

which they at first expressed, and there does not appear to be any reasonable doubt that Gov. Cleveland will be the next President of the Republic. This view of the case is received with pretty general satisfaction outside, and the more moderate Republicans express confidence in the man who has beaten them. Hon. Edward McPherson, Secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee says: "The next House of Representatives will consist of 182 Democrats, 141 Republicans, 1 Greenbacker (Burman of Pennsylvania), and one Fusionist (Weaver of Iowa.) As compared with membership of various parties in the present House, this estimate shows a loss of 19 votes to the Democrats and four to the "Independents," and a gain of 22 to Republicans and one Fusionist vote. This classification is subject to possible change of two or three votes."

Correspondence.

The Right and Left Arms of the Baptist Churches.

To the Editor of the Visitor:—

As a layman I approach the above subject with fear and trembling, with fear of your waste basket, and trembling for fear of what may follow if it is not used for kindling the moment after your glance over it, and finds a place in your paper.

It is an axiom in physiology, that if the right arm is too much used, it will become at first destructively strong, and at last paralytic, and that the left arm if not used at all will become powerless. Is there an analogous law in Christian organizations, and that in them too much work destroys the ministry and too little the laity? In answering this question, we will start with the proposition, which, I think, no Baptist will venture to dispute, that a Baptist Church is a company of believers immersed upon a profession of evangelical faith voluntarily associated, on terms of perfect equality, in a covenant or agreement implied or expressed, to receive the New Testament as their only rule of faith and practice, and to be governed by its teachings in all things; that one of the laws that govern us as Baptists is, that of entire equality, that out of the pulpit, a minister is only the first among equals, and that preaching left out, layman should do all the other work of a church, and of the denomination. Is it so? If we refer to our records—the YearBooks of our Convention, and the minutes of our associations we find that the business is all, well, nearly all, transacted by the ministers, who in those reunions do not always on account of our unscriptural constitution of our Convention, even represent the churches. How is it in the churches? It is true, that generally when a church is without a minister, it hibernates until it procures one, and that as soon as he is inducted, he becomes the leader in the prayer meeting, which on his advent awakes from its peaceful slumber, the superintendent of the Sunday school, the leader of the choir, and, when his salary becomes due, has the subscription list placed in his hands to collect? (Lay members in churches where the ministers do all the work, generally are backward about paying the salary.

Now, if matters are as I state, and I rather think about that there is no dispute, who is to blame? We will be forgiven by the ministers we hope, then we say, that we think they preach about enough to the churches about giving, and systematic benevolence, that their schemes and plans sound well, and don't look bad on paper, but that all the ministers in the churches in Canada can't do much without the active co-operation of the laymen of the churches. It is useless to tell laymen that they must pray at the prayer meetings, speak at the conferences, and hold their tongues at Conference, and in the Associations, if the necessity for lay work in the churches is not inculcated.

Now, my dear brother, it may be said that we are drawing a skeleton from its closet, and that our style of writing can do no good, but you are aware that some diseases require "the actual cautery and the surgeon's trenchant blade." We want in our

denomination, to secure success, all the forces we can command, and those trained to our necessary work. Let our Ministers like the apostles of old, give themselves "continually to prayer, and the ministry of the word," not forgetting to exhort the brothers and sisters to attend well, and faithfully to the temporal affairs of the churches and denomination. The New Testament has not left us in doubt about the work committed to the ministers and the work committed to the laymen. The rule is laid down in unmistakable terms in Acts, vi. Chap. vs. 1, 2, 3, 4. It is on the violation of these rules that all the hierarchies in Christendom have been built up. If you dig down into the foundation of the Church of Rome you will find that that foundation is composed of the ruins of the Baptist churches of the first and second centuries, and the usurpation of powers by the clergy that properly belong to the laity.

Yours, &c.,

A LAYMAN.

To the Editor of the Visitor:—

Will you kindly allow me to call the attention of the churches in New Brunswick to the recommendation of the Convention touching a collection for the benefit of Maritime students in McMaster Hall? As yet very few of the number have carried out the recommendation. There are now six students here from the Maritime Provinces and three others are expected. To pay their railway fare here and back, to say nothing of further help will require nearly five times the amount already received.

