

THE LATE DR. BROOK.

The religious London papers have all referred to a greater or less extent to the death of Dr. Brook, and sermons on the event were preached by all the leading ministers.

Rev. Dr. Landels, of Regent's Park Baptist Church, preached on the death of Dr. B. and closed by saying:—

As regards available power for needful service his death leaves us much poorer than we were. Humanly speaking, we could ill afford to lose him; he will be missed in many of our gatherings; the eye will look in vain for his familiar face, and the ear listen in vain for his familiar voice.

Servant of God, well done! Rest from the lord's employ; The battle fought, the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy.

Rev. G. W. McCree closes a most affectionate sermon by referring to Dr. Brook's last moments as follows:—

The Doctor said to his eldest son, "Read me the old Psalm—the 23rd Psalm." When Mrs. Brook died, her husband read her the same psalm. At the bedside of the dying minister now, his eldest boy read that psalm, and the old man "put his seal to it," as he would have said, with his "Amen." He then beckoned his daughter to him, and said, "I sleep in Christ."

Rev. J. A. Spurgeon spoke of his work in London by saying:—

If they were to speak of any one of the institutions which stood connected with their own denomination, they would find the departed had borne his share—and that a large one—in their continued operation, if they were already in existence before he came, or at their commencement if they had come into being since he had served God.

The year 1876 is the Centennial of the establishment of the United States Republic, and all nations are invited to visit them and participate in the celebrations.

The early history of Baptists and Baptist churches in all countries is closely connected with the advancement of civil and religious liberty, and it has been so no less in the United States. This has, therefore, been regarded as a most suitable time to bring forward a somewhat connected narrative of what the New England Baptists endured previous to the commencement of the hundred years, whose Centennial is to be the subject of so much public attention.

with our brethren over the line in this grand celebration, rejoicing that we in 'this Canada of ours,' and especially in Nova Scotia, have no less an amount of 'Freedom to worship God' than the Christian people of the great Republic.

Although our records as colonists do not reach back so far as the dates given in the earlier times referred to in these papers, yet we must not forget their history, and the history of these British Colonies were formerly identical. The New England States were then British Colonies just as these colonies.

The story of Baptists suffering for the truth's sake has not yet been fully written or told; nor have their persecutions come to an end. Indeed, we have had evidence from certain quarters here in Halifax, that it would be a source of satisfaction with some parties if "the ecclesiastical structure of Baptist churches" could be "dissolved," showing that the want of power alone, prevents a repetition of former doings.

Indeed, the polity of churches formed on the New Testament model, being without political power, renders it impossible that said churches shall be able to withhold civil rights from any of their fellowcitizens.

The initiation of a State without any established church, which is now the great security from persecution on this side of the Atlantic, and the great desideratum of the nations of the old world, was due principally to Baptists, and they have reason to be proud of the men who stood so firm amidst all they were called to endure in defense of this principle.

DEATH OF REV. W. A. CRANDALL.

Rev. Thomas Todd writes the Visitor on the 20th:—

Brother Crandall passed from earth to heaven on last Friday the 17th, after a short illness of about three weeks (typhoid fever). He was engaged in a revival at Lutz Mountain. No doubt he overtaxed himself in the work. But he finished his course, and has gone to receive the crown. He leaves a sorrowing widow and eight children.

A note from Rev. J. E. Filmore received since the above was in type, says:—

Death has taken one of our hard working ministers in the prime of life, and with his harness on, W. A. Crandall, grandson of the late venerable Joseph Crandall. He administered the ordinance of baptism to 16 converts the two Sabbaths before he was taken with typhoid fever and inflammation of lungs. After suffering severely about two weeks "he fell asleep in Jesus." He died at Lutz Mountain, Westmoreland Co., on the 17th inst., where he had been labouring about two years.

Rev. John Brown makes very brief but appropriate reply to Rev. Mr. Somerville. The following appears in the Witness of Saturday last:—

MILTON, QUEEN'S CO., Dec. 14, 1875.

Dear Editor,—Before you finally decide to stop the discussion on Baptism will you do me the favor of presenting for the benefit of all whom it may concern, a few passages bearing on the subject. I should then be obliged if Mr. Somerville will present those bearing on Infant Baptism, and let your readers judge for themselves who should be baptized and how. We profess to take the Bible for our guide, and I do not think there is anything unfair in my proposition. Here they are without note or comment, Matt. iii. 5-17. Mark xvi. 15, 16. John iii. 22, 23; iv. 1, 2. Acts ii. 37-42; viii. 12-16, 35, 36; ix. 18; x. 44-48; xvi. 13-15, 40; xvi. 32-34; xviii. 8, 1 Cor. i. 16, 17; xvi. 15. Romans vi. 3-5. Gal. iii. 27. Col. ii. 15.

I have omitted some for the sake of your space; your readers can find them by their reference bibles.

Yours, faithfully, J. BROWN.

Mr. Brown's communication to the Messenger will appear in our next.

