

"In the Dim Mysterious Aisle"—Notre Dame Cathedral.

We all love noble buildings. They have so much in common with noble lives. Both Architecture and History remind us of the noble lives of the past. They teach us to take heed how we build.

"In the older days of art, Builders wrought with greatest care Each minute and unseemly part, For the Gods see every where. Let us do our work as well, Both the unseen and the seen, Make the house where God may dwell, Beautiful, entire, and clean."

Our train missed making the connection with the Short Line, so I am stranded in Montreal for a day.

I dropped into Notre Dame, and wrote this there. It is a sublime building—a grand old pile. Some of the visitors here walk around looking at this and that—the faded old paintings—the more Roman Catholic pictures are faded the better, both theologically and artistically—the images of saints, of the Virgin, the crucifixes, the carvings, the pulpits, but I prefer first to sit down and feel the influence of the architectural beauty of the edifice. As, in the stillness and artificial twilight, I look up into the blue sky of the lofty structure, dotted with golden stars, lighted by great heart-shaped windows, the centre blood red, supported by graceful arches that rest on ornamental pillars, I feel what the author of the expression felt when he said, "Architecture is music petrified." If that band of soulless irrelevant tourists would quit whacking their boots on the floor, which is unscrupled, and go easy for a few minutes, I believe that I could almost catch that music's strain. But they will not; the heel seems to cover the whole foot; and perhaps it is best so, for it would be a pity for the magnificent and seemingly eternal structure to dissolve into one grand, harmonious, melodious crash of music, and thus, when the last of the lingering echoes had died or crept away, the great cathedral would be no more. It may be that the gloom and beauty of the place are working on my imagination, but as I look about me, such an ending to such grandeur seems not only fitting but the only fit—were it not for the boots. "Put off thy shoes." What if you are a Protestant? or an Infidel? "I would show respect to a Hotentot bowing down before a loadstone."

There are many worshippers among these visitors whose reverence for the place is far different from mine. I only linger here to pay homage to Beauty. They come to worship God. At least I hope they do. I hope they see, behind this material, the God who is spirit, and who is worshipped by the spirit—behind the golden altar, which swings, with its red jewel of light, gently and slowly, by its hundred foot chain, behind the crimson altar and the golden candlesticks, behind that pale image with outstretched arms and folded feet—I hope that they understand that there is a Saviour, who lived and was dead, as that image shows him, but who is now alive again, and who stands at the right hand of God Most High, having offered once for all the accepted sacrifice for us. Do I think that they do understand this? I do not know. They look devout. Here is a young man in his working clothes; when he touches his forehead in crossing himself he leaves a black smudge on it. He looks earnest; he looks as if he felt his sin—as if he came there to worship. His devotions are soon through, and he departs, looking as though it were all right now. But though I would like to believe that it is, I am not satisfied with his satisfaction. There seems to be a lack of intelligence in it all which speaks more of duty performed, and a blind duty at that, than of sin confessed and forgiven. The poor sinner, I fear, has asked the wrong person for bread. Through the pope the wrong person has served him up a stone on a golden platter, richly chased—the stone looked like bread, he took it and went away satisfied—and cheated. God help these poor people. How can we help them? By bombarding their piles of masonry? By breaking their images? By trampling on their pictures? By tearing the black or scarlet garments of their priesthood? I think there is a better way—not by iconoclasm, but by appealing to that which their gorgeous and imposing form of worship does not appeal to—their intelligence—and make the appeal a loving one. Paul did not "expose" Diana, nor vilify her priests, as the town-clerk of Ephesus testified, "These men are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess." But by "reasoning and persuading concerning the Kingdom of God," he spread panic among the makers of silver shrines and menaced the temple of the "great goddess" and "her magnificence." Not by might nor by power, but by Christ's Spirit.

That is how it seems to me this morning as I sit surrounded by such architectural beauty as I have never seen before, under the stately arches and between the gilded pillars of Notre Dame Cathedral, and watch the Roman Catholics quietly devoutly, go through their daily prayers.