McMaster Hall is now the one Theological School of the Baptists of the Dominion. Would it not be well for every Baptist Church to contribute to its beneficiary funds to the extent of one collection a year, and thus also keep alive its interest in the work done therein? Otherwise our young men may still drift to other institutions, and thus be lost to our churches and to our country.

Up to the present date the following churches and individuals have sent forward their contributions:—

Alexandra Church, P. E. I.	\$ 5 80
Digby " N. S.	2 50
First Elgin " N. B.	3 00
Springfield Church, N. B.	2 00
Second " " N. S.	2 00
Temple " " N. S.	6 80
Hammond Plains " " N. S.	2 10
Sackville " " N. S.	12 00
First Horton " " N. B.	5 00
Fredericton " " N. S.	8 00
North " " N. S.	6 00
1st Cornwallis " " N. S.	2 25
Cambridge " " N. S.	3 15
Berwick " " N. S.	25 00
Lockeport " " N. S.	2 00
C. V. Rawding, Blackrock, N. S.	2 00
Mrs. C. V. Rawding, " "	2 00

Further contributions sent either to Dr. Castle or to myself will be thankfully received and faithfully appropriated.

D. M. WELTON.

McMaster Hall, Nov. 11th, '84.

W. B. M. Union.

The Executive Board of the Women's Baptist Missionary Union, held their regular meeting in the Mission room, 85 Germain Street, on Wednesday, Nov. 12th, eight members being present.

Mrs. William Aliwood was called to the Chair, and prayer was offered by Mrs. J. F. Masters.

After the reading of the Minutes of two former meetings, the question of the form of Certificate for Life Members, was considered, and the President was authorized to procure a design, not to include any portrait, and to submit it for approval to the Executive Board.

Letters were read from the Foreign Mission Board, expressing gratification at the consummation of the Union, and thanking the Executive for the generous aid promised. They also informed the Union of the appointment of Miss Abbie C. Grey upon the staff of missionaries, and that she with Miss Wright will be stationed for the present at Bimlipatam.

Mrs. J. W. Manning, Treasurer, reported that she had paid over to the Foreign Mission Board the first quarterly instalment of the Union grant in aid.

The price of Constitutions in pamphlet form was fixed at five cents.

The Secretary gave a report of the Farewell Meeting, held in Granville Street Church, and of the departure on Monday, Nov. 3rd, of Miss Wright and Miss Grey, per the steamer

Hanoverian, from Halifax for Liverpool.

Miss Lizzie Evens, of Hamtown, York County, sent to the funds ten dollars she had raised by means of a tea meeting in her brothers house, for which the Union desires to express their thanks, and urges other workers to follow her example.

On motion, it was resolved to publish in the *Messenger and Visitor* a summary of the proceedings of the meetings held by the Executive Board.

M. E. MARCH,
Cor. Sec'y.

To the Editor of the Visitor,

I have received a letter from Miss Wright, written from Saint Johns, Newfoundland, in which she says they had had a very pleasant run; the water very smooth, and everything just as she and Miss Gray desired it. They are very happy and send much love to all.

M. E. MARCH,
Cor. Sec'y, B. W. M. U.
Nov. 15th 1884.

Home Mission.

BOARD MEETING

was held Nov. 10th.

THE TREASURERS

report showed that only \$72.70 had been received during the month, and that quarterage now falling due made the need of more funds very urgent.

MISSION REPORTS

were received from Brethren Wilson, J. E. Bleakney, McGregor, Coldwell, Anderson, Bill, Henderson, S. J. Archibald, D. Freeman, and C. W. Williams.

GRANTS MADE.

1. To the Kings Co. Mission field, N. S., \$150 for current year.
2. To Newcastle field, North. Co., N. B., \$200 for one year, from Sept. 1, 1884, Rev. I. E. Bill, pastor.
3. To New Glasgow and River John, Pictou Co., N. S., \$250 for one year, Sept. 22, 1884.
4. To the Grand Bay field, St. John Co., N. B., \$100 for one year, to be expended under the direction of the Fairville church.

