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"I have felt a great need of Education myself, and seen the need of it in our denomination."---Father Phinney.

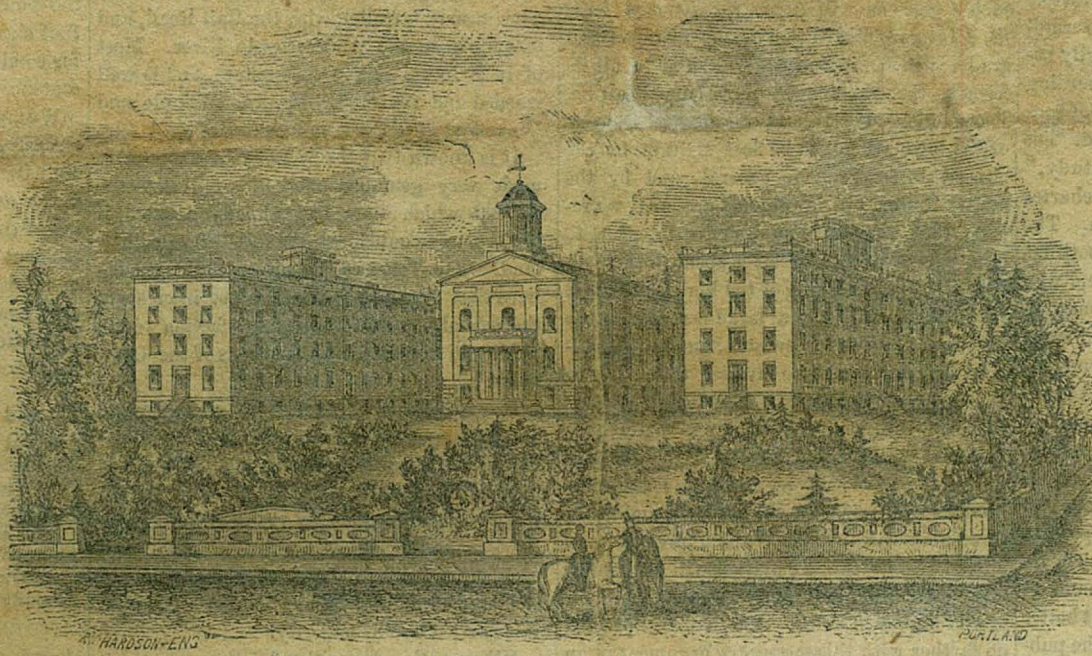
VOLUME I.

AUGUSTA, MAINE, JANUARY, 1856.

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The Engraving.

THE accompanying engraving represents the Maine State Seminary as it is designed it shall be, when completed. The centre is the Seminary Hall. Its dimensions and mode of construction are already agreed upon by the Trustees. It is fifty feet by eighty-six. The first or basement story contains a Chemical Room, Philosophical Room, Laboratory, and Library Room. The second story contains the Chapel, and two Recitation Rooms. The third story contains six Recitation Rooms and two rooms which are intended to be left in an unfinished state, and to be given up to the students for their Society Rooms—one to the young ladies, the other to the young gentlemen. The buildings on the right and left are two Halls—the one for ladies, the other for gentlemen. They are each forty feet by one hundred and eighteen, four stories high. All three of these Halls are to be built of brick. The Dining Room will be in the basement story of the Ladies' Hall.



MAINE STATE SEMINARY, AT LEWISTON, ME.

To understand correctly the plan of the buildings, the centre or Seminary Hall must be understood to be in the rear of the front line of the other two Halls. The distance from each side of the Seminary Hall to each of the other Halls is eighty feet, which, reckoning the fifty feet of the Seminary Hall, would make the distance between the Ladies' and Gentlemen's Halls, measuring on the front line, 210 feet. The view of the buildings is not from the front, but from the corner marked "Portland" on the engraving. The Seminary Hall is to be erected this year; and it is the design of the Trustees, if they are successful in securing the funds, to erect one of the wing buildings in 1857, and the other in 1858. These Halls will receive appropriate names in due time; and we could wish that some rich friend might yet come forward and erect one of them at his own expense, calling it after his name. It is proper to say that the right and left Halls may undergo some alteration making them differ from their appearance in this engraving.

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Maine State Seminary.

CHARTER.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Oren B. Cheney, Ebenezer Knowlton, Joseph Berry, Charles O. Libby, Leonard Hathaway, Theodore Stevens, junior, Francis Lyford, Ephraim H. Hart, Benjamin D. Peck, Stephen Williamson, Philip Weaver,* Joseph Edgecomb, J. S. Burgess, Jason Mariner, Charles H. Smith, Nahum Brooks, Joseph D. Prescott, Tisdale D. Clements, George W. Bean, Alexander H. Morrill, William R. Frye, Joseph Symonds, Joshua Haskell, Abel Chadwick, William H. Littlefield, Ezekiel G. Page, Nathan J. Robinson, and Samuel Swanton, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary, and by that name shall have power to prosecute and defend suits at law, to have and use a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure; and to take and hold, for the objects of their association, by gift, grant, bequest, or otherwise, any estate real or personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. All property and estate, real and personal, which may at any time, by donation or otherwise, come into possession of said Board of Trustees in their corporate capacity, shall be faithfully applied to the promotion of the cause of Education, and in establishing and maintaining a Literary Institution in some town or city in this State; and the Trustees of said Maine State Seminary, by a majority vote of the whole board, are hereby vested with the power to locate said Seminary in any

*Resigned.

town or city in this State: *Provided, however,* it shall not be located in any town or city where there is an Institution similar in kind, and equal in grade—and *provided also,* that said location shall be approved by the Governor and Council.