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DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

(All names except those contributed for denominational news, are from the Messenger and Visitor.)

CHIPMAN, N. B.—A revival of religion is in progress in this place. With Bro. Worden, of Newcastle, I have been holding special services through several days. We expect baptism on Sabbath.

W. E. McINTYRE.

MIDDLETON, N. S.—I baptised one into the Nictaux Baptist church Sunday, September 3.

The memorial service of our deceased Bro. Beckwith, who died at Portland, Oregon, took place in the Baptist meeting house at Nictaux, Sunday, Sept. 10. Our deceased brother was baptised into the Nictaux church in his youth and lived and died in the faith.

C. E. PINEO.

SECOND FALLS, CHARLOTTE CO., N. B.—One year ago our pastor, Rev. Mr. Malder, succeeded in organizing a "W. M. S.," and on Wednesday evening, 18th inst., we had our anniversary mission-ary concert. Our meetings have been held monthly during the year, and though sometimes discouraged, yet often encouraged, and the close of the year finds us ready to enter on a new year with increased zeal. We have not been able to do as much as we could wish, but will send about \$25 to the secretary-treasurer at once. The anniversary concert was a success. Miss A. Gilmore had trained some of the children of the Sunday-school, who did their work well, and Bro. Malder added very much to the interest by setting before us the field by the aid of a fine map of our mission field, on which he located our missions and set before us the great need of more effort. We intend holding concerts through the winter, and hope to have a successful year.

L. E. B.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., AND VICINITY.—On Sunday, Aug. 13, we organized a Sunday-school at Moore's Settlement; the first Sunday the attendance was twenty, and it has been increasing right along. At Mann Settlement there were none in our prayer meetings, and I am expecting very soon that some of them will put on Christ by baptism. During the past week I have been holding services at Belledune, preaching every evening but Saturday. Twelve or fourteen requested prayers, and on Tuesday, at 5 p. m., we gathered at the water's edge and I had the blessed privilege of administering the ordinance of baptism to the following, all young people: Allen Hodgins, Harris Colpitts, Miss Imogene Colpitts, Mand Colpitts, Lizette Colpitts, Mrs. Geo. W. Anderson. At the evening meeting two presented themselves for baptism. I shall visit Belledune the first Tuesday in every month and have service with them. Brethren, pray for us.

C. W. STABLES.

BALDWINVILLE, MASS.—An ecclesiastical council convened in the edifice of the First Baptist church at Baldwinville, Mass., on the afternoon of Sept. 7th at 2:30 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of ordaining to the work of the gospel ministry Bro. J. H. Balcom, pastor elect of the First Baptist church in this place. The Christian experience and call to the work of the ministry as manifested by Bro. Balcom, were truly touching. The views of Christian doctrine advanced by the brother were clear, Biblical, and of course, Baptist. The sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. F. D. Cragley, of Fitchburg, Mass., and it was a sermon of great worth. The Rev. John Clark, of Turner's Falls, Mass., offered the prayer of ordination. The Nova Scotia brethren who are so well acquainted with our Bro. Balcom, will be glad to know that he has won for himself a place in the affections of the people connected with this Baptist church. The present pastorate is opening with every prospect of success. The writer learns that the honored president of Acadia University was in this part of Massachusetts recently, visiting relatives. COMPONITOR.

EAST POINT, P. E. I.—My very pleasant pastorate of six years at East Point, P. E. I., terminated with last month. From the clerk's account it appeared that 45 had been added, mostly by ones and by twos, to the East Point church and three to the Souris church. Every year had witnessed some additions (one of my latest privileges was to receive for baptism an old man of 83 years, whose baptism, I presume, has since taken place). During the six years extensive repairs had much improved the internal appearance and general comfort of the church building at East Point, and a new organ had been placed therein. Some improvements had also been effected at the parsonage, and the debt on the new church at Souris entirely wiped out. To God be the praise. This pastorate, so pleasant throughout, was, to us at least, most impressively ended with two very kind addresses and a surer purse of \$17 (since raised to \$20) from the sisters at Mrs. Bishop in token of appreciation for "valuable services rendered." We carry away many pleasant recollections of the garden province and its people. Should time and health ever permit, I should be glad to be a pastor among Prince Edward Islanders again some day. R. H. BISHOP.

