

For the Christian Messenger.

REPLY TO THE REV. MR. SOMMERVILLE.

Dear Brother,—

A small space in your columns will suffice for all I have to say in reply to Mr. Somerville's last.

1. Your readers are now in a position to judge whether or not I was correct in my anticipations that if he should reply to my remarks on his 'Review' I would be handled 'roughly.' That last communication is characteristic of the man. Yes, 'that's him' exactly!

2. Of course I don't know much about the book in question, but I do know a good deal about the people assailed, I have learned their doctrinal sentiments, not from their enemies, not from opponents, however candid and sincere, but from themselves. I have studied their works carefully, I have had friendly and christian intercourse with leading and influential men among them—pastors, evangelists and teachers. I have attended their meetings and taken part in them, read memoirs of the living and the dead; and this more or less for the space of seven years, and I have not met with a single sentiment, so far as I can recollect, that contravened those grand old 'Presbyterian Calvinistic Baptist' doctrines 'unfeigned faith' in which 'dwelt first in my grandmother 'Elizabeth' and my mother 'Deborah' and I am persuaded that in me also, having been trained to them from my childhood, and having preached them for nearly forty years, and prizing them above all price.

I must add, and I do it with joy not mingled with grief, that in my intercourse with the Plymouth Brethren I find an earnestness, a deep spiritual pathos, an exhibition of deep-toned piety, which I meet with no where else. I must make one exception. That exception is in favor of a beloved servant of the Lord, who is a highly esteemed Presbyterian minister. I had the privilege of spending a few weeks in free interchange of christian affection with this dear brother some seven years ago, and I do think the blessed influence has lasted me to the present day. I met him again last summer and spent several days with him. I could quite sympathise with the exclamation of the Rev. Mr. Herdman of Pictou, at the close of a Sabbath service, conducted by the brother referred to, where Mr. H. and I and some other ministers were present: "Oh," said Mr. H. "he is like McCheyne," (referring to a late Scottish minister of the right stamp.)

Our aged friend seems horror-struck at the idea of my condemning a book upon mere "hearsay." Very well; I think he is more than half right there, and there would be point in his dolorous double distilled denunciations on that head were I ignorant, as I am not, of the doctrinal sentiments of the parties whose "heresies" are therein pointed out.

But am I to understand Mr. S. as teaching that it would be all lawful and right to condemn "on mere hearsay" a large body of evangelical christians, among whom can be numbered some of the most devoted and learned and talented men that the world ever saw! Surely, surely, he would not be so inconsistent!

But I am promised further developments, and so I will calmly await their appearance. Come on, brother. But in the mean time, see 2 Tim. ii. 24-26.

Touching the Indian Legends your readers, if they can lay their hands on the New Dominion Monthly for the present month of May, they will find one which they may compare with the Rev. Mr. Somerville's article in your last, and judge which in matter and manner is most worthy of a minister of Jesus Christ.

Yours truly, S. T. Rapd.

May 10th, 1871.

Religious Intelligence.

MISSION WORK IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

PUGOWASH RIVER, May 6th, 1871.

Dear Brother,—

I have laboured three months in this County under the direction of the Home Missionary Board. At Torry Bay and Goose River we held special services, much good was done, the church revived and strengthened. Three were restored and eight happy converts were baptized upon profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus. At present I am labouring in this place. Some mercy drops have fallen. I have baptized two, and expect to baptize again next Lord's

day. The weather has been stormy and the traveling bad, yet our congregations are large and attentive, truly the Lord is displaying his power in the salvation of sinners. Dear brother pray for us.

Yours very truly, E. B. COREY.

St. GEORGE N. B.—Rev. Edward Hickson, writes May 4th: "There is nothing very special as regards religious matters here. I found the cause in a low state when I came here last fall. I baptized one man in March and am hopeful that this June warm state of the Churches will not continue long. I have been preaching regularly three times and travel about sixteen miles each Lord's day."

Saw on brother, there will be a reaping time before long. May it come to you and your people soon!

Dominion & Foreign News.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—An Ottawa telegram to the Toronto "Globe" says:—The Railway Commissioners expect to have rails on the ground for track-laying in June, of twenty-three miles of the Intercolonial below River du Loup.

MAGDALEN ISLANDS.—Advices from the Magdalen Islands report the Seal Fishery had been a failure, the sealing fleet left for the ice on the 20th of March, and on the following day experienced a heavy gale of wind from the N. E., in which one vessel was crushed to pieces by the ice, and several others damaged.