SECT. 3. Whenever the said Trustees, having accepted the provisions of this act, shall have raised for the benefit of said Seminary, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, and shall show by satisfactory evidence, to the Governor and Council, that they have provided suitable lands for the buildings and other purposes of the Seminary, in a place approved by the Governor and Council, and that such part of the said fifteen thousand dollars as is not invested in such lands and buildings thereon, is securely invested for the benefit of the Seminary, the Governor and Council shall draw a warrant on the Treasurer for the sum of five thousand dollars, in favor of the said Trustees, which sum they shall apply to the general purposes of the institution, or to the increase of its permanent fund; and whenever the Trustees shall produce to the Governor and Council satisfactory evidence that upon the site so procured, buildings are erected suitable for the accommodation and the purposes of the Seminary, and that the same are ready to be used as a place for the education of youth, they shall direct the Treasurer of State to issue to the said Trustees, the scrip of the State for the sum of ten thousand dollars, redeemable in twenty years, bearing interest payable semi-annually, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, which scrip shall be placed to the credit of the Trustees in the books of the Treasurer, and also deposited in the Treasurer's office in trust for the said Trustees; and the interest shall semi-annually be paid to them, so long as they shall, by a compliance with the provisions of this act, be entitled to receive the same; and at the expiration of the said twenty years, the said scrip shall be surrendered and cancelled, and new scrip for the same amount, shall be issued for the same purpose, to be managed in the same manner for a second period of twenty years; and so on from one period of twenty years to another, until such time as the Governor and Council shall determine that it will be for the interest of the State and of the Seminary, that the same shall be invested for its benefit in some other manner, which the Governor and Council shall have authority to cause to be done.

SECT. 4. At the time of each semi-annual payment of the interest on the said scrip of ten thousand dollars, the Presi-

dent of the Board of Trustees shall be required to certify to the Treasurer of State, that the said Seminary for the preceding six months has been in successful operation as a place for the education of youth, and no payment of such interest shall be made without such certificate shall be produced and delivered to the Treasurer at any time the said Seminary shall be in successful operation as a place for the education of youth, the said scrip of ten thousand dollars and all arrears of interest shall be forfeited and revert to the State.

SECT. 5. The Governor shall have the right to appoint one of the Trustees of said Seminary, who shall hold his office for the same term of time as the other members of the Board, and to supply any vacancy that may from time to time occur in the place of such Trustee by a new appointment, so that there shall always be in the Board of Trustees, one member appointed by the Governor.

SECT. 6. The Trustees aforesaid may adopt such rules, regulations, courses of study and by-laws, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State, as they may deem expedient for the management of their affairs and the prosperity of said Seminary; may fill by ballot vacancies occurring in their body; may choose by ballot all officers and teachers necessary for the usefulness and advantage of said Seminary; and they shall be, and they are hereby invested with all the powers and privileges incident to similar corporations.

SECT. 7. The number of said Trustees shall not at any time be less than fifteen, nor more than thirty-five; and the Board of Trustees shall be divided into five classes: the first seven Trustees mentioned in this act of incorporation, shall constitute the first class; and the second seven in said list shall constitute the second class, and this order shall continue through said list; and the term of office of the first class shall expire on the day of the annual meeting of said Trustees, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven; and at each succeeding annual meeting, the term of office of the class next in order shall expire; and vacancies shall be filled by the Board, and all persons so elected shall continue in office for the term of five years; the by-laws shall provide what notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting of the Trustees for business; and it shall not be necessary for more than seven of the Trustees to be present to constitute a quorum to do business.

SECT. 8. The Legislature shall have the right to alter or amend this act, at any time after the acceptance of the same.

SECT. 9. Oren B. Cheney, Ebenezer Knowlton and Francis Lyford, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of this corporation, by giving notice of the time and place of said meeting, in the Kennebec Journal, and the papers printed in Augusta, and in the Morning Star, a paper printed in Dover, N. H., seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

SECT. 10. This act shall be in force from and after its approval by the Governor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
March 16, 1855.

This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

SIDNEY PERHAM, Speaker.

IN SENATE, March 16, 1855.

This bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted.

FRANKLIN MUZZY, President.

March 16, 1855. Approved.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, AUGUSTA,
March 20, 1855.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original, deposited in this office.

ALDEN JACKSON, Sec'y of State.

MISSION SABBATH SCHOOLS. As a pleasing result of the late State Convention of Sabbath School Teachers, we learn that attempts are making to establish additional Mission Schools in this city. The Maverick Sunday School of East Boston, have already taken steps in this direction, and are seeking for a suitable room in which to organize a school. The Pine street Sunday School at the South End, have also taken initiatory measures in the same praiseworthy work, and will commence a Mission School at once. The Sabbath School cause is evidently gaining ground in Boston. It is a glorious work, and one in which every good man should be engaged. [Boston Telegraph.]

We were hoping to be able to keep the types standing for the return of subscribers to the Advocate, but from the press of business at the Journal Office, we cannot well be accommodated. We have therefore struck off 2000 copies, and we throw the paper upon the generosity of our brethren and friends. Who will send us twenty or more subscribers? Who will send us three at least?

The Seminary Advocate.

AUGUSTA, JANUARY, 1856.

Salutatory.