Rev. I. E. Bill, the editor of the Visitor, gives his readers a very warm-hearted commendation of his successor, Rev. G. Armstrong. He says: "I have for some time felt a growing desire to retire from the cares and responsibilities of editorial life."

Mr. Bill sets forth very truly many of the excellent traits of Mr. Armstrong's character and standing, which we would take the liberty most heartily to endorse; and we wish for him the largest possible success in his new field of labor and enterprise.

The last paragraph of our brother Bill's address, especially, is well worthy of being read by other people as well as by the readers of that paper. He says: "Finally, dear brethren, I commend our new Editor to your most fervent prayers. If any man on this broad earth needs the prayers of the Christian church, it is the man who has charge of the religious press. Pray much for your Editor. I want you all to feel that any lack of confidence or support will make your Editor feel sad, will embitter his life, and greatly retard his work; but your smile of approval and your hearty co-operation will be sunshine to his soul, and the reflex influence on you for good will be as refreshing as the drops of the morning dew."

It will be pleasing to many of our readers to know that the ministers of the Baptist Churches of Halifax City and County have made a very successful attempt to form a County Conference. At their first and preliminary meeting, held in the minister's room at the North Church, nine ministers attended, and great unanimity and cordiality prevailed. Steps were taken to form a few rules and regulations to guide their future movements.

CAMBRIDGE, N. B.—Rev. M. McDonald writes: Eleven more converts were baptized yesterday at Thoretown. Prospects for the future highly encouraging.

St. JOHN, N. B.—Rev. Mr. Carey baptized one candidate in the Vestry of the German street Baptist Church on Sunday morning and united with the Church that evening.

One candidate was baptized on Sunday morning by Elder Garraty near the Ballast wharf.

Four persons were baptized by Rev. Mr. Parsons on Sunday.—Visitor, 22nd.

GUYSBORO.—Dear Messenger,—You are wont to carry the intelligence from the churches to gladden the hearts of your readers. It has pleased God to cheer us with a few additions of late: Five willing converts have been baptized and added to the church, one of them is a sister of our devoted Missionary, Mrs. H. M. Armstrong. We expect showers of blessing upon this thirty Zion soon, according to the Lord's gracious promises. Will all lovers of souls pray for us. Yours truly, A. W. BARSS.

The editor of the Morning Chronicle fails to prove his assertion. He refers us to a number of C. M., away back—"December 1st, page 378, fourth column" instead of our "little paragraph," quoted last week. But he (M. C.) finds it convenient not to make any quotation from what we said, and what he fancied was "a little fling at Mr. Weeks." He has the audacity also to say that we "copied with approval a fling from the Presbyterian Witness." Now he knows very well that assertion is no proof, and we ask for proof. He might have seen, with half an eye, that we quoted from the Witness, not to endorse, but to call in question the editor's proposal respecting an Attorney General, and we did call it in question. The Chronicle having failed to prove either "the little fling" charge, or the endorsement charge, he will of course have the magnanimity to withdraw both, and we will then readily forgive him his mistake.

WINDSOR & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT. HALIFAX TO ST. JOHN.

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N. B.—Express Trains run every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, and when signalled, or when there are Passengers to set down, they will stop at a Station. Steamer Sea-leave St. John every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 5 a. m., for Annapolis and returns same day on arrival of 8.30 a. m. Express Train from Halifax.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General and marked "Tenders for Mail Service," will be received at OTTAWA, until 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 25th December next for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, six times per week, each way, between BRIDGEWATER AND SHELburne.

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The conveyance to be made by vehicle, drawn by not fewer than two horses. The route pursued in the conveyance of the Mail to be via Hebb's Cross, Mill Village, Liverpool, Port Mouton, Port Joli, Head of Sable River, Head of Jordan River. The computed distance between Bridgewater and Shelburne is sixty-seven miles. The rate of travel to be not less than 8 miles per hour, including stoppages for all purposes. The days and hours of Arrival and Departure to be as follows subject to a right of the Postmaster General to alter the same, should he think it advisable so to do.

FITS! FITS! FITS!

CURE OF EPILEPSY, OR FALLING FITS, BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

Persons laboring under this distressing malady, will find Hance's Epileptic Pills to be the only remedy ever discovered for curing Epilepsy or Falling Fits. The following certificates should be read by all the afflicted; they are in every respect true, and should they be read by any one who is not afflicted himself, it will be a friend who is a sufferer, he will do a humane act by cutting this out and sending it to him.