The Herring Fishery had commenced. The first fish was taken on the 15th ult. Fish was abundant, but the weather very stormy and unfavorable for seining.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A FORTUNE, WHEN THEY GET IT.—The Carpenter family of New Brunswick are moving to try and prove their title and interest in an estate worth it is said £40,000,000 sterling, at present in the English Court of Chancery, waiting to be claimed by the heirs of Dr. Carpenter, a resident of the Southern States about a century ago.

John L. Marsh, Esq., has been appointed Police Magistrate of Fredericton.

Five new cases of small-pox were discovered in St. John on Tuesday last.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

FRANCE.—A Versailles despatch of the 9th inst., announces the capture of Fort Issy. Clamart had become so unhealthy from the presence of unburied bodies of victims of the many engagements, that the Versailles troops were obliged to evacuate the place.

The Government relieves from service about Paris and sends to the departments all soldiers having relations in the capital. The Versailles army continues its approaches to the Bois de Boulogne.

A Treaty of Peace was signed on the 10th at Frankfurt between Prussia and France.

M. Thiers in a Circular congratulates France on the capture of Issy, and says the reign of the infamous faction in Paris is drawing to a close.

By the new Franco German Treaty, concluded at Frankfurt, Bismarck remits half a million of indemnity. The Commercial Treaty is abrogated, and in consideration of further reduction, the control of Railways in the territory is given to Prussia.

Bismarck has returned to Berlin, and Favre and Bowyer to Versailles.

The final charge of Government troops on Paris may take place at any moment. They have continued their preparation without intermission.

There was no suspension of fighting around Paris on Saturday. Fifty thousand Versailles troops are encamped at St. Germain, and will join the forces of Gen. Douay in an attack upon the city.

On Sunday last a grand procession of women, headed by bugles and drummers, marched to the Hotel De Ville and demanded arms.

A proclamation had been issued authorizing female battalions to be organized immediately to stimulate the men. All cowardly males are to be led to prison by females. The women are to march against the Versailles.

GERMANY.—Berlin, May 12.—In the German Parliament, Bismarck said the treaty concluded hastens payment of indemnity, half a milliard to be paid 30 days after Versailles army enter Paris and a milliard more before the end of December next. Then only will Germans evacuate the forts.

Ratifications are to be exchanged on the 20th inst.

ENGLAND.—The University Tests Bill was sustained in the House of Lords on the 8th by a majority of five.

The new Army Regulations Bill was under discussion on the same day and on division a majority of sixty-three voted against the purchase of Commissions.

On the 9th a Bill was brought into the House of Lords for the Confederation of the West-India Leeward Islands.

Mr. Miall moved the disestablishment of the Church of England in a speech of great eloquence, seconded by Mr. Leatham, while Bruce, Palmer, Disraeli and Gladstone, opposed the motion which was defeated by a majority of 285.

Sir John Frederick William Herschel, only son of the great astronomer and himself an astronomer of world wide repute, died on Friday.

The "Times" on Saturday last expresses the conviction that the basis and essential provisions of the treaty of Washington will be adopted by the American Senate and therefore believes the treaty virtually concluded. As for the treaty itself, it is the result of mutual concessions. The "Times" finds in it nothing inconsistent with national honor, or that England was not ready to make a sacrifice to restore amity between the branches of the Anglo-Saxon race.

The health of the Emperor Napoleon is much better.

A despatch from Paris on Monday reports the death of Auber, the Musical Composer, aged 84.

RUSSIA.—St. Petersburg, May 15th.—Active preparations are being made for a campaign against Khiva, a portion of Turkistan, the people of which country commenced war against Russia.

News of the Week.

The Ladies connected with GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH and Congregation intend holding a STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL and FANCY SALE on Wednesday, the 12th of July.

W. S. Sterling, Esq., Cashier of the Union Bank has done a good service to the commercial public by the Tables he has prepared for converting our present currency into its equivalent in that of the Dominion, which will be adopted after the 1st of July next. The pamphlet is nicely got up, and will be a convenient manual for every desk and counting house.

The 17th. Annual Session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of North America, I. O. Good Templars, meets at Baltimore, on the 23rd May. The Representative from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, John F. Kulmer, left in the "Chase."

A SAD CASE.—One day last week a young woman named Margaret Adams who resided with her mother in a house in Argyle street, jumped from an attic window with, as she says, "the intention of killing herself. The fall resulted in the breaking of one of her arms and some other injuries.