Our humble sheet is what it professes to be, an *advocate*; it pleads the cause of education in general and of the Maine State Seminary in particular. The members of our (Freewill Baptist) churches and other friends of our enterprise will need to be informed from time to time, of the condition and prospects of the Institution. The doings of the Board of Trustees and of the Building Committee, at the several meetings they may hold, should come fully before the public. The question of Boarding Halls, the plan, the size, the best mode of construction, &c. &c., is all to be considered. The "rules, regulations and courses of study," which the Trustees have power by their charter to adopt, require a thorough discussion. The number is not small of those who are both interested in the Maine State Seminary and who have views of their own as to the best construction of its buildings, the best grade and management of its classes, the best government, and what, as a whole, constitutes a good Institution of learning. Then there is the question of all others—the *money* question. The money, the hard cash, is the great driving wheel in this enterprise; this must move or all the rest stops. Now these are, all of them, important matters. They are questions of time; they are not to be decided in a day. They demand to be deliberately considered; and in what better way can we reach the public mind, or the public mind reach our enterprise, than through the medium of the press. For the want of an idea, which without this sheet might be lost to the Seminary, (being carefully "stored away" in the head of its possessor,) some serious mistake may be committed—some needless expenditure of the funds may be made. It is often the case that a large amount of funds is wasted in great enterprises. Roads if not miles of a railroad are graded and then thrown away for a track in a new location. High stone abutments are built, and then for fear of their turning down, they are, by the aid of powder and fire, blown down. Not that no mistakes are to be expected. We make no such requisitions upon human nature in any undertaking, be it small or large. But every precaution should be taken. No means of information properly within the reach of those to whom great enterprises are entrusted, should be left unsought. There should be no haste—no preference of our own opinions before those of others that are better—no stubborn fixedness of attachment to some particular plans or course of procedure. There should be, then, some organ—some mouthpiece or spokesman for the friends of the Maine State Seminary, through which they can all be heard, giving in full their views upon any matters relating to the subject before them. The Trustees, therefore, feeling that a great responsibility is upon them, and being earnestly desirous of profiting from the advice and suggestions of those who are amply qualified to advise and suggest on such subjects, have recommended the publication of the *Advocate*; and so, kind readers, Christian brethren and friends, you have this, our *SALUTATORY*, and we leave the Seminary *Advocate* in your hands.

Lewiston Water Power Company.

It will be seen in another column, that this Company has donated to the Maine State Seminary the sum of five thousand dollars. This is generous on the part of the gentlemen composing the corporation of which they are members; and the Trustees of the Seminary and many friends of education in the State will feel under special obligation for so handsome a notice. We put the sum at \$5000—it is really more—the donation is in land—in lots (house and store lots) which have already been selected and are located in different parts of what is to be, the thriving city of Lewiston. The Water Power Company desire that the Trustees shall make the most out of these lots; and, therefore, the Trustees partaking of the same desire, will probably add the amount, whatever it may be when the land is sold, to the permanent fund given by the State.

We say again, speaking in behalf of the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary, that we feel under great obligation to the Lewiston

Water Power Co.; and we return the Company our hearty thanks.

We trust, however, that the Company will yet have a "value received" for what is truly, so noble and praiseworthy on their part. They will have the satisfaction of knowing that their names will be *sought out* and remembered by many families in the State whose sons and whose daughters will both labor in their mills, and study in the Seminary. This certainly—namely, to be remembered and regarded—is no small pay in return for generous and honorable deeds.

Then, again, Lewiston is destined to be just such a place as will need, for its own benefit, a Literary Institution of the character and grade, which, it is ardently desired by all its friends, the Maine State Seminary shall be. The religious, moral, and educational interests of the town are not to be lost sight of by the citizens of Lewiston in general, and by the Water Power Co. in particular, and we rejoice that they have no desire or intention to lose sight of them. What is spent in these directions, to say nothing of the higher good that will follow, will add a large per cent. to the permanent wealth of Lewiston, and to the millions invested, or to be invested there, by the Water Power Company. The location of our Seminary will be likely to induce many families that will desire to educate their children, to take up residence in Lewiston; and these families will purchase the lands in and about Lewiston owned by the Water Power Co. and others. Thus the population will be continually increasing, and the lands becoming higher and higher in value. But we will proceed no farther with this mercenary argument in an article already much longer than we intended to write. We simply took up our pen to thank the Water Power Company for their handsome donation made to the Maine State Seminary. And trusting, and laboring as we shall labor, that both you and we shall be mutually benefited, and always interested in each other's prosperity, allow us to say to you, Gentlemen, **WE THANK YOU.**

We shall have more to say about Lewiston, its fine Water Power, &c., and about the Water Power Company in future numbers of the *Advocate*, if those future numbers are to be.

State of Maine.

The State of Maine is a noble State. True, she is rough, and rocky, and icy, and snowy; but she is noble with and in spite of all this. She has not all of the advantages of some of her sisters in the Republican family; yet she is not a great distance behind any of them. They call her "Pine Tree"—she says however, "Dirigo"—"I Direct"—I lead on to what is true, and noble, and excellent. Maine has deeply interested herself in the education of the children of her citizens. She has two Colleges, one Theological School, several Seminaries, and Academies, and High Schools not a few; and the Common School Houses dot her uneven acres, both upon the mountain sides and in the valleys between, *all over*. Maine has been true to the policy of her constitution in the endowment of the Maine State Seminary. She saw before her a class of her citizens whose only Institution (a small Academy) was in ashes, asking aid at her hands—she listened to the request, as she had listened to like requests from others, and made the donation.

Now, it remains for this people thus noticed by the State, and thus empowered to raise the standard of education among themselves among the citizens of the State at large, to make the proper acknowledgement. We have thanks, then, for the State as well as for the good people of Lewiston. That we appreciate what has been done for us by our State, may be known from the fact that all three of our Yearly Meetings in Maine, and several of our Quarterly Meetings, have taken action on the subject of the State donation.

The Kennebec Yearly Meeting, held at Vienna on the 27th and 28th of June last, passed the following Resolve:

"Resolved, That we heartily express to the Legislature of this State, our gratitude for the liberal appropriation to endow the Maine State Seminary, and cordially pledge our cooperation to carry forward and establish the Institution."