5. To New Ross field, N. S., \$50 for one year, from Nov. 1, 1884, Rev. S. J. Archibald, pastor.
6. To Barrington field, Shelburne Co., N. S., \$100 for current year, Rev. W. H. Richan, pastor.
7. To Cow Bay field, Cape Breton, \$125 for current year, Rev. J. C. Spurr, pastor.

8. To Port Medway field, Queens Co., N. S., \$150 for current year, Rev. Wm. Powell, pastor.
9. To East Dalhousie field, N. S., \$50 for current year, Rev. W. J. Bleakney, pastor.
10. To Ludlow, North. Co., N. B., \$75 for current year, Rev. W. M. Edwards, pastor.

11. To Shuler and Sand River, Camb. Co., N. S., \$50 to assist in securing a portion of the services of Rev. I. R. Skinner, pastor of River Hebert church, for one year, for Sept. 1st.
12. To Pischagen, and other stations, \$80 for current year, Rev. James Trimble, Missionary.

APPOINTMENTS.

1. Rev. A. H. Hayward of Carleton Co., N. B., to the work of General Missionary.
2. Bro. Thomas Staackhouse, Lic., of Bloomfield, Kings Co., to a mission of 4 weeks to North Esk and Little South-west, North. Co., N. B.

REMARKS.

1. As will be guessed from the small amount reported by the Treasurer, we are in great need of funds. We hope the Brethren appointed by the Convention to assist in working out the Convention Funds in the several districts, are already at work. But churches and pastors need not wait for these. A quarter of our Convention year is now past, and returns should be coming in. We need to work all the time, and to all work. "Come over and help us."
2. Rev. R. Waters, who lately came to us from England, has received a hearty call to the Lower Economy field. This field is not receiving aid from the Board and has never asked it. They asked us if we could recommend a pastor to them, and the one sent, they are, we believe,

well pleased with, and are cheerfully supporting him.

Rev. D. Price, has been invited to come to N. S., and will arrive sometime the week after next. Rev. J. Miles of Caerphilly, Wales, has also written me, and inquiries are now being made concerning him.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, and the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.
Hebron, Nov. 14, 1884.

Acadia Seminary.

On Friday evening, 14th inst., a literary and musical entertainment was given in College Hall, by members of the above institution. Although the weather was cold and threatening, a large audience assembled to listen to the following

PROGRAMME.

1. Opening March,.....Clar Misses Holly and Dickie.
2. Reading, "A Twilight Idyl,".....Miss Maggie J. Bishop.
3. Vocal Solo, "Light of My Soul,".....Lupas Miss Ermie A. Day.
4. Reading,.....Sandalphon Miss Nettie I. Fitch.
5. Vocal Solo, "Remember now Thy Creator,".....Sopliiff Miss May Vaughan.
6. Reading, "Skipper Ireson's Ride,".....Miss Hattie E. Wallace.
7. Piano Solo, "La Californian,".....Hertz Miss Lila Williams.
8. Vocal Duet, "The Flight of the Swallows,".....Kucken The Misses Vaughan.
9. Reading, "Learning to Pray,".....Miss Kate Dickie.
10. Vocal Solo, "Will he Come,".....Sullivan Miss Hattie E. Wallace.
11. Reading, "Josiah Allen's Wife,".....Miss Nettie I. Fitch.
12. Vocal Solo, "The Carrier Dove,".....Cowan Miss Jennie D. Hitchens.
13. Reading, "Sister and I,".....Miss Maggie J. Bishop.
14. Vocal Solo, "Under the Daisies,".....Millard Miss Ermie A. Day.
15. Reading, "The Bells,".....Miss Hattie E. Wallace.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

As will be observed, the exercises were chiefly in connection with the Departments of Elocution and Vocal Music, which, under the respective management of Miss Wallace and Miss Hitchens, have evidently been doing good and efficient work. The entertainment was of a high order throughout, and all present agreed in pronouncing it one of the best ever held in Wolfville.

