

eyes, from some modern publications, to the fresh and clear pages presented before us in Bro. Bill's work.

A book made cheap, by indistinct minute crowded type and thin paper, becomes a very dear book to many eyes.

2. But the contents of this volume, what are they? Just what they should be, when we consider the peculiar advantages the author possessed for writing it. Independent of the natural ease of his style and the copiousness of his vocabulary, his fervid eloquence and æsthetic power, Bro. Bill, has had special opportunities of becoming acquainted with the facts of which he writes. He may truly say, without irreverence, "We speak that which we do know and testify that we have seen."

The fifth, eighth and ninth chapters of this book, are worth far more than the price of the whole volume. In the fifth, we have an account of what is rightly termed the new era of our Denomination.—The foundation of our educational institutions, the consolidation and systematizing of our Home and Foreign Missionary work, the wonderful Revivals of religion which took place in the years following, indicated the Lord's blessing upon the labors of his servants.

Chapters eight and nine are biographical sketches of Ministers and leading brethren who have passed away, beginning with Edward Manning and closing with J. S. Smith of New Brunswick. Such names as those of the Hardings, Dimocks, Ainslie, Munro, Nutter, Kinnear, Johnston, &c full of just such details as were needed in such memoirs. The life of Rev. T. S. Harding is peculiarly rich. Enough incidents, anecdotes and illustrations, from such a life might easily be gathered to make a book of itself.

Chapter 7th is a most spirited and glowing description of the great conflict about the College. The times of the great Nictaux Sanhedrim, so called, when Judge Johnston and Dr. Crawley, and I. E. Bill and N. Viditoe and John Chase and others, fought for our rights and liberties. The writer was a boy at the time, but he well remembers the great battles of the day, the great excitement into which the whole country was plunged.

The 10th chapter, "The Convention and its Mission" is particularly valuable, containing, in a detailed form and concise manner, a great deal of information on denominational subjects. The history of our Foreign and Home Missionary operations, our educational enterprises, our denominational growth from a very small number up to nearly 37,000 church members. Obituary notices of deceased ministers and other matters in a condensed form, which will save the reader an immense amount of labor in wading through minutes, reports, etc., to obtain.

But we need not enlarge; every chapter in the book is full of interest. We anticipate a large circulation for this volume, and trust that the expectations of the author and his friends, will be more than realized.

Yours truly,
STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS.

For the Christian Messenger.

THE TABERNACLE RECORD.—Concerning *The Flower and Fruit Mission* I can write encouragingly. The manager of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway offers to allow a half rate on all flowers sent for the mission. Mr. H. C. Creighton, agent of the Intercolonial Express Company writes that the Superintendent of this Company, will be willing to carry flowers for the mission free. If cut and the stalks are packed in a little damped hay or moss they will be fresh and bright when delivered.

We purpose to distribute them on Wednesday afternoons, so they should be sent on Tuesday evening's train. In some cases, the morning train on Wednesday would be early enough.

On Monday last a letter was received from M. A. Millville, Upper Aylesford, which greatly encouraged my heart and strengthened my faith. It read as follows: "Enclosed \$5 to use in the good work as you see fit."

J. F. AVERY.

In Memoriam.

PARADISE, N. S. May 23, 1881.

On Wednesday last, in Paradise, Willie, son of David C. and Antoinette D. Freeman, aged 8 years, returned from school, laid aside his book and ran out to play on a raft in a brook near his home. He fell into the water, and though he was taken out in a few minutes, all that friends and medical skill could do was insufficient to restore life. We think of the life of the bright little fellow as incomplete, and say with Mary Johnson:—

A leaf turned down to mark
A story book half read;
The book forgotten now,
The reader lying dead,
His book and slate laid by,
The pencil with them still;
Two feet already tired
Just starting up life's hill;
A home made desolate,
O God! is this Thy will?
With aching hearts we cry
O God! is this the end?
Or may his voice from heaven
Its music to us send?
The blossom lost from earth,
The sweet unfinished song,
Shall it continue there?
The blighted rose re-bloom?
For all of life's lost joys
Shall recompense be given?
Is the life unfinished here
To grow complete in Heaven?
—Com. by Rev. J. T. Eaton.

MRS. ADA COX,

widow of the late Rev. G. Davenport Cox, died at Hantsport, on Friday May 6th, 1881, of congestion of the lungs, in the thirty-eighth year of her age, leaving five orphans and a large circle of friends to mourn her departure.

