

For the Christian Messenger.

"Past and Present."

"HINT" REVIEWED.

MR. EDITOR,

Our remarks in reply to "Hint's" article on church music, were made solely for the purpose of counteracting the prejudicial impressions which we conceived it was calculated to produce upon the minds of the public, especially abroad.

"Hint" supposes that we "wish to practice a little by parading ourselves before the public as a critic"; but we are probably not more anxious to do so than he is to gain some celebrity as a Baptist Historian,—boasting of his "facts" which "need no apologists!"

"Hint" wishes us to inform him "if David kept singing men and singing women, and various instruments, to assist in promoting frivolous music, or to lead in drawing away the Christian's thoughts from the spiritual worship of God?"

Again, "Hint" affirms—modestly of course—that "talent and not character is the qualification sought in the leader of musicians; and to be engaged six nights of the week in the theatre, or in singing songs in a drinking saloon &c. &c., is not a serious objection to a leader who can raise his voice, or direct an instrument, in the praises of the sanctuary."

We deem it unnecessary to subject your Correspondent "Hint" to any further review at present, and hope we shall have no occasion to notice them in future; and when "Hint" resumes his "Historical facts" in reference to the Baptists of Nova Scotia, he had better copy the example of Voltaire in his Historical reference to the Waldenses of France; and probably he will not again "fall into the mistakes he has committed."

Truly yours, OMEGA.

Pleasant Valley Cornwallis.

[We venture to publish the following letter from our brother Rev. W. Chipman, and if he charges us with taking liberties with his letters when not sent for publication, we can only say that we know there are hundreds of our readers who will exonerate us from blame in the matter. We hope he will do the same and continue to give us such information.—Ed.]

MY DEAR BROTHER,

The further account of the blessed revival of religion in P. V. district which I suggested to you on the 6th instant, would probably be furnished you shortly for publication, is not the one noticed in C. M. 14th May, instant as being on hand. I conclude that my beloved brother H. who was present on the 4th May, has furnished the one you referred to, I am glad that he has done so, and not knowing the particulars upon which he has dwelt, I forbear for the present making such further communications as appears to me desirable for the promotion of God's cause and for his glory.

As ever yours in Christ, WILLIAM CHIPMAN.

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The Dartmouth and Jeddore Mission.

The Christian Messenger of Jan. 3, contains an account of the formation of a Local Missionary Board at Halifax. Its object was to support a permanent missionary on the above field. In this they have been, doubtless for wise reasons, disappointed.

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes Ladies' Sewing Society, Gr. St. Baptist Church, and various individuals like R. McLearn, Esq., D. McN. Parker, M.D., etc.

Salary for 6 months, £62 10 5

The last mentioned item could have been made up on the field had the missionary continued. By the adoption of a regular system of raising money among the people they could in a short time nearly or quite sustain their own missionary.

I ought to add that Bro. Crawley's labors, though short, were highly appreciated. The churches were convinced of the substantial sympathy of their brethren. Christians were encouraged, and cheered by the visits of the missionary; and impressions were made especially on the minds of the young which perhaps may not be fully known, until the seed sown shall yield an abundant harvest in the future world.

D. FREEMAN, Sec. Halifax, May 20th, 1856.

Anniversary of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The Thirty-second Anniversary of this Society was held in the Oliver street Church on Monday. Rev. Mr. Kennard, of Philadelphia, in the Chair. The report opens with a brief review of the fifteen years of the Society's operations, from 1840 to 1855. The increase in the property of the Society during this time amounts to \$59,545. As a Tract Society, in 16 years, from 1824 to 1840, it issued fifty-four millions of pages.

The number of new publications is twenty-seven, comprising 2,157 pages.

The total number of publications in the Society's Catalogue is 501, of which 287 are bound volumes.

The number of Colporteurs in commission during the year ending March 1st, 1856, was 109.

The number in commission at the close of the year was 64.

Rev. Dr. HOWELL, briefly referred to the progress of the Society, and showed the importance of its work, in the discussion of correct principles and the spread of truth. The people must be reached by the means of works of this kind, and by the newspapers.

Rev. Mr. Shadrack stated that the exigency of the case demands an augmenting fund.

If the Baptists have not much past history, they have a future. A fund of \$30,000 would not be sufficient for this object. All that sum would be required for stereotype plates.

Rev. Mr. Buchland of New York spoke as a young man. He thought that the young had an interest in this matter. It is by the instrumentalities such as are employed by this society, that the world is to be renewed and Baptist principles to prevail throughout the earth.

Rev. H. H. Fish of Newark, N. J., then delivered a very interesting and able address upon the subject of the press as a preacher, after which the meeting adjourned.

European Intelligence.

PEACE BALL.

At a ball given by the Queen, at Buckingham Palace, on the 8th, at which about 1900 persons were present, Her Majesty gave a free pardon to all persons under sentence for political offences, to mark her appreciation of the occasion.

Her Majesty has recommended the House of Lords to confer with her faithful Commons so as to enable her to grant a pension of £1000 per annum upon General Williams, and has created him a Baronet under the title of Sir William Fenwick Williams, of Kars.

The War may be considered to be now well over. We have had a Thanksgiving Day for the return of Peace, and Parliamentary addresses to the Crown have recognised and endorsed the Treaty; so that all that now remains is the fireworks and the illuminations, which, of course, "cannot be omitted."

No sooner, however, is the war over, than other causes of uneasiness arise. The state of Italy especially appears to be ominous in the extreme. Every account that comes to us seems to confirm the impression that the excitement in that unhappy country is daily on the increase, and that unless something be speedily done to allay it, it will rise to a pitch at which it will be difficult for it to be controlled.

THE KARS DEBATE.

The three nights' debate on the loss of Kars resulted, last Thursday, in a great ministerial triumph. In a House of 479 members, 303 voted for the Government, and only 176 against it; giving to Ministers a majority of 127. They had not expected, previously to the discussion, such a complete numerical victory; and after the repeated small defeats which they have suffered, so emphatic a negative to the charge of "want of foresight and energy," must be considered as no slight political gain for Lord Palmerston's Cabinet.

THE QUEEN CAMPAIGNING AT ALDERSHOTT.

The Queen and Prince Albert visited the encampment at Aldershot on the afternoon of the 18th ult. On arriving, the Queen, who was attired in a dark green riding dress, and wore a golden sash over her left shoulder, and on her riding-hat a plume of military feathers, alighted, and mounted a fine chestnut charger, the Prince Consort riding on one side of her, and Lord Alfred Paget on the other.

THE CRIMEA.

General Luders reviewed a body of Russian troops on the 13th ult., on the Mackenzie plateau, in presence of Marshal Pelissier and Generals Codrington and La Marmora, who had been invited to witness the inspection.

The Daily News' correspondent has an account of the review of our troops in the Crimea, in the presence of General Luders, the Russian commander-in-chief. General Luders expressed his admiration of the healthy condition of the men, as well as of the precision of their movements, in the highest terms of praise to General Codrington.

Many parties of officers and others are leaving the British camp for short expeditions into the interior.

Correspondence of the 14th states, that "yesterday, after the morning church services, the camps almost appeared to have changed inhabitants, so many were the French, Sardinian, and English visitors on the north side of the harbour, and among the Russian camps on the Inkermann plateau, and so many Russian soldiers were wandering about the camps of the Allies."

FRANCE.

It will be recollected that Count Montalembert made a cutting speech the other day, respecting the interference of the prefects with