The Penobscot Yearly Meeting, held at East Corinth, Aug. 15, also:

"Resolved, That we hail with joy the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary by our last Legislature, and that this liberality calls upon us to make the most

trenuous efforts to increase the funds and establish the character of said Institution.

Resolved, That in view of the confidence reposed in us as a denomination and our pressing educational wants, we pledge ourselves to each other, to our youth, to the friends of education throughout the State, and to God, that we will labor to the utmost of our abilities to place said Seminary upon a permanent moneyed basis, and to give it a strong hold upon the affections of our people, and a high place in the estimation of our citizens.

The Site.

This embraces eighteen acres and a half, being short of a half mile from the depot, and on a rising ground starting from a road that runs nearly parallel with the Rail Road, and extending to the Androscoggin River. Most of it is in its native forest state, and is well wooded and timbered. Messrs. Whipple and Wakefield were the former owners of the land.

It is known that the Water Power Company made very generous offers in addition to the \$5,000 which they had already donated, if the Trustees would locate the Institution on their land. The Trustees, however, could not believe that it would be for the best interests of the school, or would give satisfaction to the public, to accept the propositions of the Company.

It required a long and hard struggle, and much "conquering of prejudices," before the consent of the requisite majority could be gained in favor of Lewiston *at all*. Only one of the three locating committee reported in favor of Lewiston. Discussions and ballotings followed each other for two days and nights, when at the hour of midnight Lewiston, as a location, was carried by *one* majority.

Whence this opposition? Because, as it was argued, Lewiston will be too large a place for such an Institution. Lewiston is to be for Maine what Lowell is to Massachusetts, or Manchester to New Hampshire, and a country location would be better. But arguments deemed more weighty, bore down all objections raised, and the scale tipped in favor of Lewiston.

Now, then, the Seminary is located in Lewiston, and the all important question arises, where shall the site be? Several were proposed, but which shall the Trustees select? They could not take all, and what one shall be their choice, and on what principle shall they make their decision? They well knew the objection, the grand objection to Lewiston, so long and so earnestly maintained, and they aimed in making choice of a site to overcome it so far as it was in their power. This they did by selecting a spot that would give the school as much of the *country* as possible. The Seminary will be then, ere long, within the limits of a city, and yet it will be in the country—"rus in urbe"—"the country in the city"—having all the facilities and advantages of a city, and yet retired from the business, noise and confusion that always pertain to such a place.

Under these circumstances, and with such motives and such alone, uninfluenced by any, and independent of all, the Trustees as we know acted—acted, as they most honestly and sincerely thought, for the good of the Institution and for Lewiston, as they both may be twenty or fifty years hence.

The Trustees regret exceedingly that they could not agree with the gentlemen composing the Water Power Company; but so it is—men differ, and oftentimes with the best of motives.

We feel that we owe this explanation to the Company, and we have no doubt but that they will accept it as satisfactory.

\$50,000.

This is the sum fixed upon as the smallest possible, that will enable the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary to complete their operations. It is no very small enterprise to start an Institution like the one which is in prospect at Lewiston. None of us should in our uncharitableness lower down the amount. It must be \$50,000—no less.

PRAY FOR THAT SHIP. Bro. Spear of Richmond, as it will be seen, has subscribed \$500. Bro. S. will give to our Seminary one sixteenth of the earnings of the ship *Horatio* for the present and next voyage. We shall hope to realize, at least, \$700 from the two voyages. Brethren, pray for the success of the ship *Horatio*.

A brother in Harvard University has engaged to write occasionally for the *Advocate*.

Those Eyes.

They may be counted by pairs in thousands and ten thousands—they are in the State and out of it—they are *looking* upon us. If we, as a Christian denomination, succeed in establishing a good Literary Institution in Maine "those eyes" will see us. If, on the other hand, after the State has given us such a noble start, if we do not sue—we cannot finish out such a sentence as that liked to be. We will talk and write about succeeding. We have nothing to say about *not* succeeding. We ask pardon of our brethren—of the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of Maine—of the many warm friends of other denominations that cheer us on—we ask pardon of them all for coming so *near* writing out in full such a sentence in the *Advocate*.

We must, brethren and friends, carry through, steadily, calmly, deliberately through, what we have begun. We shall stand fifty per cent. better as a body of Christian men in the middle of this century of light and knowledge, the moment the Maine State Seminary is a thing of substance and life. Faith, sacrifice, courage, and trust in God will ensure us success. "The God of Heaven, he will prosper us, therefore, we his servants will arise and build."

Funds of the Maine State Seminary.

Amount donated by the State,	\$15,000
Amount donated by the Lewiston Water Power Co. (in land.)	5,000
Amount donated by certain citizens of Lewiston for a site (land.)	5,000
Amount donated by the citizens of Lewiston generally,	5,000
Amount donated by agency,	5,466
	\$35,466

Of the amount given by the State, ten thousand dollars are to be kept forever as a permanent fund, the interest (6 per cent) to be paid semi-annually, and to commence after the Seminary is opened for the reception of students. Also, of the amount given by Lewiston, ten thousand dollars are in land. This takes out \$20,000; and leaves \$15,466 available funds. The Trustees have voted to raise \$20,000; and of this sum, \$5,466 are already raised, leaving \$14,534 to be raised. *Will it be raised!* The future must decide.

The Agent.

The agent had designed in this number to give some account of his travels, and visits to the places where he has been; but the paper is full, and what he has to say on this wise must be postponed. Suffice it to say, that he has visited So. Berwick, Portland, Cape Elizabeth, West Lebanon, Gardiner, Wayne, Leeds, Winthrop, Readfield, Waterville, Farmington, Phillips, Richmond, and other places. In all these places he has either received actual subscriptions, or encouragement that brethren would subscribe. We rejoice in being able to say that our brethren and friends are *all ready* to subscribe. They mean the enterprise shall go ahead. Free Will Baptists will yet show that they are not so "covetous" as some have called them. How can they help giving when so many of other denominations are considering it a privilege to aid them?