Mrs. Cox experienced religion in her youth, and was baptized by Rev. S. T. Rand. She maintained a christian character to the close of life. She was married to her late husband eighteen years ago, and soon removed to Clementsport, and after some years to Bear River. Her health failed after the death of her husband, and she returned to Hantsport, hoping to regain it. Mrs. C. lost her voice and could only speak in a whisper. She was doubtful of recovery but desired if it was the Lord's will to gain her health that she might train her family for usefulness, and bring them up in the fear of God, desiring above all things that they might become his children and shun the paths of sin. But this was not granted her. On Friday morning she grew worse, but her friends did not think death was near. At eight o'clock the same evening she fell asleep in Jesus. May the blessing of God rest upon the orphans.

DEACON ELKANAH MORTON.

The Baptist Church at Middlefield, Queens County, has sustained a great loss of late, by the death of Deacon Elkanah Morton, who departed this life on the 11th of April, aged 60 years. He made a public profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ about 32 years ago. Shortly after this he was chosen and set apart to fill the office of Deacon, and has ever since maintained his christian integrity and loyalty to his Master's cause. During our brother's illness his voice seemed stronger than when in health, and he improved it by appealing to the many who came to visit him respecting the importance of an immediate preparation to meet their God. The deceased leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his departure, but they rejoice as they think of his triumphant death and eternal gain. This dispensation of God's providence has cast a solemnity over the whole community, which seems to be working out for the future glory and prosperity of the cause of Christ. Bro. Morton found great consolation in relying upon the promises of Christ, believing with all his heart "That the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Some of the meetings since, have been quite interesting. We have had good evidence that a supernatural power was present to quicken and stimulate the Lord's people to renewed energy. Last Sunday, it was the joy of the

mother's heart to see her son, A. Morton, baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and received into the fellowship of the church. We pray that the Lord will continue His glorious work and console the bereaved ones with the truth that if they "believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

"With us their names shall live
Through long succeeding years,
Embalmed with all our hearts can give,
Our praises and our tears."

A. WHITMAN.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The *Globe* this morning read the following special, dated London, Eng, May 26th:

"The Princess Louise's state of health, without being entirely satisfactory, causes no anxiety."

It is said the land regulations are to be further amended so as to shorten the time for payment of pre-emptions. The time now allowed extends over nine years.

IMMIGRATION TO THE NORTH-WEST.—Mr. Drinkwater, who has just returned from a tour of inspection over the Canada Pacific Railway, in company with the members of the Syndicate, states that the influx of immigration into Manitoba and the North-West this summer will be enormous. He says already there has been a great rush of settlers to the Grand Valley, and there is every prospect that it will continue for some time to come.

The Queen's Birthday at London Ontario, was saddened by a terrible steamboat accident, involving the loss of upwards of two hundred lives. It seems that the steamer Victoria, with over six hundred excursionists on board, was returning from Spring Bank, about 6 o'clock, when near the Cove Railway Bridge, about one mile below the city, in consequence of some thoughtless persons moving from side to side for the amusement of giving the boat a swaying motion, the boat suddenly collapsed like an egg shell and became a total wreck, level with the water's edge. All the passengers were instantly plunged into the stream, more than half of them being underneath the debris.

The water was quite shallow and many of those not hindered, waded out to the banks of the river and walked to the city. Efforts were immediately made by sending another steamer to the scene of the disaster, to rescue the remainder. Daily telegrams have told the number and names of the rescued and wounded and drowned. The latest accounts give about 200 killed and drowned.

The will of the late Harrison Stephens leaves two thousand dollars to the General Hospital, and two thousand dollars to the Church of Messiah (Unitarian), of which he was a member.

The resignation of Mr. George Stephen, President of the Bank of Montreal, has been placed in the hands of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Whitcher, Commissioner of Fisheries, has received information that the catch of whitefish this year at the head of Lake Ontario, where the department has been placing young fish during the past two or three years, has been enormous. They are a drug in the market and sell for two dollars and fifty cents per hundred, about one-third of the usual price.

There is at Montreal an increased demand for refined sugars which has outstripped the supply, the values are rapidly advancing, a further rise of 4c. per lb. having been established in Montreal yellows, and it is stated that nothing can now be had under 8 1/2c. The granulated is very firm at the recent advance to 10 1/2.

Princess Louise has cabled her deep sympathy with the people of London, through the Governor General.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—A young man, True, of Jacksonville, Carleton county, was kicked by a horse on Friday and had his skull broken. His life was despaired of.