CANNO.—I spent a very pleasant Sunday in this beautiful sea-strait resort. Hundreds of tourists have been taking in the healthful ocean breeze and enjoying the invigorating sea air and lovely surroundings. This town may be put down as one of the live prosperous places. The good people have put down and out the liquor cases. For the most part the townspeople are of an intelligent class, and very social, and try to make visitors feel at home and enjoy themselves—at least so we found it. There is a Division of Sons of Temperance, a "Masonic Rest," erected by the W. O. T. U. This is on the hill-top in view of the hundreds of vessels passing, and serves as a "beacon light" to direct our hardy fishermen to its social rooms. The mothers, wives and sisters of our sailor boys should be thankful for this. I enjoyed the 8 p. m. meeting where hundreds of our fisher lads were met from their vessels near by. The Sabbath-school, under the superintendence of Bro. Whitman, with 100 scholars

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A tea meeting and fancy sale in aid of the Baptist parsonage, will be held at Boylan's hall, New Ross, on Thursday, Sept. 21. A cordial invitation is extended to all who can make it convenient to attend. A place for teams will be provided; a good time is anticipated.

H. M.

The first Harvey Baptist church or group is still without a pastor. Any good pastor who is not permanently located and is desirous of securing a good field for labor, would do well to correspond with the undersigned.

H. J. BISHOP, Church Clerk, Harvey Bank, Albert Co., N. B.

The next session of the Queens County Quarterly meeting will be held with the Calman church, Gaspereau, beginning on Friday, October 13, at 7 p. m. The Women's Aid Societies are also requested to send delegates to attend the county quarterly meeting of the circles and present reports. Let there be a good attendance. W. E. McINTYRE, Sec'y.

The annual Baptist Sunday-school convention for Annapolis county, will meet at Bridgeport, on Wednesday, the 20th of September, commencing at 10 a. m. A programme of an interesting and practical character is being prepared. I. M. Longley will give a black board exercise at the evening session. Subject: "The Apostle Paul."

L. W. ELLIOTT, Sec'y, B. S. S. C.

The Grand Ligne mission will hold its annual meeting in the Manoe street (French) Baptist church, Montreal, on Thursday, the 5th October, at 2:30 p. m. The Ladies' Montreal Grande Ligne Association will hold its annual meeting on Monday, the 2nd October, at 2:30 p. m. The Feller Institute will open its school on Tuesday, the 3rd October.

The annual Sunday-school Convention of the E. B. Association, will meet with the church at Dorchester Corner, on the 30th of September, at 2:30 p. m. PROGRAMME.

Afternoon session. Reports from schools, delegates enrolled, and appointment of officers.

Evening session.—1. Deacon S. C. Wilbur, to teach a "model lesson" on Rom. 14:12-33. 2. Rev. W. H. Warren, subject—"The relation of the S. S. children to the church." 3. Address, by Rev. B. N. Hughes, subject—"In what sense is the S. School the nursery of the church?" 4. Rev. A. Lavers, paper, subject—"The relation of denominational and inter-denominational work."

Thursday forenoon.—Order of service as committee of arrangements may direct.

Thursday afternoon.—Unfinished business. S. H. CORNWALL, Secretary.

The next meeting of the Halifax District Committee will be held (D. V.) with the Baptist church at Hammond Plains, on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 2:30 p. m. A full attendance of delegates is requested.

S. MARCH, Chairman.

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J. J. BAKER.

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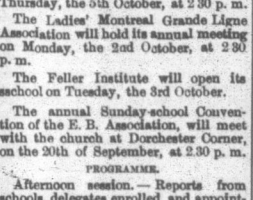
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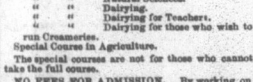
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