

associations connected with all the past. The agricultural advantages of Cornwallis have been so frequently made the subject of remark, that we shall not now notice them. But a Baptist Association held in the place where Edward Manning laboured so successfully, and where he died, is surely full of the deepest interest to those who have remained to enter into his labors, and others who venerate his memory. It might be said of him as of the great architect of St. Paul's cathedral: 'Would you see his monument, look around.' The little one has literally become a thousand and the small one a great nation.

On SATURDAY afternoon the Ministers and Delegates in large numbers came together in the venerable house at Canard, and, after handing in the letters from the churches, proceeded to elect the Moderator. The Rev. E. M. Saunders was chosen. The Revs. E. O. Read and R. R. Philp were chosen Secretaries.

The state of the churches as shown by the letters was, in many of them, most encouraging. Others were lamenting their barrenness, yet rejoicing over the blessing bestowed on their sister churches. We are unable yet to state what is the whole number of additions to the membership, but it is sufficient to awaken gratitude, and encourage hope in the further manifestation of Divine favor.

On LORD'S DAY morning Rev. Dr. Pryor preached in the Baptist meeting house, and the Rev. A. H. Munro in the Presbyterian, close by; both places were filled to overflowing, numbers having to stand and listen at the open windows and doors.

Other ministers belonging to the Association officiated at the numerous churches all around. The day was most delightful. A cloudless sky with a pleasant refreshing breeze invited all the people out to partake of the spiritual feast prepared. It was a day to be long remembered.

In the afternoon a SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT was held in the Canard Baptist meeting house. The two schools belonging to the church were brought together there. The recitations of passages of scripture relating to "grace,"—the doctrine on which Father Manning so delighted to dwell,—and the singing of pieces from the "Golden Chain" and "Golden Shower" afforded a most gratifying variety in the usual exercises at our Association gatherings. Addresses were made at intervals in the following order: Rev. Dr. Pryor, Rev. A. H. Munro, S. Selden and T. H. Rand.

The whole of the schools joined most heartily in the singing, and shewed that they had been well trained by persons of cultivated taste. They were led by a melodeon, presided over by a lady of the congregation.

We consider this occasion one of a most auspicious and suggestive character, and likely to lead to great good. The pastor of the church and the superintendents of the two schools appear to work together in this department most harmoniously, and they are receiving already a rich harvest—about fifty of those receiving instruction made a profession of faith in Christ, and were baptized during the past year.

We shall be obliged to defer the remainder of our report till our next.

New Publications.

"FLOWERS BY THE WAY-SIDE": by Mary E. Herbert. pp. 78.

Miss Herbert has here added another collection of pieces in prose and verse to those she had already contributed to the literature of her native land. Some of these have already appeared in one or other of the provincial papers, but the majority have not been before published. We are glad that Miss H. has encouragement to bring out another pamphlet.

The following on "Absent Friends" may be taken as a specimen of the prose composition:—

ABSENT FRIENDS.

"Oh, is our tenderness by theirs repaid?
And do they sigh lost moments to regain,
And wish each look recalled, each word unsaid,
That ever chanced to give our spirits pain?
Yes, doubt it not, though cold and sundered long,
Pride to the power of time and distance bends;
Forgotten is the slight, repaired the wrong;
The heart still breathes, "Peace to our absent friends!"

How brightly through the mortal vale of shadows, mists, and tears, shine the golden links of love which bind human beings to each other.

A friend! of all more earthly gifts, Heaven's crowning boon to man,—the source of unpeakable enjoyment, and yet, strange paradox, at times of unutterable anguish.

Place me in a palace,—let Nature and Art both combine to gather around my dwelling their choicest charms; let the lulling murmur of fountains and the melody of unnumbered instruments lull me to repose; let the choicest viands administer daily to my wants; let my garments be of texture the most costly,—and let the ruby, the pearl, and the diamond adorn with their flashing rays my person; let obsequious menials wait to do my bidding, and, let

Poetry, Painting and Music, sweet sisters, minister perpetually, before me;—but let the voice of affection be unheard, and the eye of love cease to beam, and the hand of friendship scatter no flowers in my path, and I would turn with loathing from the most enchanting Paradise, and consume life in unutterable longings for the humblest cottage blessed by affection with her genial presence.