Dr. Beatty, of Vanceboro, was riding on a hand car to McAdam Junction on Friday night, whether he had been called, and his feet striking a sleeper, he was thrown in front of the car, which passed over him. His arm was broken in three places and his ear nearly pulled off.

An infant son of Mr. H. T. Tapley, Fairville, was smothered to death on Wednesday while being carried to church to be christened.

Saturday week while the melted sugar was running through the bag filters at the sugar refinery, an employe, one of the Germans from the States, slipped, and one foot went into the boiling sugar. The filters are quite deep. The man had on shoes but no socks when the accident occurred, and his foot was badly scalded. The bag filters are in the eighth story of the sugar house and are uncovered, the sugar passing through them first after leaving the melter, and being forced up to the tanks.—*Moncton Times*.

UNITED STATES.—At St. Joseph, Mo., there was an explosion of fifteen barrels of Danforth fluid in a cellar on Tuesday of last week. The floor above was occupied as a saloon and billiard room by a colored man, a number

of colored men were there, all of whom lost their lives. The numbers are estimated from fifteen to forty-five.

Five bodies were recovered, all burned beyond recognition. It is said that there was one white woman in the place. The building was totally demolished. Several thousands of excited people surrounded the scene, and many women and children bewailed the loss of their husbands and fathers, or friends. The concussion shook buildings several blocks distant.

The Duke of Sutherland and party passed through St. Louis on Thursday, en route to California.

Hattie J. Hull, 25 years old, attempted self-destruction by throwing herself in front of an advancing train on the Sixth Avenue Elevated Railroad at Fiftieth street. The train was stopped just in time to prevent her from being crushed to death.

"Commodore" Nutt, died on Wednesday last in New York. He had been confined to his room for the past eight weeks from Bright's disease. Commodore Nutt was 37 years old, and three feet seven inches in height. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, and in 1860 joined Barnum's Museum, then situated in Broadway at Ann street. He was married about three years ago, and his wife survives him.

The tunnel under the Hudson River, between New York and Jersey City, is being pushed at the rate of five feet a day.

Secretary Blaine and Sir Edward Thornton concluded on Saturday prolonged negotiations in regard to the outrages upon American fishermen at Fortune Bay, N.B., in January, 1878, and at a later date at Aspey Bay, C. B. The American claims for losses by several fishermen aggregating \$103,000. The agreement between Secretary Blaine and Sir Edward Thornton is that the British Government shall pay £15,000 sterling in gold coin, and the U. S. Government will give a receipt in full. The money will probably be paid some time this week and will be promptly distributed among the rightful owners. Nearly the whole amount goes to Gloucester, Mass.

SOUTH AFRICA.—The *Standard's* correspondent at Newcastle, Natal, says he has interviewed John Dunn. The latter represented to the Royal Commission that if independence was restored to the Boers, the British were bound either to protect the Zulus or return them the arms which Sir Garnet Welseley took away.

ENGLAND.—Prince Leopold, the Queen's youngest son, has been raised to the peerage, with the title of Duke of Albany.

In the House of Commons it was stated that the Government would have to propose a grant from the Exchequer to meet the deficiency in the revenue of Cyprus.

Mr. Brennan secretary of the Land League was arrested for a speech delivered at Abbeyloox, Queens county, Ireland. He advised the people to pay no rent except at the point of the bayonet.

Miss Anna Parnell arrived in Cork on the night of May 1, after addressing a very large meeting in the west of the county, where she was warmly received. She condemned emigration as being against the interests of the Irish people. She was received at the railway station by a band, and played to the hotel.

A serious affray occurred at Mitchellstown county Cork on Friday, in consequence of an attempt by the sheriff to evict five tenants on the estate of the Countess of Kingstown. The sheriff was assisted by 250 police and military, including a troop of dragoons, but the people were so determined that the work was only partly accomplished. The chapel bell at Mitchellstown began ringing to warn the country that evictions were about to begin. The chapel bells for 10 miles around took up the refrain, calling the population to assemble. The police attempted to stop the bells, but did not succeed; 10,000 persons assembled in less than an hour.

While passing a yard, behind which a large number of rioters were concealed, a heavy volley of stones was delivered. One of the cavalry was killed. The police charged through the yard and dispersed the assailants at the point of the bayonet. Several were wounded; one man's jaw was cut open; twelve soldiers were struck, and many of the police injured. The riot act was read twice, without effect, and in consequence of resistance it was decided not to proceed further with the work of evictions. The excitement lasted till late into the night but there was no further disturbance.