EXTRAORDINARY FECUNDITY.—A Ewe belonging to Mr. John Kileup lambed on March 15th., producing one lamb, and on the 1st of May she lambed again, this time bringing forth twins.—Windsor Mail.

Archbishop Connolly appears unwillingly to lose time or even to wait for the elections, before commencing his School-house. The Saturday evening papers informed us that the contract had already been given out, that the building will be four stories in height, have accommodation in ten departments for ever 500 children, and will have entrances both on Lockman and Brunswick Streets.

The all-gone feeling which people sometimes speak of, is caused by want of proper action of the liver and heart. These may be assisted, and the bowels regulated, by Parson's Purgative Pills in small doses.

Corn and flour are stable articles; but not worse so than Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, where known. It is good for children or adults, for any internal soreness of the chest or bowels, and the best Pain Killer ever prepared, under whatever name.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In taking the Census, Punch proposes that we should be asked: "Does your mother-in-law reside under your roof, and do you find this arrangement conducive to domestic happiness?"

The will of Mrs. Eliza Hood Ridson, late of Birlingham Courthouse, near Pershore, Worcester, was proved at Worcester, under £12,000. She had bequeathed to the Bible Society, £500; Baptist Missionary Society, £500; Baptist Bible Translation Society, £200; Baptist Irish Society, £300; Religious Tract Society, \$200; London City Mission, £200; Missionary Girl's School, Walthamstow £100, and the Baptist Tract Society 19 guineas.

The Crystal Palace Company have occupied the piece of ground laid bare by the fire of some years back, and stretching from the north tower to the door of the tropical department, by erecting thereon the necessary buildings for an aquarium on a great scale. The whole of the work is rapidly approaching completion, and will ere long be a special attraction to the Crystal Palace.

The revision of the Scriptures by Convocation is not regarded with excessive favour in the United States. It is remarked that although the two companies charged with the revision of the Old and New Testaments respectively were directed to call in the aid of other scholars, no matter to what nation or denomination they belonged, yet no American has been invited, although America contains some thirty millions of Bible-reading Protestants.—Athenaeum.

MR. SPURGEON'S COLLEGE.—The Pastor's College now numbers two hundred and forty-one brethren who have entered the ministry as recognised pastors of churches; others have been educated in the institution and are now entirely devoted to evangelistic labour, two, Jews, are missionaries of the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews, while some are engaged as evangelists and colporteurs. The college was practically founded in 1856, with one student, but it was not until 1862 that it assumed large dimensions. Mr. Spurgeon says, in the annual account furnished to the subscribers of the work of the year, "As to the actual success of the institution we thank God that we have most thankful signs. The Churches of Great Britain gladly receive our young brethren as soon as they are ready; indeed, our great difficulty is to retain them for the whole of our short period. But above this fact our joy is that we can report actual results of soul-winning. The gross increase of the churches under the pastorates of our brethren during the six years in which we have gathered their statistics is 16,455, and the clear increase is 11,177. This does not include the churches abroad, nor does it represent all those at home, since we have never yet succeeded in inducing all the churches to report. There are no separate college buildings, the classes being held in the rooms of the Tabernacle, but these are inconvenient and unsuitable and are needed by other objects. Funds are needed therefore to build suitable apartments. There is £1,500 in hand, but at least £300 more will be required. The students, as a rule, remain two years only, but in several cases, where it has been thought advantageous, they have continued during three or four years. In the evening classes a number of men are studying. These receive an education gratis; many become evangelists and street preachers and others enter the college. "Our college," constantly receive men whose food and raiment, as well as lodging and education are furnished for them as a free gift from the institution; and though we are glad when they can help themselves (and some few not only help, but bear all their own charges), yet we never mean to set up a golden, silver, or even a copper gate to the Pastors' College, but to the poorest man, whom we believe the Lord has called, the porter opens cheerfully the door."