"Oh, what indeed were life,
Without love's genial light,
Which in this world of strife,
Still shines most purely bright."

Yes, sweet, unutterably sweet are the tones of friendship; fairer than the fairest landscape smiling beneath the golden rays of the rising sun are the lineaments of those we love; their presence dispels the dark clouds of sorrow,—and their sympathy lightens life's heaviest burden.

Happy they who sink to rest with the fond "Good night" vibrating in their ear,—and awake to remember that

"Still at their home, and by their side"

are those, without whom life would indeed be a dreary, bowling wilderness.

But, alas! for this fond human affection in a world such as ours. Precious yet transitory are its enjoyments; and its sorrows what tongue or pen can delineate?

We speak not now of the climax of its anguish—Death; that we have portrayed in other pages,—and too deep the wound it opens for us to dare return and linger,—but there are other causes of separation scarcely less poignant,—scarcely less destructive of earthly happiness.

The loved one has departed to another land. The last echo of his footsteps has died away on the threshold,—but the tremulous good-bye still lingers in our ears, and our hand still vibrates to the parting clasp.

Out into the darkness, with eyes that scarce can see for thickly falling tears, our vision strains to catch one more parting look, and then we turn hurriedly away, and go back to the desolate home.

What a strange change has come over the dwelling; how like a kneel falls the sound of our steps, as we tread the silent hall, and ascend the winding stairs.

Those parlors, but yesterday they were flooded with sunshine; how gaily bloomed the flowers in those vases; how sweetly smiled those pictured walls, while merrily floated through the rooms the notes of music; now, all is still. The flowers have lost their beauty—the voice of music is hushed, and those fair paintings seem to regard us with mournful eyes, as though they would vain sympathize in our sorrow.

And days, and weeks and months pass on, aye, even years, and the void is still in the heart. Not visibly, perhaps, to stranger eyes, but deep down, unseen, unkenked by human vision, are those yearnings for the absent,

"We miss them when the board is spread,
We miss them when the prayer is said."

And the vain longing for their presence casts a sadness over our happiest moments. Every scene is redolent with their remembrance; and if amid the ceaseless care and hurrying labors of the day, they seem, perchance, less present to memory,

"Night comes, and Oh! can we forget."

Then is it that the tide of affection swells afresh, and imagination strives to picture their present condition.

At such a time, how gladly would we throw aside, for a while at least, the garb of mortality, and ask of some attendant angel, his power to soar away, and unseen ourselves, behold the faces of the absent.

Oh! for one moment's glance, one moment to linger at their side, and assure ourselves of their welfare, and we would be content; but it may not be. Tempestuous oceans, rugged mountains, tangled wild-woods and busy cities divide them from us.

What resource then remains, what relief for the yearning heart? Nought but one, yet that is omnipotent.

We may not be permitted to stand beside our beloved, warding off, if possible, the shafts of sorrow and sickness; no longer can we personally sympathize in their sorrows, and rejoice in their joy; our willing hand may not wipe away the tears, or smooth the pillow for the aching head.

Strangers in a strange land, who shall comfort, who shall befriend them?—and the heart almost ceases to beat as it realizes its own impotency on behalf of those for whom it would be willing to part with life itself.

And then, sweetly to soothe the troubled spirit, comes the never failing resource, the omnipotent power of prayer. Then we realize the love, higher than human, that watches the wanderer's way; the mighty Hand that points out every step of the path, and the gracious power that guides and overrules all events for their welfare.

Happy, thrice happy are they who have such a consolation; of whom it may be said, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and beneath thee and around are the everlasting arms."

"The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another," is the touching pathos of their parting words, and daily, up to Heaven's "high gates" are wafted their petitions for the absent; oftentimes in excessive ardor breathing, with streaming eyes, and uplifted hands that will not be denied the boon it craves.

Like another tender heart such can exclaim,
"When'er I pray for blessings on thy head,
Nothing was cold or lifeless that I said,"

and add,
"I wearied Heaven in fond appeals for thee,"—
and think you that such fervent petitions can be in vain?