Bro. Knowlton has visited several places, and we shall hope to have something from his pen. Some two or three hundred dollars have been forwarded by others.

TEMPORARY. It is the design that the *Advocate* shall be only temporary. If fifteen hundred copies are obtained it will be published one year at least; or it may be issued till the \$20,000 voted by the Trustees to be raised, shall be secured. The Trustees desire to come before our churches and friends with "line upon line," "line upon line;" and for this they want the *Advocate*. Though its existence may be short, yet with the cooperation of friends, it may be of great service in establishing upon a permanent foundation the Maine State Seminary.

HON. LOT M. MORRILL. We are under special obligation to this gentleman for aid in securing the charter and endowment of our Seminary. Mr. Morrill headed our petitions, spoke in our favor before the Committee on Education, and encouraged us to go forward in an enterprise so creditable to ourselves and so promising of good to a large portion of the people of our own State. Mr. M. is brother of Gov. Morrill.

Bro. Littlefield's communication came too late. Other articles, also, must lie over for want of room.

Not Exclusive.

This paper will be devoted principally to the advocacy of the cause of education, and specially to a particular Institution. But we have no desire or design to be exclusive.

We shall have, then, in the Advocate a Moral and Religious Department, as also a Department Miscellaneous.

To each of these Departments as well as to the remaining parts of our columns we invite the pens of correspondents. The friends of other Institutions shall have a proper hearing, if they desire to be heard, in the Advocate.

The teachers in our Institutions would have much better articles for examination on the ever dreaded "Wednesday afternoons" than they now do, if the writers should know they were writing for the press as well as for the eye of their instructors.

We cannot promise to publish all that may be sent us, as we might not have space; and then again the articles might not be suitable.

We say to our youthful readers again, we hope we shall hear from you. If you ever become writers you must begin. Will you begin in the Advocate?

The New Year.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX—What shall it be? We may desire it to be one thing—it will be another. Years are alike, and so this year will be like others before it—the new as the old.

Men will be disappointed this year. Many are dreaming of wealth, and laying their plans to be rich, pulling down barns and building greater, and saying that a man's life does consist in the abundance of the things which he possesses.

Men will be sick this year. Consumption, and fevers, and contagions, and maladies without number shall fill up the year; and the dirge which every fleeting day shall sing, shall be:

"And fierce diseases wait around To hurry mortals home."

This year will be one of dangers and accidents.

"Dangers stand thick through all the ground, To push us to the tomb."

The history of the year will run somewhat thus—"dreadful wreck at sea"—"awful steam-boat explosion"—"many lives lost"—"terrible rail road accident"—"death by drowning"—"a child burned to death"—"a child accidentally poisoned by its mother"—"a man thrown from his horse or his carriage," and "badly wounded," or "instantly killed"—"great

flood"—"great freshet"—"dreadful conflagration"—"fire"—"fire," "fire."

It shall be a year of death. The destroying angel has done his awful work the past year. What words are Norfolk and Portsmouth in the new world, and Sevastopol, and Malakoff, and Redan in the old!! This same angel will work this year. The infant in its own mother's arms shall pass peacefully away—the laughter of the school-boy shall cease—manhood shall lose its strength—maidens, their beauty—fashion and pride, their richly flowing robes—gaiety become sober—and the hoary head be concealed in the grave—the appointed nuptial day may be the burial day. Such is the world, and such man's portion under the sun.

"Within a year and all the glory of Kedar shall fail." Isa. 21:16. "Within a year!" Where shall we be, and what shall we be "within a year!" We wish you, kind readers, none of the sad events that will surely befall the new year. We wish you prosperity—life, health, houses, lands, friends, a clear conscience, and a good hope in God.

We will, then, commence the year with the resolve to correct our faults which are many, to love our enemies even if we have any, to do good to all men, to remember the poor especially, to be cheerful, and kind, and obliging, forgiving and forgetting the infirmities of brethren and kindred as we hope ourselves to be forgiven. In fine, we do wish you a "happy new year," and that seeing it to be your duty, you will make a handsome donation to the Maine State Seminary.

HISTORY OF THE SEMINARY. We intended to commence a kind of historical account of our enterprise from the start, but have not the room in this number. This account will, however, appear in the next number (if our friends shall call for the next number) and be continued in future numbers. It was a long and hard struggle, and is worthy of record.

LYCEUM LECTURES AT NEW HAMPTON. We are pleased to learn that the students in the theological and literary departments of our Institution at New Hampton, N. H., have united in having a course of Lyceum Lectures the present winter. Rev. J. B. Davis of Lowell, Mass. Rev. M. J. Steere of Great Falls, N. H. Rev. G. T. Day of Olneyville, R. I., and others are already engaged. We wish our young friends success in their new, and, as we have no doubt, they will find it, their profitable undertaking.

OLD FOLKS CONCERT. We would remind the members of the Old Folks Singing Association of this city, that their meeting was adjourned to the present Winter. It is not for us, of course, to say that the music of this Association is worth paying for; but we will say that the poor among us need 25 cents each from as many as can crowd into Winthrop Hall. "The poor ye have always, &c."

MAP OF KENNEBEC COUNTY. Messrs. S. Baker, & Co., are now preparing a beautiful Map of this County. In the country portions of the County, individual residences, as well as the line of the several roads, will be given; and in the villages and cities, those residences, at least, will be marked with the names of the residents, if the residents subscribe for the map. All the good people of our far-famed County are interested in this effort; and, we trust, they will aid the gentlemen who are, as we know from an examination their work well qualified to do for us what they have done so neatly for others. Let no Kennebecer fail to subscribe for the map.

