then opened by Mr. M. McDonald, of St. John, who showed that these characteristics of other cases. One of the strongest arguments brought against Christianity was inconsistency of professed Christians. We should be careful in judging; always trace to the true source, which was Christ. His life was the true example, His precepts an unerring guide. The first characteristic of a Christian would be an anxious enquiry after truth; second, a submission to the government of God. Then an exhibition of the virtues-"Faith," &c., also Truth and honesty, and finally Christian work.

This, like all the preceding discussions, was earnest and spirited throughout, not a second of time being

After some necessary arrangements were made, and business brought to a close, the Rev. Mr. McKay offered prayer, and the President, with a few feeling and appropriate remarks, adjourned this exceedingly interesting Convention, to meet at such time and place next year as the Managing Committee of St. John Y. M. C. A. should determine.

SUNDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

By request of the Convention, Sermons were preached in the different Churches relating to Christian work and Y. M. C. A. In the afternoon at 4, an interesting open air service was held on King Square opposite the Court House. Short, stirring addresses and fervent prayers were delivered by the Delegates, which attracted the undivided atttention of

THE FAREWELL MEETING,

commencing at 7.30, in the Centenary Church, was an occasion of rare interest. The body of the Church as well as the Vestry was crowded to overflowing. Mr. Barteaux in the Chair. Farewell addresses were delivered by Revs. Mr. Harley, Mr. Bennet and Mr. Armstrong, in behalf of the Ministers and Churches, Rev. Mr. Pitblado replied in behalf of the Country Ministers, Mr. Roach in behalf of Halifax Association, also addresses by Foster, of Fredericton, Mosher, of Windsor, Beattie, of Pictou, Matthews, of Boston, and Rev. G. M. Grant, of Halifax. These addresses as a whole were eloquent, breathing one spirit, love. Each speaker expressed sorrow at the prospect of parting after such a happy season, but all would go to their homes consecrated anew to the work of the Master, looking forward with fond anticipation to a glorious reunion, of which this meeting throughout had been a foretaste. The Delegates were then invited to the platform and as is a rule on such occasions, joined hands and sang "Shall we gather at the Rev. Mr. Lathern offered prayer and pronounced the benediction. The singing on this occasion, as on all preceding, was inspiring. All the neetings during the Convention were well attended, particularly the evening sessions. Many requests for prayer were made and much good done.

Correspondence from Providence. 61, Mathewson St., Providence, R. I., September 21st, 1869.

DEAR BRO. BILL-Just 12 months ago I was at the old homestead in our native town, (the acknowledged garden of Nova Scotia,) having made the tour of the Governor being present on this occasion, gave some province with a view to improving the health of my companion. In passing over the ground so many times upturned by the plough, I was wont to hold proved state of the apple trees of the old French orchard that crowned "the front." Those that respecially cared for, and being grafted, they not only looked fresh and fair, but abounded with the choicest varieties of fruit. Instinctively those beautiful words came to my mind, "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age . they shall be fat and flourishing." Notwithstanding the popular theory that now prevails so extensively, that ministers on the wrong side of fifty must retire, to give place to young men (for the boys and girls of our congregations must be pleased), the recent an. niversaries of this city and suburbs have furnished fruit from the oldest trees of the very best quality. At a great temperance gathering fathers were invited to the platform, two of whom responded. The first, 93 years of age, furnished a supply of rich and mel-low temperance fruit, in such abundance, as to sup-ply fifteen hundred souls. When, lo! another veeran came forward, whose first words were, " I am appy to stand before you, my friends, for this is my pointh day. I am 89 years of age to-day." A few years ago at the Warren Association, which held its 101 anniversary with the 8rd Baptist church of this

measure flowed from the lips of Senator ---, of May the Lord continue to prosper Zion! Hartford, Judge Thomas, of Worcester, and Presi dent Angell, of Vermont. What is true of some men is also true of some papers, and I am glad to find the CHRISTIAN VISITOR among them. I have been in the receipt of your sheet for the most part since its first appearance, when conducted by the brother, who, with others younger, drank death in the Bay of Minus; and I am sincere in saying its fruit for the past year, like that of the French apple trees, is fairer and sweeter than ever before.

