

Personal Paragraphs.

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sympathy with the Rev. Geo. B. Payson, [whom we have been proud to consider as one of our friends for the past five years] in the sad loss of his estimable wife. We feel that words are poor to express our sorrow, or the friendship we feel to one so universally respected and beloved by all. There is no bigotry in our make up, for while we naturally look first to our priests we have hosts of friends among the Protestant clergy, whose kind and encouraging words and often substantial assistance in days gone by when it was sorely needed has left us under a deep debt of gratitude.

We have been welcomed into their homes, played and slept with their boys whom we look upon to-day as brothers, and many names of Baptist, Methodist and Church of England ministers adorn our subscription book to-day and by whom the JOURNAL is read with interest. And shall we let the withering influence of mischief making people like a blighting pestilence shrivel up the affections of the heart and pollute with its venomous poison the pure stream of human love? No! A thousand times no.

We had a friendly call a week or two ago from an old friend, Willis R. Dresser of Princeton, Maine, who was here representing the Bowker Fertilizer Co.

We were surprised and delighted to shake the hand of Mr. Hazen Hoar of Grand Lake Stream, Me., [the place where our other arm resides] just as we were getting on board of the City of Montocello on our trip to Nova Scotia last week.

Correspondents must not feel hurt if sometimes their favors are held over, as our space is limited and we have very little room for lengthy articles. We are thankful to them all the same and will give them all attention whenever our space permits.

Of the many notifications sent out in our last issue to subscribers whose terms had expired and some who were owing for two or three years we received but few responses—one notable instance being \$1.50 from Mr. H. S. Miles of Oromocto, and certain sums from other parties. To the others who failed to report we would say that with those who are at a distance and those who owe for two and three years if we do not hear from them we will have to weed them out, as we are not publishing the paper for fun.

An old friend in St. John

charges us with making flings at the ministry and the cause of religion generally. We do not consider that the charge is borne out by facts—for while we would not spoil a good joke for the sake of religion, we have always been on the side of true religion and temperance. It is only hypocrisy and fanaticism that we hit wherever found, and did we not have great respect for this gentlemen's character and convictions we would not consider it worth while to reply to such a baseless charge.

We had an extended notice of the marriages of Mr. Herbert Wade and Miss Minnie Allen of Penniac, also of Mr. Wm. Walker of this city and Miss Agnes Lynch of Boston, written for the September number, but press of matter crowded them out. We however join at this late day in wishing them each and all, every earthly happiness.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Sterling Thompson, city editor of The Gleaner, on his recent marriage to Miss Mary Owen, and wish the happy couple a long and happy life.

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