We understand that Melville W. Fuller, Esq. (Junior editor of the Age) and Rev. Mr. Dillingham, both of this city, made very able addresses before the Teachers' Institute at Waterville.

\$500 SUBSCRIPTIONS. We have four of them from Messrs. Wood, Toothaker, Parker, and Spear. Who will be the next four? We want a few \$1000 subscriptions. Who will be the first?

CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL. The Cong. Chapel recently erected in Lewiston has been dedicated. Sermon by the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Balkam.

Will our young friends in our Institutions of learning and elsewhere make effort for a package of the Advocate? We think they will succeed if they try.

Please Subscribe for the Advocate.

Teachers' Institute at Lewiston.

The last Institute for the season was held at Lewiston Falls in November, closing up with an evening levee in Auburn Hall. Not less than six hundred persons were present. The music was from the Lewiston Brass Band. E. T. Little, Esq. presided, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Knox. Two beautiful bouquets were presented to Profs. Burnham and Wells by Miss Augusta D. Roak, and a purse of \$50 to Prof. Wells by Miss Davis. We copy the sentiments offered, from the Lewiston Falls Journal:—

Education. Planted like the banyan tree,—her roots have spread under the sea, and come up on far away continents, and in distant quarters of the world, laden with intellectual fruit, and flowing with prosperity and happiness.

Responded to by Rev. Mr. Drummond in some most apt and effective remarks.

2. The Clergy.—Teachers of heavenly knowledge—may they be shining lights to a dying world.

Ably and interestingly responded to by Rev. Mr. Balkam.

3. Our Common Schools.—The nurseries of intelligence and liberty—May success attend every effort to invigorate their energies and extend their influence.

Responded to by Hon. M. H. Dunnell in an impressive and entertaining manner.

4. The Legal Profession.—"Ancient as magistracy, noble as virtue, and necessary as justice." May those who have put on her robes ever honor them.

Responded to in an able and eloquent manner by C. W. Goddard, Esq.

5. Our Teachers.—A noble band, engaged in an august work. They have the thanks of a grateful people, and the plaudits of an approving conscience.

Appropriately and earnestly responded to by Prof. Burnham.

6. The Ladies.—May they sweep down the cobwebs of ignorance, as Van Tromp swept through the British Channel, with a broom at the mast-head.

Enthusiastically responded to by every gentleman present.

Mr. Dingley offered the following resolutions, both of which were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be published:

Resolved, That to Hon. Mark H. Dunnell, State Superintendent of Public Schools, and to Messrs. Burnham, Wells and all others who have assisted in conducting the exceedingly profitable and interesting exercises of the Teachers' Institute in this village, during the past three days, we tender our warmest thanks.

Resolved, That the system of common schools which was planted by our forefathers, and which has grown with our country's growth, and strengthened with her strength, should receive the tenderest care, and the most generous wisdom of our legislators.

The Age says that—"During the last three months a circuit of nine hundred miles has been accomplished by Mr. Dunnell and his associates, fifteen conventions held, and nearly seventeen hundred teachers received instruction."

We have had some knowledge of the untiring labors of Mr. Dunnell, the excellent Superintendent of the public schools for the State of Maine. What is said of Mr. D. is not empty puffing.

Our Engraving is from the hand of Mr. John F. Richardson, 86 Middle St. Portland.

DIED.

In this city, Miss Louisa H. Prescott, aged 24, daughter of J. D. Prescott, Esq., one of the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary.

Miss P. was employed the past year as a teacher in Bloomfield Academy. She was a fine scholar, and a sincere Christian. She died at peace with her God. Several with whom she conversed during her sickness, have been led to renounce a sinful life and to give their hearts to Christ.

In Readfield, Dudley Fogg, Esq., aged 72 years.

In connection with a brother in the ministry, we were about stepping into the carriage to go on a visit to Bro. Fogg, on business pertaining to the Seminary, when a message arrived giving the information of his death, and requesting our ministerial brother to be present at the funeral. Bro. F. was one of the fathers in the membership. His death was sudden. A friend says of him: "He was a good man." He has left a large property, and we have no doubt, had he been permitted to see him, he would have made a handsome donation to the Seminary.

In Norton, Kings County, N. E., Rev. Robert Colpitts, aged 86 years.

Mr. C. was a minister among the Free Baptists of New Brunswick. A single inquiry—"Do you know the Lord?" was the word "flly spoken" which led to his conversion. He was a true believer in Christ sixty-three years—preached the gospel forty-eight years—was a peace-maker—was no bigot—won the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

The labors of Father Colpitts in the ministry were gratuitous—he went forth receiving nothing. It is probable he never received as many pounds for his labor as he spent years in the ministry. His own hands ministered to his support, and those that were his. Often, very often, was he called to leave his field in the midst of seed time or harvest, and travel long distances to attend funerals—going and returning perhaps in the night, but never complaining. He has now gone to his reward. During the greater part of the last two years of his life, age and infirmity prevented his labors—his memory left him, and during the last few months he was nearly insensible to all the objects around him—sometimes not even knowing his own children. But whenever he awoke any, his theme was the same, and the Savior precious.

In Alton, N. H., Charles P. Sawyer, A. M., Principal of Pittsfield (N. H.) Academy. Mr. S. fitted for College at Lebanon Academy, and graduated from Dartmouth. We can bear testimony to his superior scholarship and excellent character.

In West Lebanon, Mrs. Sarah A., wife of Dan' W. Horn, Esq. An estimable and excellent woman; her sudden removal has not only left wounded and bleeding hearts in that household where she was dearest, but many are the half-uttered words, many the tears, in those home-circles where she was known, and where her memory will long be cherished.