For some few years past one of the most active and generous of Mr. Spurgeon's many active and liberal donors, Mr. Phillips, has given a sumptuous supper to a number of ladies and gentlemen who are interested in the work of the College. At the late occasion the number who availed themselves of Mr. Phillips's hospitality was, we believe, larger than in past years: more than 400 sat down at nine o'clock, in the lecture-hall of the Tabernacle, which was gaily decorated with flags, emblems, and flowers. The public meeting began before seven o'clock, over which J. Tritton, Esq., presided. After the opening service, Mr. Spurgeon addressed the assembly and reported the work of the college during the past year. He was followed by the venerable Rev. G. Rogers, whose hearty reception by the students was indicative of the esteem in which he is held by them. The Rev. Dr. Manning, upon being called upon by the chairman, made what he termed a public recantation. Mr. Spurgeon had always looked upon with homage and affection, and upon his work with admiration; but he confessed that with regard to his college he had thought and felt, and he was afraid had said in his ignorance, some adverse things, and had looked upon it with suspicion and distrust. He thought it was the part of a true man, to say that now, after all that he had heard that evening, he entertained no longer any such feeling. (Cheers.) He had been greatly struck with the aggressive character of their work; it was a great thing for them, to break down some of the conventionalisms which had bound some of their churches hand and foot. Again he rejoiced in the power of strong conviction that the young men had shown that evening. They had spoken as men who knew what they believed, and believe it with all their hearts. He had also observed with pleasure the naturalness and simplicity of the students who had addressed them. He had had an impression that the young men of the Pastor's College were but dim reproductions of the pastor—little Spurgeones—(laughter)—an impression he might say that very commonly prevailed, nor did he wonder at it; but he candidly confessed that his mind was disabused of that impression entirely. Each speaker had been himself, in manner, although it was easy to see that they had all caught Mr. Spurgeon's spirit.—The chairman having expressed his pleasure in hearing all that had been advanced that evening, the meeting broke up for supper. At the table the sum of £1,456 was realised.

On Tuesday the 9th inst., by the Rev. Geo. W. Hill, A. M., Mr. William A. Croftan, of Guysborough, to Miss Louisa Gray of Halifax.

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Deaths.

At Marriets Cove, A. rd 20th, Mr. William Brown, a native of P. E. Island.

At Oxford on the same day, James Albert Richardson, aged 4 months.

At Windon Road, May 2nd, Ann Margaret, widow of the late Mr. Nicholas Rice.

On the 3rd inst., Mr. William Parker, of Brooklyn, Cornwallis, aged 63 years. The deceased had been attacked with Paralysis some time ago. And by a momentary stroke of this disease he was deprived of life at last. May the Lord sustain and bless the widow and family.

At Margareville, Wilton, on the morning of the 3rd inst., Mr. David Harris, aged 71 years, leaving a widow and family. Though Mr. H. had long been infirm, yet he died suddenly, as he had been walking out on the day preceding his departure.

At St. Margaret's Bay, on the 23d April, Nancy Hubley, daughter of George and Ellen Hubley, aged 23 years. Her end was calm and peaceful, the occasion was improved by the writer from Luke x. 42.

At Mason's Point, Margaret's Bay, James Mason, Esq., on the 26 of April, in the 76 year of his age. After a short but severe illness which he bore with quiet resignation to the will of God. The Church on earth has lost a Deacon and a good supporter, the community a most useful member, and the family a kind father and husband. He was baptized by Rev. George Richardson, near 40 yrs. ago.

On Friday evening, W. Cass, a ed 49 years. On the 13th inst., Mrs. Margaret Barrett, wife of John Barrett, aged 71 years.

On the 20th of April, Douglas Crowe, the only child of Thomas and Lucy Crowe, in the 36th year of his age. He was baptized by the Rev. James Reid, at Portaupee. On his removal to Halifax in 18 9, he united with the North Baptist Church. He had been suffering more or less of the disease of which he died for the past seven years. He endured his sufferings with much patience; and trusting to the Lord Jesus, he departed in hope of a blissful immortality.

At Nictaux, May 3rd, Allen Parker, aged 92 years. Bro. Parker has been a consistent member of the church about 60 years, though he professed to have been converted, some years previous to his baptism. He died peacefully, trusting in Jesus.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.

Tuesday, May 9th.—Brigs, Catherine Morris, Clark, New York; Alpha, Burke, Port Medway; schrs. Aggie Davidson, Brady, Cienfuegos; Logos (Am.) Province-ovo, Mass; Templar, Dauphiney, Port Medway; Friend, Lantz, Mahone Bay; James, Fraser, Ricey, LaHave.

Wednesday, 10th.—Brigt Lochiel, McLean, Birmire; Jangt Berg, (Dutch), Diestant, Delfshaven; schrs. Francis, Landers, Yarmouth; binson, Gloucester, Mass; Montecella, (Am.) McLellan, Province-ovo, Mass; Forest Queen, Pettaphas, Pictou; Harriet Newell, McPherson, Canso; Harvest Home, Hills, Mahone Bay; Golden Eagle, Smeltzer, Mahone Bay; Sea Skipper, Hebb, Mahone Bay.