A MOST REMARKABLE CURE. PHILADELPHIA, June 28th, 1867. Dear Sir:—Some time ago, I was afflicted with Epilepsy. I was attacked with Epilepsy 17 July, 1863. Immediately my physician was summoned, but he could give me no relief. I then consulted a medical physician, but I seemed to grow worse. I then tried the treatment of another, but without any good effect. I again returned to my family physician; he was called and tried several different courses. I was generally attacked without any preliminary symptoms. I had from two to five fits a day, at intervals of two weeks. I was often attacked in my sleep, and would fall whenever I would by or whenever occupied with, and was severely injured several times from the falls. I was afflicted so much that I lost all confidence in myself. I also was afflicted in my business, and I decided that your Epileptic Pills cured me. In February, 1864, I commenced to use your Pills, and only had two attacks afterwards. The last one was April 6th, 1865, and they were of a less serious character. With the blessing of Providence your medicine was made the instrument by which I was cured of that distressing affliction. I think that your Pills and their good effects should be made known to every one, that persons who are similarly afflicted may have the benefit of them. Any person wishing further information can obtain it by calling at my residence, No. 836 North Third St., Philadelphia, Pa. WILLIAM ELDER.

IS THERE A CURE FOR EPILEPSY?

The subject will answer. GREENADA, Miss., June 20th.—Dear Sir:—I send you two boxes of your Epileptic Pills. I was the first person who tried your Pills in this part of the country. My son was badly afflicted with fits for two years. I wrote for and received two boxes of your Pills, which I took according to directions. He has never had a fit since. His case was a very bad one; he had fits nearly all his life. Persons have written to me from Alabama and Tennessee of the subject, for the purpose of securing my opinion in regard to your Pills. I have always recommended them, and in no instance where I have had a chance of hearing from them, have they failed to cure. Yours, etc. C. H. GRY, Greenada, Talabusha County, Miss.

ANOTHER REMARKABLE CURE OF EPILEPSY, OR FALLING FITS, BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

MONTGOMERY, Texas, June 28th, 1867. To SEBASTIAN HANCE.—A person in my employ had been afflicted with Fits or Epilepsy, for thirteen years; he had those attacks at intervals of two to four weeks, and often times several in quick succession, sometimes continuing for two or three days. On several occasions they lasted until his mind appeared totally deranged, in which state he would continue for a day or two after the fits ceased. I tried several remedies prescribed by our resident physicians, but without success. Having seen your advertisement I concluded to try your pills. I obtained two boxes of your Pills, gave them according to directions, and they effected a cure. The person is now a stout, healthy man, about 30 years of age, and has not had a fit since he commenced taking your medicine, ten years since. He was my principal wagoner, and has, since that time, been exposed to the severest of weather. I have great confidence in your remedy, and would like every one who has fits to give it a trial. B. L. DEFRESEN.

STILL ANOTHER CURE.

Read the following testimonial from a respectable citizen of Grandis, Mississippi. SEBASTIAN HANCE, Baltimore, Md.—Dear Sir:—I take great pleasure in relating a case of Epilepsy, or Fits, cured by your invaluable Pills. My brother, J. J. Ligon, has long been afflicted with this awful disease. He was first attacked while quite young. He would have one or two spasms at one attack at first, but as he grew older they seemed to increase. Up to the time he commenced taking your Pills he had them very often, quite severe, growing upon him, body and mind. His mind had suffered seriously, but now, I am happy to say, he is cured of those fits. He has enjoyed fine health for the last five months. His mind has also returned to its original brightness. All this I take great pleasure in communicating, as it may be the means of directing others to the remedy that will cure them. Yours, respectfully, etc. W. F. LIGON.

Sent to any part of the country, by mail, free of postage, on receipt of a remittance. Address, SEBASTIAN HANCE, 108 Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md. Price, one box, \$25; six, twelve, \$27. Please mention where you saw this advertisement.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

1875—Summer Arrangement—1875. ON and after MONDAY, 21st June, Trains will run as follows:—

DAY EXPRESS TRAINS will leave Halifax for St. John, at 8.00 a. m., and St. John for Halifax at 7.30 a. m.

NIGHT EXPRESS TRAINS, With Pullman Sleeping Cars attached, will leave Halifax for St. John at 5.45 p. m., and St. John for Halifax at 9 p. m.

LOCAL EXPRESS TRAINS, will leave Pictou for Truro 3.00 p. m., and Truro for Pictou at 11.00 a. m. St. John for Sussex, at 5.00 p. m., Sussex for St. John at 7.30 a. m., Point du Chene for Painssee at 11.10 a. m., and 3.15 p. m., Painssee for Point du Chene at 12.00 noon, and 4.05 p. m.

MIXED TRAINS, will leave Halifax for Truro and Pictou at 10.00 a. m., and Pictou for Truro and Halifax at 6.45 a. m., Truro for Painssee and Moncton at 7.00 a. m., and Moncton for Painssee and Truro at 7.00 a. m., Point du Chene for St. John at 6.45 a. m., and St. John for Point du Chene at 10.30 a. m.

FREIGHT TRAINS, will leave Truro for Halifax at 7.00 a. m., and Halifax for Truro at 2.00 p. m., Moncton for St. John at 9.40 a. m., and St. John for Moncton at 1.45 p. m.

For particulars and connections see small Time Tables. C. J. BRYDGES, General Superintendent of Government Railways.

RAILWAY OFFICE, Moncton, June 15th 1875. July 14.

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