Well, dear sir, in closing this letter allow me to advert to a little incident that occurred while I was laboring in your present field. The late Mrs. Bond, of Sand Point, who preached to the people there for thirty years, had invited me to tea with herself and her dear, as she was wont to call her husband. It was a cold night, and as we sat around the fire a kneck was heard, to which she responded, "Come in." In came the good old German baker, (Father Christopher) who always said at meeting for prayer or conference, " I will never put anything in the way to prevent anybody going up " Mount Zion's as usual, the President's address. hill." " Come forward to the fire," said Sister Bond. He came, but in sitting down, he groaned. "What's the matter?" rejoined the mother. "I have the rheumatism," said the father, "Rheumatism," repeated Mother B. Then said Father C, "O I am old." And now if you could have seen Sister Bond's black piercing eyes roll, and seen her straighten up, and heard her exclaim, " auld !" and then add 'I'll never be guld as long as my head is above the sod." Perhaps it would have affected you as it did the writer, for I imagine myself a little younger for the saying, having kept it in mind. At least, I have great cause to bless God, and do thank Him for perfect health, and an open door for increased usefulness. How true-

"Even down to old age, all my people shall prove, Impartial, eternal, unchangeable love; And when hoary hairs doth the temples adorn, Like lambs on my oosom they still shall be borne,"

But I shall make a minute of last Thursday night. went into the Christian Conference of the State, which convened in their church on Broad street. The pulpit was filled with very venerable looking men. After service I was curious to know their names and ages. You may be pleased to know that their ages ranged from 78 to 90 ! Well, dear Bro. Bill, may it please the Lord to make you still more and more fruitful up to the highest number. E. N. H.

Massachusetts Correspondence.

Leominster, Oct. 11, 1869.

DEAR VISITOR-I bave nothing very interesting to communicate in regard to revivals in and about this section of the country. As in our own beloved Province, there are many churches without pastors, in all the New England states. Some ministers have turned their attention to other vocations to obtain a livelihood. The taxes, direct and indirect are very burdensome, and the people need to earn a great deal of money to support a family decently. A minister with a small family cannot support them respectably under twelve hundred dollars a year, about equal to six hundred dollars in the provinces, and many churches among the Baptists in the country towns have not the means to pay this \$1200. We have a small church in this town, only one brother in the church is said to be wealthy, worth about \$40,000. We have a good minister and our meetings are interesting. The New England States have suffered a great loss by the recent great flood, millions of property in mills, houses, bridges, logs, sawed lumber and in farming produce, have been swept away. I have just returned from a visit to my friend, Brother Nutter. His labors in preaching ceased about two years ago, but he is comfortable. He has some little neans to support him. His recollection has failed He lives in Auburn, Me. One man, a good manufacturer of lumber in Lewiston, who, the week before the flood, was said to be worth \$100,000, lost every dollar by the storm. O how uncertain are riches-How vain and foolish to put our trust in them. My health is about the same as when I left the Province. I find I am failing in the outward man, but I trust I am patiently waiting the coming of my Lord. Let me have your prayers. Your affectionate brother in Christ, T. LOCKEY.

York County Quarterly Meeting.

DEAR VISITOR-It becomes my duty to report the proceedings of the York County Quarterly Meeting, convened with the church at Upper Queensbury, convened with the church at Upper Queensbury, at Bear River, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, by commencing on Friday, the first instant. Services the name of Locke. The father had transferred, upon opened with a social conference, in which a number took part, and enjoyed a refreshing season. During the session we had excellent preaching by Brethren Burns, Buckley, Campbell, Saunders, Tupper, a loaded gun, and as the report goes, shot him dead. Knight, and Burt, and earnest exhortations from The evidence against him has resulted in his imother brethren in attendance. The interest increased from day to day, and we have reason to hope that much good was done.

Ministerial meeting on Monday evening, Rev. T. W. Saunders, chosen Moderator. The following recolutions were adopted: 1st. Whereas the Carleton the ministerial labors of Doctor Tabor (he not being a member of our denomination), therefore resolved, held with the church at Upper Kingsclear, on the last Friday in December, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to comand Burt remained with us until Friday. Their labors were much appreciated. The meetings still continue with increased interest. Some for the first time have told their desire to seek the Lord, and others have manifested an interest in the prayers of the Lord's people. Rev. George Burns was with us last Sabbath evening; also on Monday at ten o'clock, ed to, and the best intention conceived in tres a. M. At the close of the meeting, he administered the ordinance of baptism to one candidate. We are alone for the present; but hope the good work will continue to go forward until all this community shall be hopefully converted.