The readings were admirably given and formed the subject of much favorable comment, being varied and interesting in character, and eliciting the hearty applause of the audience. Miss Wallace deserves much credit for being able to teach with such marked success that important branch of education of which she has obtained so enviable a mastery.

The musical part of the programme was also exceedingly well rendered, the vocal solos by Miss Day calling forth prolonged and well-merited applause.

It is to be hoped that these entertainments will be of more frequent occurrence in the future, and that the rhetorical and musical talents possessed by the students of Acadia Seminary will continue to improve and develop under the careful tuition of their pains-taking instructors.

ACADIA.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Carleton.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Cahill, baptized two on Sunday last and received them into the fellowship of the church. Bro. Cahill reports the congregation large and the interest increasing.

Canaan.

Rev. L. J. Skinner has arranged to supply the pulpit of this church part of the time. He will still remain pastor of the Butternut Ridge Church.

Tobique.

I have had some encouragement of late on my field of labour. On the 2nd inst., I had the privilege of baptizing a man and his wife, at Linton school house, whom I have had a deep interest in for some time. Pray for me.

Yours truly, C. HENDERSON.

St. Stephen.

On the 10th ult, the friends of Deacon G. S. McKenzie, met at his house in St. Stephen and spent with him and his wife a pleasant evening. They left many expressions of good will, in the shape of sundry packages of good things. Rev. Mr. Hunt, his pastor, after conversation

and singing had been enjoyed, offered prayer for the Divine blessing to rest upon the aged couple till life's pilgrimage ends in the fullness of joy above.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Hebron.

While the pastor of the Hebron church was absent from his home for a few days last week, his carriage was taken from his stable. The next day after his return home, it was brought back fitted out with a "top" of the latest style. When he enquired who had done this, he was informed that it was a plot of a number of his Hebron friends to make their pastor more comfortable while driving. This is a specimen of the way the Hebron church plot and plan concerning their pastor's comfort.

P. E. ISLAND.

Cavendish.

M. P. Freeman is supplying the church at Cavendish, for a few weeks.

Received for W. B. M. Union.

Nov. 5th.—Proceeds of M. Link, for P. E. I., per Mrs. B. L. Lavers, \$ 1 25
" 7th.—Chipman, Queen's Co., Mrs. W. C. Bong,..... 7 00
" 13th.—Cavendish, Margaret McNeil,..... 10 08
" 14th.—Havelock, Mrs. LeBaron Corey,..... 13 37
" 15th.—Moncton, Mrs. G. O. Gates,..... 10 00
" 15th.—Lec. Maine, Mrs. Alice I. Chapman's Infant Class, per Mrs. M. March,..... 2 00
" 15th.—Hampton, York Co., Miss Lizzie Evens, per Mrs. M. E. March,..... 10 00
L. J. MANNING, Treas. of W. B. M. U.

Acknowledgments.

J. Bridges, Jan 85, \$3; E. Brooks, Nov 84, 2; G. W. Coy, Jan 85, 2; P. Hnestes, Jan 85, 2; R. T. Crosby, May 85, 2; J. Crosby, Nov 85, 2; Mrs W. C. Hammond, May 85, 1; A. W. Ferris, June 85, 1; J. Ferris, Nov 84, 1; J. H. Parker, Nov 84, 2; Mrs D. Jewett, April 85, 1.

Marriages.

GROSS-KIEVER.—On the morning of the 15th inst., at the home of the bride, Penobscot, by the Rev. W. J. Stewart, Albert Gross, of the I. C. R., and Miss Essie A. Kiever.

NORRIS-STACKHOUSE.—At the residence of the bride's father, City Road, Portland, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. W. J. Stewart, Albert Norris, of Barnstable, St. John Co., N. B., and Elizabeth Stackhouse, of Portland, N. B.

HARNED-CLARK.—At Carleton, St. John, N. B., Nov. 14th, by Rev. J. A. Cahill, Mr. John C. Harned, and Sarah J. Clark.

HOLMES-NASH.—On the 2nd inst., by Rev. Henry Hanes, Mr. Thomas Holmes and Miss Bester Nash, both of Maquitt Lake, Sunbury, County.