Thursday, 11th.—Steamer Alpha, Hunter, St. Thomas and Bermuda; schrs. Perseverance, Fougere, Sydney; Rapid, Bollong, Sydney; Lydia, Delorey, Pictou; Emily Jane, Murphy, Owls Head.

Friday, 12th.—N. G. Gunboat Meteor, Com. Knorr, New York; briggs Jane E. Hals Perry, St. Johns, P. R.; Chieftain, Roache, Ba-Bados; Mirella, Carrull, Boston; schrs. Enos, Briggs, (Am.) Doane, Portsmouth, N. H.; Warren B. Hopkins, (Am.) McFadden, Provincetown, Mass; Charles Hochdon, (Am.) Matthewson, do; Pathfinder, Nickerson, Ponce, P. R.; Mary Jane, Greenwood, Blue Point, Shelburne; Native, Muzgah, North Sydney; Little Hugh, Pushee, Antigonish; Hen Ietta, Shean, Bay St. George, N. F.; Laura, Genn, Boston; Chester, Hay's, Victoria Mines, Sydney; Quickstep, Whitney, Georgetown, P. E. I.; Bertha Ella, McDonald, Glass Bay; A. B. Eaton, Payzant, Liverpool.

Saturday, 13th.—Steamer Commerce, Doane, Charlottetown, P. E. I., via Port Hawkesbury; brig St. John the Baptist, LeBlanc, London, 43 days; schrs. S. E. Davis (Am.) Hatch, Provincetown, Mass; Silver Bell, McKay, Grand Menan, Francis, Landers, Yarmouth; Annie G. Brown, Shelmut, Lockport; Trial, Bond, Chester; Defiance, Corkum, Chester.

Sunday, 14th.—Brigt Ottawa, McIver, Bermuda; schrs. Sylvan, Martell Lynn, Mass; Matilda, McLean, Cape Breton; Roderick McRae, Egan, Cape Breton.

Monday, 15.—Steamer, Alhambra, Wright, Charlottetown, P. E. I., via Port Hawkesbury; baque, Evangeline, Jacques, Wilmington, N. C.; brig, Nova Fathike, (Port), Henriques, Port Medway; schrs. Seriole, Roberts, F. W. Indies; Hydro, Swim Bay of Islands, N. F.; Volunteer, Pertus, Wallace via Port Hawkesbury; Mary, Watt, Sheet Harbor; A. E. Daer, Payzant, Liverpool, N. S.

CLEARED.

Tuesday, May 9th.—SS. Carlotta, Colby, Portland; schrs. Mariani Smith, King, Codroy, N. F.; Lizzie Tupper, Dickson, Red Bay, N. F. and Greenland; Charles Lannigan, Souris, P. E. I.; Flirt, Keating, Caraqueet, N. B.; May Queen, Whetman, St. Peter's, Meteor, Nicholson, Sheet Harbor; Reapers, Harting do; Speed, Kenny, Barrington's Morning Light, Innes, Liverpool, N. S.; Spanish Main, McCulloch, Porto Rico.

Wednesday, 10th.—Starled Fawn, Morine, Liverpool, N. S.; schrs. British Pearl, Hadley, Guysboro; Union, Jean, Pettis de Gras, C. B.; J. R. Stewart, McDonald, Labrador; Lothair, McKenzie, Liverpool, N. S.; Adeline, Mills, Bay Salvador.

Thursday, 11th.—Brigs Empress, Neil on, Po-to-Rico; Happy Return, Gardner, Jordan River; schrs. My Cousin, Grant, Nassau; Volunteer, Bri-on, St. John, N. F.; via LaHave, Dolphin, Uquiquat, L'Anidese; May Jane, Terrio, Sydney; Welcome Return, A. Clean, do; Freedom, McLean, Arichat, and Harbor Bouche; Levi Hart, Hutchinson, Guysborough; Wiggeon, Pettipas, Antigonish; Alliance, Ritcey, Liverpool, N. S.; Rival, Smith, do.

Friday, 12th.—Brigt Mary Grace, Mills, B. W. Indies; Springbok, Walmston, Sydney, C. B.; brig Argos, McCrae, P. E. Island; schrs. Wave, Evans, Sydney; Penniel, Horn-

Marriages.

By Rev. J. F. Kempton, on the 3rd of May, at Lakeville, Cornwallis, Mr. Summerton, W. Rockwell, to Miss Mary Morton, both of Woolville.