MARRIED.

On Thanksgiving day, in the Free-Will Baptist Church, in Camden, by Rev. Wm. H. Littlefield, of Rockland, Rev. JASON MARINER, (one of the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary,) to Miss ADELIA H. CARTER, both of Camden.

STATE OF THE AGENCY.

This may be seen by the subscriptions which follow:

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Parsonsfield Seminary.

At the Free Will Baptist State Convention, held at Topsham on the 22d of November, 1854, the following Resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of Parsonsfield Seminary, recently destroyed by fire, and that we recommend that Institution to the sympathies and liberality of our churches.

Resolved, That this convention will pledge itself to raise the sum of two thousand dollars, in aid of the Parsonsfield Seminary.

These Resolves have found a response in the liberal subscriptions given below:

SUBSCRIPTIONS IN AID OF PARSONSFIELD SEMINARY.	
Rev. Ebenezer Knowlton, Montville,	\$100
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Rev. Jason Mariner, Camden,	100
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	\$1700

The Seminary building is now in process of erection, and will, as we understand, be opened next spring. The school will continue to be what it has always been—a local Academy.

It can in no way interfere with our State Institution, designed to be of a higher order than a common Academy. The interests of Parsonsfield Seminary and the Maine State Seminary, should be one. The two institutions will, we trust, always be mutual helps to each other.—Students, who have completed the course of study in the former, can finish their education in the latter; receiving, it may be, at a less expense, what will answer for a College course.

Parsonsfield Seminary is the first institution in the Free Will Baptist denomination. It started in 1832, under the special supervision of Rev. John Buzzell, of Parsonsfield, who is still living, and who is, we believe, the oldest minister in the connection. Rev. Hosea Quinby, the first Free Will Baptist that graduated from a College, was its first Principal.

Humble as is Parsonsfield Seminary in comparison with our Colleges and higher Seminaries of learning, yet it can be safely said that it has been productive of great good to the Free Will Baptist denomination and to the State of Maine. Scores of its students may be found in the various professions of the ministry, law, medicine, &c. Long may it live to pursue an onward and upward course.

Our friends will see an improvement in the Advocate as it now appears when compared with the first, or specimen numbers. It is our due, to say that we were absent from the city when those numbers were issued.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS.

Inexorable Law.

Every act of life is made solemn by its consequences, and by the fact that opportunity once lost cannot be recalled. The moment gone is gone forever. The deed done cannot be undone. The choice made, the soul is given up to the operation of the law under which it has placed itself. The wretch who has committed suicide cannot come back to life, though he shrieks like a madman when he hears the death rattle in his throat! Or if a man commits murder, he cannot call his victim back by repentance. Perhaps he stabbed his friend in a passion. It matters not. Death has no pity. It knows no friendship, or remorse. Though the murderer throws himself upon the corpse and weeps in agony, the dead wake not.

Suppose a sailor in a fit of revenge, sets fire to a ship at sea! The next moment he is horror-struck at what he has done. But will his bitter repentance sooth down the enraged elements? Will it cause the billows to cease their dashing, or the flames their fury? No! he has done the deed, and he must abide the consequences. The flames will still roll on and mount on high, and wrap their fiery shroud around him for his ocean burial. Slowly but steadily sinks the wreck. An hour passes on, and he is struggling with the waves. He reaches out his arms in convulsive agony. He curses and prays by turns. But his strength grows weaker with his efforts till, despite his strugglings and prayers, and dying blasphemies—his form sinks beneath the waves, and the calm deep rolls over his head, smoothly as ever.

The laws of God in the moral world, are as inflexible as those of nature. They are incapable of being turned aside by human power or ingenuity. Every man has reason to tremble lest he find too late, that it requires a stronger hand than his to stop that terrific machinery which sin sets in motion. Let him not flatter himself that he can repair the injury by repenting of it. No! the only way to make life right is, to start right. A late repentance may save a man's soul from hell—but it cannot undo the wrong that he has done. It cannot repair the evil which he has inflicted. In this sense, repentance comes too late. It may help to set the future right—but it is not an atonement for the past. At the bar of conscience, sin hath never forgiveness. It remains forever, an eternal loss to the soul! [N. Y. Evangelist.]

The Preacher and the Beggar.

A great divine prayed to God during the space of eight years that he would show to him a man who might teach him the true way to heaven. It was said to him at length, "Go to such a church porch, and there shalt thou find a man who will instruct thee in the spiritual life." Accordingly he went and found a poor beggar, very meanly clad. He saluted him

in these words, "God give you a good day, my friend!" The poor man answered, "Sir, I do not remember that I ever had an evil day. The Dr. said, "God give you a good day and a happy life!" "Why say you that?" replied the beggar, "I never was unhappy." "God bless you, my friend!" said the Dr. "Pray tell me what you mean." He replied, "That I shall willingly do. I told you first, I never had one evil day; for when I have hunger, I praise God; if it rain, hail, snow or freeze; be it fair or foul; or if I am despised or ill-used, I return God thanks; so I never had an ill day. Nor have I ever been unhappy since I have learned always to resign myself to his will, being very certain of this, that all his works are perfectly good; and therefore I never desire anything else but the good pleasure of God." Then said the Dr., "But what if it should be the good pleasure of God to cast you hence into hell?" "If he would do so, I have two arms to embrace him with; the one whereof is a profound humility, by which I am united to his holy humanity; the other is love or charity, which joins me to his divinity. Embraced with these two arms, he would descend with me thither, if thither he ordered me; and there I had infinitely rather be with Him, than in paradise without Him." Hereby the Dr. learned that a true resignation to the Divine will, accompanied with profound humility of heart, is the shortest way to attain God's love.

