

THE LATE DR. BROCK.

The religious London papers have all referred to a greater or less extent to the death of Dr. Brock, and sermons on the event were preached by all the leading ministers. Some of these are given in full in the London papers and others by pretty extensive extracts.

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. Amid the losses we have sustained in such rapid succession he stood out with increasing prominence as a tower of strength among us. We hoped to have drawn on him for service for years to come—service which with his unabated mental power, his rich experience made him more than ever able to render. But the Lord who does all things well has seen meet to do otherwise. We bow to His all-wise decree, thanking Him for having given him to the Church so long, and rejoicing in the belief that he has heard the welcome plaudits:—

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. Brock's last moments as follows:—

The Doctor said to his eldest son, "Read me the old Psalm—the 23rd Psalm." When Mrs. Brock 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." And so died William Brock, the first pastor of Bloomsbury Chapel, the friend of the poor, the helper of the oppressed, the friend of the slave, the wise counsellor, and the eminent and useful pastor. There was scarcely one of his fellow-students left. Dr. John Harris and the others had all departed. And where were Dr. Leitchfield, Norman Macleod, James Sherman, Dr. Arger, Baptist Negl, James Murrell, Chas. Vince, Wm. Best. "Our fathers, where are they? the prophets, do they live forever?" And Dr. Brock himself was now "with Christ, which is far better."

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. One occurred to his mind at the moment—their own London Baptist Association. They were aware it had built since its existence a place of worship every year, and assisted frequently in a second. The first meeting was convened at their brother's hospitable board to talk about the formation of that Association. He (the preacher) remembered being present, and that there under Dr. Brock's presidency they decided to commence it. Dr. Brock himself for the first two years occupying the chair. That Association, lived a power, and would live a power for many years. It followed him, and was part of his work and service. And so one might speak about his help in connection with the Liberator Society, the Young Men's Christian Association, and with the varied societies identified with our own and other bodies. He was always prepared to take his share in work and service which now followed him, and he would have the joy of welcoming the results. The practical conclusion was this: they honoured God in him.

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. A series of well-written papers on this subject by Professor Lincoln, of Newton, is being published in the N. Y. Examiner and Chronicle. As we are invited, in common with the other nations of the earth, to join in this Centennial Celebration, we have thought it well to place before our readers. They will be read by them with much interest, as showing the struggles through which the truth has passed to secure its present partial triumphs. We copied the first paper last week and have the second in our present issue. We may well join

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. Our liberties, doubtless, may be regarded, to a great extent as a result of the toils and suffering of the worthies whom they delight to honor.

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 that 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. Baptists have borne stripes and imprisonment and the loss of property from the other churches of Christendom, from heathen Rome and Christian Rome, all down through to the New England Puritans. These records show some of the injuries received from the latter on American soil. Although they have been called to suffer, yet, they have never, as churches, been open to the charge of persecuting others in return. This we rejoice in and hope ever to do so.

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 fellow-citizens.

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. We have a noble record and we should not allow the names of those to whom we are so much indebted to perish. We shall do what we can to have them in lasting remembrance.

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 10 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. 1-17. 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. B. adds, Mr. Armstrong has purchased the paper from the 1st of January, 1876, and from that date it, "with its subscription list, and debts due thereon to that date, passes into his hands as his own personal property, with the distinct pledge on his part, that the paper is henceforth to be conducted by him, as heretofore, in the interests of the Baptist denomination of this country."

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 Thorne-town. 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 fancies 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.

STATIONS.	Express	Pass. and Freight	Pass. and Freight
Miles.	Wed. and Sat.	Mon., Tu., Th., Fr.	Pass. and Freight daily.
0 Halifax—Leave.....	8 30	7 30	2 45
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70 Kentville ".....	12 15	1 50	
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101 Middleton ".....	1 48	3 59	
107 Lawton ".....	2 09	4 23	
110 Paradise ".....	2 15	4 36	
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122 Roundhill ".....	2 52	5 30	
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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 all Stations.

Steamer Sea leave St. John every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 8 a. m., for Annapolis and return same day on arrival of 8.30 a. m. Express Train from Halifax.

International Steamers leave St. John every THURSDAY, at 8 a. m., for Eastport, Portland, and Boston.

European and North American Railway Trains leave St. John at 8.30 a. m. daily for Bangor, Portland, Boston, and all parts of the United States and Canada.

Through Tickets at reduced fares by above routes to all parts in the United States and Canada, may be obtained at the Company's Office, 126 Hollis St., Halifax, at Richmond, and the principal Stations on the Railway.

P. INNES,

General Manager.

Kentville, 9th Dec., 1875.

Dec. 15.

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,

on and from the 1st January next.

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.

Leave Bridgewater Daily at 6 A. M. Arrive at Shelburne at 6 P. M. Leave Shelburne Daily at 6 A. M. Arrive at Bridgewater at 6 P. M.

The Contract, if satisfactorily executed, will continue in force for a term not exceeding four years, the Postmaster General reserving the right to terminate the agreement at any time previous to the expiration of the four years—should the public interest, in his opinion, require it—upon giving the contractor three months previous notice of his intention.

All expenses on this route of Tolls, Ferries, &c., must be defrayed by the Contractor.

Each tender to state the price asked per Annum in words at length, and to be accompanied by the written guarantee of two responsible parties, undertaking that, in the event of the tender being accepted the contract shall be duly executed by the party tendering, for the price demanded; undertaking also to become bound with the contractor in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars for the due performance of the service.

Printed forms of Tender and guarantee may be obtained at the Post Office at Bridgewater, Mill Village, Liverpool, or Shelburne, or at the Office of the Subscriptions.

F. M. PASLOW,

Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,

Halifax, 15th Nov. 1875.

Dec 1.

FITS! FITS! FITS!

CURE OF EPILEPSY; OR, FALLING FITS.

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 has 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.
SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your advertisement, and I was induced to try your Epileptic Pills. I was afflicted with Epilepsy 17 years, and I could give you 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 cupped and bled several different times. I was generally attacked without any premonitory symptoms. I had from two to five fits a day, at intervals of two weeks. I was once attacked in my sleep, and would fall wherever I would be, or wherever I was occupied with, and was severely injured several times from the falls. I was afflicted with Epilepsy 17 years, and I could give you 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 cupped and bled several different times. 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