

bring to pass such an important measure in so short a time after its first appearance before them; or that they had done the business without due consideration and mature deliberation; or else that the measure had been matured before hand, and laid before the Board for their approval. Will Bro. King kindly tell us which of these suppositions is the true one?

Again, Bro. King refers to the Executive Board and the powers it possesses by virtue of the charter of the College, and the constitution of the Senate, ratified by the Convention of which I am a member, and then asks the following question. Does Bro. Skinner now blame these men for doing what he and others instructed them to do? I will answer his question by another. Did the Convention ever instruct the Board to found a chair of Didactic, and appoint its professor? Please answer this question Bro. King and then we will see about the "blame."

Moreover, Bro. King seems to see a very wide distinction between the founding of a Chair at Acadia, and the removal of another chair from Acadia to Toronto. The former he says "is business wholly committed to the Governors and Senate," the latter is the work of the Convention. At the late meeting of Convention a proposal to remove the Theological Chair to Toronto, was addressed to the Board of Governors by Drs. Caine and McVicar. Here is the utterance of the Board to the Convention in response "Your Board would therefore commend the proposed plan for co-operation in Ministerial Education, for your favourable consideration and action" (the italics are mine). I fail to see reason why a similar course should not have been pursued in reference to the founding of the new chair in Acadia College. Surely, if the promoters of the measure had been desirous of bringing the matter before the Convention, another session might have been held on Wednesday morning. But will Bro. King tell us which is the leading power. The Executive Board or the body that appoints this Board? It appears to me that the order of procedure is something like this. The great body of Baptists, by their delegates, meet in Convention to legislate concerning the various enterprises of the denomination, and this legislative body appoints the several Executive Boards to carry out the well understood wishes of the denomination, as expressed by their delegates in Convention. But, in the case in hand, the executive has "taken time by the forelock" by adopting important measures a whole year before there can be any legislation with out calling a special Convention. Is this the proper course to pursue? And, perhaps, while Bro. King is in the humor of answering questions, he will kindly tell us how many years the subject of a Seminary for Ladies was before the Convention for discussion and legislation before it was built. And in the light of facts will he still tell us that the Governors built a Seminary for Ladies at a cost of about \$20,000 without instructions from the Convention?

I fully and most heartily endorse all that Bro. King says in reference to the integrity of the Governors and Senate, and especially of the Faculty of the College. I hold them in high esteem and even veneration, and yet I presume that not one of all the governing bodies, or the whole body united would put in a claim for absolute infallibility.

Although it is a long time to wait till next Convention, I shall endeavor to "possess my soul in patience," and should the united wisdom of that body pronounce in favor of the action of the Board in the late appointments, I hope to have grace enough to enable me to "yield a cheerful compliance with the constituted majority." Meanwhile, notwithstanding the efforts of Bro. King, which I regard as sincere and honest, I beg to remain unconvinced and unconvinced; and I have yet to learn, that there is anything unmanly or unbrotherly in the free and honest expression of one's opinion, and he should have the privilege of doing so without being accused of scolding.

Yours truly,  
I. J. SKINNER.  
Havelock, N. B., Dec. 14, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger.  
From France.  
Paris, Nov. 20th, 1883.  
What are the Parisians talking about? Tongue? The insult to the French representative at Tangiers? The visit of "our Fritz" to Madrid, and the prospect of a Hispano-German alliance? The electric tramway? No, all these subjects are too serious. The great news is that M. Henri Meilhae's author's fees for the month of October amounted to \$9,800.

The city has been in great alarm throughout the week, the feeling being general that the Ministers know of some disaster which they were keeping back, and the dread of a big war with China having gathered much intensity. M. Ferry appears a little frightened, and is probably convinced at last that China will fight. People suspect that he is negotiating surreptitiously with England for mediation, and is ready to make peace on conditions which would flatter French vanity, and at the same time leave China most of what she wants.

A decree of the French Government issued in November finally abolishes the embargo against American pork. The French pork packers are much displeased with the decree, and will try to bring about its abrogation.

To me the most wonderful thing in Paris, the most stupendous in its usefulness, is the great wall which surrounds the city. It is about twenty-five miles in length and forty feet in height, built of stone of uniform size and laid in cement. The angles and bastions are laid with large blocks of neatly-dressed stone of the same quality and appearance as found in nearly all the buildings of Paris. This wall is surrounded on the outside by a wide and deep grassy ditch, and banked up on the inside with earth, also covered with green sward. This fortification is provided with numerous barracks for the accommodation of the great number of soldiers quartered in and about the city, and is pierced by fifty-two gateways, each provided with great iron gates, at which officers are stationed to collect a tax on all food entering the city. Not an egg or a potato, a chicken or a bottle of wine escapes this active duty, which amounts to many millions of francs per year.

Thus this tax finally comes upon those who eat, so that even the beggar, who expends a few centimes for food contributes toward the expense of the city. This immense line of fortifications was built by Napoleon III, under the pretense of defending the city from her enemies, but really was intended to enervate the people of Paris who might rebel against his imperial sway. In case of any disturbance the guns upon the ramparts could have been turned against the people with terrible effect. Now their mock defenses are no longer a menace, but a disgraceful reminder of former methods of overawing the people and destroying the liberties of the citizen. They are of no avail for defense in modern warfare. During the siege of Paris the city was defended by numerous batteries at commanding points at some distance outside the walls. The Germans could easily have concentrated parks of artillery upon the city and destroyed it utterly. But the day for sacking and burning cities has passed.

It is now proposed to level down these useless ramparts, and form a magnificent boulevard in its place. The immense quantity of material of which the wall is composed renders it an almost inexhaustible stone quarry which would realize many millions of francs for building material, possibly sufficient to defray the whole expense of grading and preparing the roadway. The work boulevard originally signified a bulwark, and was thus called on account of taking the place of the ancient bulwarks or ramparts of a town. This would be a boulevard indeed, the most extensive and magnificent in existence. The wide space thus made available for public use can also be utilized for a grand belt railway, besides leaving a wide belt of land to be sold for building purposes.

The authorities also propose to erect along portions of this belt cheap residences for the poor. Altogether this will be the grandest of all modern improvements. With a population of 2,500,000 within the walls, and nearly a million in the suburbs, Paris would then be far in advance of any city on the green footool.

M. de Lesseps has returned to Paris dissatisfied with the result of his tour in England. He has failed to conciliate the English shipowners, their differences being fundamental. The shipowners are now subscribing to try to obtain a firman from the Sultan giving an English company a concession for a second canal across the Isthmus of Suez. A banking syndicate, headed by the Franco-Egyptian Bank, has made an offer to the Egyptian Government, to provide the capital to construct a second canal. These rival projects defeated the proposals of M. de Lesseps, and his tour ended in a fruitless discussion.

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