I remain yours, truly, SOLOMON W. PARENT, Clerk.

To the Editor of the Christian Visitor

NEWGASTLE, G. L., Oct. 21st, 1869. DEAR VISITOR-The Lord is reviving his work here and continuing to bless us. Blessed be his holy name for the deliverance he has wrought for us. For several years past our church has been in a low state. and iniquity prevailed in our land. The few praying ones were discouraged. Better than a year ago we secured the labors of the Rev. James Trimble as our or the half of his time, and the Lord has blesse the faithful labors of his servant. Precious souls have been converted, backsliders have been reclaimed, and many are rejoicing in pardoning mercy and restoring grace. The church under the wise management of our pastor is engaged in active useful-ness. In this revival there is a deep religious feeling. tol anniversary with the 3rd Baptist church of this but very little excitement, yet the work is taking hold sity, the speech that thrilled us all was from the of the heart of the community, many are mourning young heart of David Benedict, D. D., only 90 years on account of sin; our baptismal seasons are very in-

old. And I might speak of venerable men who moved teresting. Our pastor, who for years has been pasthe multitude at the late commencement of the Brown sing through scenes of affliction, bereavement and sor-University. Of course, the venerable President, now row, is now earnestly laboring for the salvation of well up in years, stood out in bold relief on that day; sinners, and is rejoicing in his Redeemer's love. Bro. but the addresses that were rich and weighty beyond H. Harris has aided our paster in this good work.

Anniversary of The American Bible Union. American Bible Union 82 Great Jones Street, New York.

The Twentieth Anniversary of the American Bible Union will be celebrated on Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th and 21st of October, in the Baptist MARINER'S TEMPLE, (Rev. J L. Hodge, D. D., Pastor,) corner of Oliver and Henry Streets, New York. Distinguished Speakers have been engaged for the

Rev. Thomas Price, Ph. D., of Aherdare, Wales; Rev. C. B. Crane, D. D., Hartford, Conn; Rev. W. Howe, New York City; Rev. W. W. Hammond, Brooklyn; Rev. W. Catheart, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa; Rev. Geo. C. Lovimer, D. D., Albany, N. Y: Rev. J. S. Backus, D D., New York City; Rev. W V. Garner, Boston, Mass; Rev. J D. Wightman, Cambridge, Mass.

The year has been one of extraordinary interest, and the exercises of the Anniversary are expected to partake of the same character. Arrangements are being made for a large attendance. It is hoped that Rev. Thomas Armitage, D. D., will return from Europe in time to attend the Anniversary, and deliver,

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> > For the Christian Visitor.

The following additional sum has been received for the payment of the debt on the Seminary :-YORK COUNTY

Z. R. Everett (in addition to the amount published in last week's Visitor of \$14.00) \$22.00

SUNBURY COUNTY.

In the statement of amounts received from Mr. W. J. W. Bridges, as published inlast week's Visitor, the amount from Mr. Jonathan Bridges should have been \$5.00 instead of one dollar. The addition of the total sum will be correct when this further amount of four dollars is added in. I regret this typographical error, as on the manuscript the amount was plainly and correctly stated, and Mr. Bridges will please accept this explanation and correction, as sometimes (very unintentionally) mistakes of this kind will occur.

We are told by our An erican exchanges that Father Hyacinthe has arrived in New York. Already The Papal press of that city re echoes the thunders of Rome against hun; but all evangelical churches will extend to him the hand of cordial greeting, and will throw around him the shield of their sympathy and protection.

DR. LIVINGSTONE ALIVE .- Thanks to the Infinite Protector for the following cable despatch. How cheering the intelligence it brings:

Bombay, Oct. 11, via London, Oct. 14, 1369. Mr. Kirke, in a despatch to the Government here, says : - A caravan has arrived at Zanzibar. It brings the welcome news that Dr. Livingstone had arrived at Nivi alive and well. He was on the way to the coast, the road to which was open and safe. Another caravan is expected here, which will bring later information of the Doctor's progress.

Secular Department.

A Brief Review of the News of the Week.