At a meeting of the General Assembly of the Scotch Free Church on Thursday last, Dr. Adam, of Glasgow, moved a resolution of which he had given notice relatives to Professor Smith. Professor Bruce moved that the Assembly decline to give effect to Dr. Adam's motion. After six hours discussion, 394 members voted for Adam's motion, and 231 for that of Professor Bruce. Professor Bruce and others protested against the decision of the assembly.

A man named Dempsey, a farmer, who took land from which the tenant had been evicted, was fired at from behind a hedge in the county of Galway, and was killed.

GERMANY.—A convention incorporating Hamburg in the Zollverein was

signed on Thursday on a basis favorable to Hamburg.

ITALY.—Depretis continues to encounter difficulties in the formation of a Cabinet, but it is believed that he will ultimately succeed.

TURKEY.—Mr. Suter, the Englishman captured by brigands near Salonica, some weeks ago has been liberated.

RUSSIA.—A telegram from Odessa on Saturday states that disturbances continue there. Forty-five restaurants were plundered and wrecked. The troops bivouac in the streets.

The Russian revolutionists answered the Czar's manifesto by a second utterance dwelling on the wretchedness of the peasants, deportations of Siberia, the gagging of free speech and public journals and declaring that false counsellors are in possession of the Czar's ear. The document concludes as follows: "Let your Majesty assemble your people around you and listen to their wishes in an unprejudiced spirit, and then neither your Majesty nor the State will have any reason to apprehend any further catastrophe."

It is stated that four days after the birth of her child, Hesty Helfman, was hanged in prison. The Intransigent adds that the indignation and excitement in St. Petersburg are immense. The troops have been forbidden to leave their barracks on any pretense, and a revolutionary movement seems to be anticipated.

Rumors are in circulation that a fresh outrage has been perpetrated in St. Petersburg, and the Czar's life has been attempted by Nihilists.

News.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTH DAY, May 24th, was pretty generally observed in Halifax as a holiday. The day was all that could be desired, bright and warm. The anglers in the neighbourhood were almost as numerous as the fish. We were told that at Cole Harbor, there were twenty-five men with rod and line without getting a fish.

The steamer *Newfield* in coming up the harbor on Saturday night, gave an exhibition of the electric light, lighting the shipping in the harbor and the wharves.

On Sunday last five deserters from the Halifax garrison were captured by the lookout party on the St. Margaret's Bay Road.

The Public Gardens are beginning to shew their floral beauties, and to attract visitors. They are expected to be even finer this year than ever before.

The Nova Scotia Sugar Refining Company, in response to a request from the Evangelical Alliance, has ordered the stoppage of Sunday work in the refinery.

STREAMSHIPS.—The following is a statement of the steamship arrivals at the port of Halifax during the past six months:—

Table with 4 columns: Month, Number of steamers, and Total tonnage. Data includes November (30 steamers, 36,776 tons), December (35, 45,887), January (35, 50,998), February (30, 42,795), March (38, 52,960), April (44, 59,948), and a total of 212 steamers and 289,364 tons.

This does not include steamers engaged in the coasting trade, but only foreign arrivals.

A woollen mill, with a capital of \$50,000 is to be established at Yarmouth. The following gentlemen are stockholders:—A. C. Robbins, Hon. L. E. Baker, Jacob Bingay, Hugh Cann and W. D. Lovitt.

A meeting was recently held in Windsor, to promote the establishment of a cotton factory. A resolution was passed recommending that a stock list be opened, calling for \$200,000 capital. The following committee was appointed to carry out the project:—

Wm. Curry, Barrister; Wm. Dimock, E. W. Dimock, Mark Curry, G. P. Payzant, Capt. Aylward, John Sterling.

Several Swedish miners, with their families, from Scranton, have arrived to work in the Sydney Mines.

The *North Sydney Herald* says an agent from Montreal has offered to supply the butchers of that town with fat cattle, from the Upper Provinces, cheaper than they can be purchased from the C. B. farmers. About \$60,000 worth are slaughtered there annually.

Hon. M. H. Cochrane and party will leave Montreal on the 30th inst., to establish a large cattle rancho on Bow River, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. He has already purchased some 6,000 or 7,000 animals for this purpose. Mr. J. E. Chipman, who is making a trip to the North-West, left the city last week to join the party in Montreal. They will be absent about two months.

The Nova Scotia Glass Company have applied for letters patent of incorporation.

For colds, coughs, asthma, in short for any or all derangements of the lungs or respiratory organs, or for any complaint tending toward consumption, nothing is so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. In all ordinary cases it is a certain cure, and it affords sure relief even in advanced stages.

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