After that, he asked him again, whence he came.

The poor man answered, "God sent him. The doctor inquired of him, *Where he found God.* He replied, "I found Him where I had renounced all the creatures." And where did you leave Him?" said the Dr. He replied, "With the poor in spirit, the pure in heart, and men of charity." "But who are you?" says the divine. "I am a king," says the beggar. "Where is your kingdom?" says the former. "In my soul," says the latter. "I have learned to bring into subjection, and to govern my senses, as well outward as inward, with my affections and passions—which kingdom is undoubtedly superior to all the kingdoms of the world." The Dr. then asked him by what means he had attained to such perfection. He answered, "By silence, watchfulness, meditation, prayer, and the union I have with God. I could find no sure repose or comfort in any creature of the world; by means whereof I found out my God, who will comfort me world without end. [Francis de Sales. A true conversation. The divine was Thauler, a popular preacher of the fourteenth century.]

"YOUR LIFE IS WITH GOD IN CHRIST." Col. iii. 3.

The Inconsistent, Backsliding Professor of Religion.

He is not dead to sin; he is not living to righteousness; his light does not shine; he is not bearing faithful witness for Christ; he is not growing in grace; he is paralyzing his own influence for good in the church, and to the world where he was placed that he might be a light to enlighten and as salt to savor and preserve it. The conduct, the condition, the guilt of such an one, is vividly set forth in the following allegory.

"The devil," says the allegory, "once held a great anniversary, at which his emissaries were gathered from every part of the world, to report what they were doing in his service, and how far they had been successful. "I," said one, who came up exulting in his zeal, "I let loose the wild beasts of the desert on a whole caravan of Christians, and their bones are now bleaching on the sands." "What of that?" said the adversary, "their souls were all saved."

"And I," said another, "drove the hurricane against a ship freighted with Christians, and they were all drowned in the sea." "And what of that?" again said the adversary; you did but shorten their way to glory; for they too, were all saved."

"And I," said another, thinking he had done a more acceptable work, "I kindled persecution against a little band of disciples, and as they refused to abjure their faith, they were all burnt at the stake." "Fool!" said the adversary in his anger, "you only sent them to a brighter crown in heaven."

"And I," said another, "cannot boast of much; for I have been ten years trying to get a single Christian asleep; but at last I

have succeeded, and he is slumbering still." "Well done!" cries his master; "that is indeed a feat worth achieving;" and a smile of grim satisfaction arose to his lips. "And I," said still another; "I, under one pretence and another, and through worldly influences and little temptations and gradual backslidings, have finally got the great mass of a church asleep, so that they live on about as the world live; and what is more, they do not seem alarmed at their state." At that the devil shouted, and all the night stars of hell sang for joy. [Ch. Almanac.]

DEATH-BED WORDS. An English nobleman said: I have a splendid passage to the grave; I die in state, and languish under a gilded canopy; I am expiring on soft and downy pillows, and am attended by my servants and physicians; my dependants sigh; my sisters weep; and my father is bowed beneath a load of grief and years; my lovely wife, pale and silent, conceals her inmost anguish; my friend, who was as my own soul, suppresses his sighs, and leaves me to hide his secret grief. But, oh! which of them will bail me from the arrest of death? Who can descend into the dark prison of the grave with me? Here they all leave me, after having paid a few idle ceremonies to the breathless clay, which may lie reposed in state, while my soul, my only conscious part, may stand trembling before my Judge.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROFITABLE PHILANTHROPY. Mr. Henry Grinnell, the "celebrated philanthropist," has actually paid towards the expense of the several Arctic expeditions, fitted out from New York, about ten thousand dollars—the government having assumed the rest. The house of Grinnell, Minturn & Co., of which he is a partner, will have made at the close of the present season, from grain and other transactions upon orders from the British government—all of which orders came to this house in consequence of Mr. Henry Grinnell's "philanthropy," about three quarters of a million of dollars. A shrewd calculator was Mr. Grinnell—a most successful "philanthropist!"

THE WORD "ITS." Attention once called to the matter, one is surprised to discover how late introduction into our language the word "its" proves to be. Through the whole of our authorized version of the Bible "its" does not once occur; the work which it now performs being accomplished, as our rustics would now accomplish it, by "his" or "her" applied as freely to inanimate things as to persons, or else by "thereof" or "of it." "Its" occurs, I believe, only three times in all Shakspeare, and I doubt whether Milton has once admitted it into "Paradise Lost," although when that was composed, others freely allowed it.

CHARMING CONSISTENCY. Scene 1st.—(Slightly Rainy Sunday.)—Father, [with umbrella and overcoat,] Come my dear, put on your things for church.

Dutiful Daughter—Why, dear father, it is raining so hard, I am afraid I shall wet my feet, and you know I take cold so easily.

Scene 2d—(Very Rainy Night)—Dutiful Daughter. Come, dear pa, it's time to go—the opera commences in a quarter of an hour.

F. (in surprise)—I thought you could not go out in the rain for fear of wetting your feet.

D. D.—Oh, no, I have such nice rubbers, and they keep my feet as dry as toast.

ONE OF THE SQUIRRELS. One of the grey squirrels placed on the Common, last summer, by His Honor, the Mayor, has, the last three Sunday mornings, visited a house in Taunton place, and partaken of the generous hospitality of the inmates. A dish of chestnuts is placed for his entertainment on a table near an open window, and the little fellow, true to his instincts, conveys to his retreat a quantity for his future use. We shall watch with some interest, this experiment in mixing up civilization with savage life. [Bost. Herald.]

In Paris, apothecaries are obliged to put up all poisons in red paper, while white labels must be used for medicines intended for internal application.

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