THE GREAT STORM IN THE INTERIOR. Our accounts of the disastrous results of the late terrific gale have been principally confined to its ravages on the seaboard, but later intelligence unfolds its distinctive force in the wilderness. A correspondent writing us from the Grand Lake district says; the forest, which is the backbone of the commerce o the Province, is in ruins. Here is an illustration. Mr. John Marshall's farm had three bundred rockmaple sugar trees. The owner had been accustomed to tap them for the last half century. The tempest left but 17 out of the 300 standing. Thousands of acres of white birch, pine, spruce, hemlock and all kinds of timber are uprooted and broken down, so that neither man or beast can pass through the districts thus shaken only by first clearing away the fallen trees. In all probability the fires of next summer will follow in the wake of the tempest and complete the destruction which the hurricane commenced Our correspondent adds, "Although our fruit trees lay in winrows around our orchards, our hay scat-tered to the winds, our dwelling houses shattered, barns, outhouses, sheds and fences hurled to the ground, yet we can in time replace them all; but the injury inflicted upon our majestic forests, can never be repaired. Many of the hardy lumbermen of New

Brunswick must have recourse to some other means of living." FRATRICIDAL MURDER.

The papers tell us of a fearful murder committed under the following horrifying circumstances: The unfortunate victim was the older of two sons of a man certain conditions, all his property to the elder of the two sons. Lemuel, the younger, was displeased, and threatened revenge. Accordingly, on the 6th inst., he followed his brother E-lward into the woods with prisonment in Annapolis goal to await his trial on the charge of murder, at the next sitting of the Su-

preme Court in that place.

Mr. John M. Ross, was so crushed by coming in contact with the Railway Cars at Truro, on the 9th inst, that death was the result.

THE CALL TO ARMS county Quarterly Meeting at one of their sessions

Jeemed it advisable for their church to dispense with been the subject of some comment throughout the country. Some have rather carelessly considered the entire matter in the light of another Fenian scare. that we adopt the resolution passed by them, and It was no scare which prompted the authorities to request all our churches to concur in the same. 2nd. Resolved that the next Quarterly Meeting be space of time. The well known treachery of those men who have cast aside all the better impulses which bind the human race in a tie of civilization—the lalast Friday in December, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to commentable absence of all good and inspiring principle mence with a social meeting. 3rd. That a vote of which has characterized their every act from the bethanks be offered to the inhabitants of this place, for their hospitality upon the occasion of this our first Quarterly Meeting held with them. Brethren Knight and Bort remained with us until Friday. Their last offered their every act from the between their made on the life of a member of the Royal Family, one who, in no way could be responsible for the 'wrongs' they claim to exist—their most foul and fearful act of April, 1868, by which Canada was despoiled of one of the noblest directors that ever gave the wisdom and statedirectors that ever gave the wisdom and state-manship which guide a young and striving people to success—all these coupled with a well founded ru-mor of an intent on the person of Prince Arthur, prompted the authorities to appeal to the loyalty of our noble volunteers. The call was quickly respondhas terminated in cowardice on the part of the mi creants. The act of the Government was wise—a preventative is always better than a cure. The country can, however, congratulate itself on the ready action of the Government, and the equally ready and patriotic attendance of the volunteers.

Rewards are offered by the parents of the young men who were drowned the other day in the Falls, for the recovery of their bodies.

Last year there was a famine in the British Red

River country. This year, the crops are sufficient for three years home con-umption.

We regret to learn from John McMorran, Esq., that the health of his family is such, that he finds it necessary to seek for them a warmer climate. Mr. McMorran is not only one of our most active business men, but an earnest, devoted christian, and deeply interested in every good word and work. Therefore we sincerely regret his permanent removal deeply interested in every good word and work. Therefore we sincerely regret his permanent removal from the Province: but we trust that he will find the change tempered to his family, and wherever his christian life; and that the gracious smiles of the High and Holy One, may rest upon him and his temporally and spiritually, henceforth and forever, Amen.

NOVA SCOTIA. Mr. Gilbert C. Sutherland, son of W. Sut Esq., City Recorder, was killed on Thursday at the Rope Walk, Dartmouth. He was in the adjusting some part of the machinery, we clotchs were caught by a belt which revolve swiftly. He was killed almost instantly.