Nay, they are heard, they are answered; and though high wisdom may see fit to protract and make final the separation, Faith yet rejoices to believe it shall meet its beloved.

"Renewed, complete,
New anthems singing in the great God-light."

MURDOCK'S HISTORY OF NOVA SCOTIA.—No. 4 has appeared. We have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a copy. This number brings the history down to the year 1711, and is in every respect equal to its predecessors.

The Rev. James A. Davidson will accept our thanks for a copy of the San Francisco *Am. Daily Flag*. We perceive that he is actively engaged in the western country lecturing on "California and her people." We find from the said paper that the strife of political parties in that country is more bitter than in the Eastern States. The following appears to be the rule by which they pronounce upon the electoral privilege: "No one who has been in any way connected with the rebellion, can ever again be trusted by the country."

The *Christian Commission* in connection with the United States army is closing up its labors. We perceive by the *Charleston (S. C.) Courier* that the Rev. C. H. COREY who has been for some time in connection with that philanthropic movement, and has for the past few months preached in one of the Baptist Churches in that city, has received an address from the congregation, on his retirement, expressive of their thanks, and respect for his ministerial character.

DENTAL NOTICE.—We are requested to give notice that Dr. MACKAY will visit Windsor, professionally, the 26th of June, and remain two weeks. Those requiring his professional services, are requested to give him an early call as his stay will positively not be longer than two weeks. Rooms at the Clifton House.—Firm of MACALASTER & MACKAY, Halifax. Pres. Wit. pd.

The R. M. Steamship *Asia* arrived yesterday morning, after a passage of 10 days from Liverpool. The news is unimportant, giving nothing later than the telegrams already received have supplied us with.

Notices, &c.

Foreign Missionary Board.—The members of the Foreign Missionary Board are respectfully requested to meet in Tremont, Aylesford, on the third Tuesday (18th day) of July, at 2 P. M.

CHARLES TUPPER, Secretary.
Aylesford, June 12th, 1865.

Received for Foreign Missions.

Besides the sums acknowledged, or noticed in the *Christian Messenger*, there have been received as follows:—

A Friend, per Rev. E. M. Saunders.....\$4.00
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C. TUPPER, Secretary.

Delegates to the Central or Eastern Association will be allowed to pass over the Railroad, to and from, for a single fare. On going, the fare must be paid as usual, and at the Association a Certificate must be obtained from the Secretary, which on being presented to the Ticket Master at the Railway Station, he will give a free pass.

Baptist Antiseptics.

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THE PATRIARCH OF WESTERN NOVA SCOTIA.

MEMORIALS OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE LATE REV. HARRIS HARDING, OF YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.

Prepared by the Rev. John DAVIS, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., with an Introductory Notice by J. W. NUTTING, Esq., of Halifax. Accompanied by a Portrait of Mr. Harding, with other Pictorial Illustrations.

SUBSCRIPTION—ONE DOLLAR, DUE ON DELIVERY.

Two of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations have recommended the Publication of the above work. It will therefore be put to Press as soon as subscriptions have been obtained for five hundred copies; of which more than one half have been already secured.
The work will comprise sketches of the religious history of Western Nova Scotia before the days of Mr. Harding. It will supply details of Mr. Harding's personal life, labours, and usefulness. Mr. Nutting's Introductory Notice will relate to the religious condition of Nova Scotia generally, to the revival of religion which commenced towards the close of the last century, and to some of the leading agents in that revival.

A copious Appendix will be subjoined. This will be illustrative of persons and events introduced into the work, and include a selection from Mr. Harding's correspondence, giving letters written by him some seventy years ago.

The pictorial embellishments will add to the interest of the work. The whole will be neatly got up; and will supply, it is hoped, a valuable contribution to the religious history of Nova Scotia, more especially in connection with the Baptist denomination.

The work will be published by subscription in order to protect its compiler from pecuniary loss in his enterprise. So large a proportion of the amount required for this purpose having been already secured, the issue of the work may be expected in the course of the current year.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April, 1865.
April 26.
Subscribers' names received at the "Christian Messenger" Office, Halifax.

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