HETHERINGTON-PERRY.—At Johnston, Q. C., on the 12th Oct., by Rev. A. B. Macdonald, Isaac V. B. Hetherington, and Adelia Perry, both of Johnston.

FERRIS-STILLWELL.—At Waterborough, Q. C., on the 18th Oct., by Rev. A. B. Macdonald, Alphonso H. Ferris, and Drusilla M. Stillwell.

Deaths.

[Simple death notices, without obituary poetry, less than 10 lines in length, are inserted free. More than this are charged at 5 cents a line.]

GILCHRIST.—At Cambridge, Q. C., on the 5th Oct., Elizabeth, widow of the late Angus Gilchrist, aged 85 years.

BULYEA.—At Cambridge, on the 28th Oct., Annie, daughter of the late Coles James, and Emily Bulyea, in the 21st year of her age.

HUGGARD.—In Portland, St. John, on Sunday evening, 9th inst., after a short illness of diphtheria, Deborah E., wife of Joseph W. Huggard, and daughter of Capt. James Somerville, of Springfield, in the 22nd year of her age. The deceased was a member of the First Springfield church and her death, at the very beginning of life, is a sudden stroke to her family and acquaintances. She leaves an infant son of fourteen months, besides her parents, three brothers, and three sisters. May the great Comforter minister to the bereaved ones in their deep affliction.

KIERSTEAD.—At Springfield, on the 15th inst., of paralysis, Julia A., wife of Barzillai Kierstead, aged 62 years. Her deceased sister leaves a husband, three sons and four daughters, besides a large circle of other relatives and acquaintances to mourn their loss. For the last year she had been greatly afflicted, owing to partial loss of the use of her limbs, but God has at last taken her home. She was for many years a consistent member of the Second Church.

CRATO.—At Perth Centre, on the 29th Oct., of consumption, Mr. John Craig, aged 49 years and 9 months, leaving a wife, and two sons to mourn their loss.

HOYT.—At McKenzie's Corner, in the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1884, John T. Hoyt, Esq., in the 58th year of his age. Bro. Hoyt was baptized and received into the membership of the McKenzie Corner Baptist Church some twelve years ago, during the ministry of the Rev. James Bleakney. From the time of his conversion to the date of his death he was a faithful worker in the service of Christ. As superintendent of the Sabbath School he was always at his post, studying how he could advance the interest of the school, and the welfare of the scholars. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor of the Church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Howe, Methodist Minister, and Rev. Thos. Todd, Baptist.

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The Battle of Bull Run. written by the Confederate general, G. T. Beauregard. Brief sketches, entitled "Recollections of a Private," papers chronicling special events, descriptions of various auxiliary branches of the service, etc., will supplement the more important series by the various generals.

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MISCELLANEOUS FEATURES.

Under this heading may be included a series of papers on the Cities of Italy by W. D. Howells, the illustrations being reproductions of etchings and drawings by Joseph Pennell; a series on

The New North-West, being an interesting group of papers by E. V. Smalley, Lieut. Schwaab, Principal Grant (of Kingston, Ontario), and others, descriptive of little-known regions; papers on French and American art—sculpture and painting, with some exquisite illustrations; papers on

Astronomy, Architecture, and History, the first being by Professor Langley and others. Under Architecture are included more of Mrs. Van Rensselaer's articles on Churches, City and Country Houses, etc. Colonel George E. Warring, Jr., will describe

Progress in Sanitary Draining: E. C. Stedman, Edmund Goose, and others will furnish literary essays; George W. Cable will contribute in various ways; several papers on sport and adventure will soon be published, and

John Burroughs will write from time to time on outdoor subjects.

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Notice to Contractors.

SEALED Separate Tenders (including plans and Specifications), addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for heating apparatus, Woodstock, N. B." will be received at this office until Friday, the 5th December next.

Copies of plans of the building proposed to be heated and a memorandum of requirements will be furnished to those desiring to tender, who will be required to indicate the arrangement, &c., of their apparatus and furnish a fully detailed specification.

Tenders tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called on to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 8th Nov., 1