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## Religious Intelligencer.

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WEDNESDAY, July 8th 1891.

—SOLOMON says, "He that justifieth the wicked" is an "abomination to the Lord."

THE MAN of whom you took advantage in business does not much enjoy your praying and religious talk. He thinks you ought to repent and make restitution. And he is right.

—ARCHBISHOP IRELAND (Roman Catholic), of Wisconsin, has prohibited lotteries and all games of chance in raising money for church purposes. This is a good sign, for the Catholic church has everywhere persistently employed lottery methods in its money getting schemes. It is now in order for other bishops and priests to follow the good example of Bishop Ireland.

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Archdeacon Farrar, while advocating variety of topics and much illustration, says "what is needed in the pulpit most of all is simplicity and sincerity."

—THE TRADITIONAL BIRTHPLACE of the Prince of Peace at Bethlehem has become the battlefield of his pretended followers. On each side of the 'holy manger' is a church—one for the Greek Christians and the other for Roman Catholics. The sacred spot itself is neutral ground, but every Saturday a Greek service has been held there. On May 23 the Greek Archbishop of Tabor officiated in presence of an unusually large number of pilgrims. Before the prelate returned to his own church he walked round the holy manger, preceded by a deacon carrying the consecrated 'host.' This was the signal for an attack by ten Franciscan monks, who had already behaved in a way that scandalized the worshippers, one of whom felled the deacon to the ground with a club. The Archbishop himself, who was alleged to be trespassing on Roman Catholic ground, was only saved from serious maltreatment by the congregation. The aggressors were driven into their monastery, where they barricaded the doors. The Greeks would have attacked in their turn but for the persuasions of the Archbishop. As it was, they complained to the Turkish authorities, who sent troops to prevent the Christians doing each other any further injury. Punishment of the Franciscans is demanded, and the matter is said to have been complicated by diplomatic interference by the Governments of both France and Russia.

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"Our hearts have been deeply moved by the death of Rev. A. B. Boyer, the devoted missionary whose going to India and work there, were, under God, by the direction of this Executive. We had hoped that he would be permitted to give the service of a long life to the work he loved so well and in which he was having so marked success. While we do not understand his early removal from the work for which he had shown so unusual adaptation, we must not complain. "We walk by faith," sure that "it is well," and that what we know not now we will know in the clearer light that awaits us, into which our dear brother and fellow-labourer has already entered.

"We place on record our love for him, our deep appreciation of his consecration to Christ as shown in his self-denying yet joyful devotion to Christian work, and our thankfulness to God that he was permitted for nearly five years to make Jesus known to the heathen, and that his life and labours were blessed in so good degree.

"To Mrs. Boyer we wish to express our profoundest sympathy in the stunning bereavement that has come to her and her children, and our prayer is that she may have in fullness the gracious abiding and ministries of the Holy Comforter.

"To his parents and the other relatives whose hearts are sad we extend Christian sympathy."

The Executive wishes to say to the churches that the Foreign Mission treasury is now much in need of money. There is a deficit of over \$400 which should be provided for at once. If the churches will pay the several amounts asked of them there will be no lack. And it is earnestly urged that every church and all the friends of the work give immediate attention to the call now made for funds.

It is desired also to say to the churches that the death of Bro. Boyer does not lessen the necessity for contributions. They are needed not only to pay existing liabilities, but to carry on the work as fully as before.

It is not yet known whether Mrs. Boyer will desire to come home or remain in India. If she remains, which it is thought and hoped she may do, she will continue missionary work under the direction of the Board. The Board hopes, also, to have another missionary to send before long; and to this end the churches are asked to make special prayer.

Brethren, God calls us to this work. It must go on. The death of Bro. Boyer touches us all deeply. But it does not affect us as it should unless it moves us to deeper devotion to the work in which he was our representative, and in which he poured out his life. The best memorial of his consecrated service is an increase of interest in the work—interest that expresses itself in fervent prayers and generous contributions.

The Board will be glad to have the foregoing read in all the churches, and special appeal made in behalf of the work, and its present needs.

A. C. THOMPSON, Chairman  
JOS. McLEOD, Secretary.

## Notes by the Way.

NO. XIV.  
TO JERUSALEM.

To reach Jerusalem the usual way is by steamer to Thompson's wharf, and thence a drive of half a dozen miles. But to save time went another and longer route, via Welsford station, on the C. P. R. At Welsford, we were met by Mr. W. H. Short, junior. The night being dark, and the horse having been driven a long distance that day, it was thought best to remain at Welsford till morning. Hotel accommodation is scarce there, but we were fortunate in finding hospitable entertainment in the home of Mr. W. Dible, but a short distance from the station. And, by the way, Mr. Dible's is, so far as we know, the only Free Baptist home in that region. It was a pleasure to form the acquaintance of so warm-hearted people, and we enjoyed the hours spent in their good home very much.

Early Wednesday morning we drove the sixteen miles to Jerusalem, passing one or two fishing parties and meeting sundry carriages and larger vehicles well-filled with young people on their way to a picnic, it being Dominion Day. The weather was much warmer than it had been for several days, and made glad the hearts of the farmers.

To get to Jerusalem many hills have to be climbed, and, taken in connection with the name of the place, one is reminded of the old hymn about "Climbing up Zion's Hill."

We had visited Jerusalem but once before, fully a score of years ago, perhaps more, when the late Bro. Reid preached there. Once since we drove through it in the early morning, of a

time in the spring when what was to be seen would not give a just impression of the character of the country. But seen at this time of the year there are many signs of thrift and comfort. It is a high country, affording a fine view for many miles.

The churches are Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Free Baptist, all within easy distance. The Free Baptist church has been repaired and much improved this year. The interior is very neat and comfortable.

The church reports a good condition of religious life. Last winter Rev. T. W. Carpenter held a series of special meetings, which were a great help.

Rev. J. G. McKenzie has his home in Jerusalem, and is very comfortably situated. We were glad to have the pleasure, for the first time, of visiting him in his home.

We are under special obligation to Bro. W. H. Short for kind attentions not only in his home but in conveyance to and from the place.

## FIFTH DISTRICT MEETING.

This meeting opened at Jerusalem, Wednesday morning, July 1st. The ministers attending during the session were, Revs. J. Noble, T. Connor, J. G. McKenzie, T. W. Carpenter, A. C. Thompson, O. N. Mott, C. B. Lewis, Jos. McLeod and Licentiate S. J. Perry.

The conference meeting, led by Bro. Carpenter, was largely attended, and of a good degree of interest.

Reports from the churches were presented in the afternoon meeting, Rev. T. W. Carpenter, chairman of the District, presiding. One new church, Hamilton Mountain, organized by Rev. J. G. McKenzie, was received into the District.

After the reports had been read, Rev. J. Noble spoke of his pleasure at being present. He was much pleased not only to see old friends, to whom he was probably making his last visit, but the character of the reports had given him joy. It afforded him satisfaction, too, that so many young men were present as delegates. The fathers were passing away, but it was a comfort that so many competent young men were filling their places. God, he said, has prospered us as a people, and if we are faithful in what He has committed to us He will surely continue His favour.

Rev. A. C. Thompson said the reports of the year thus far, in the several Districts, showed advance all along the line. He emphasized the importance of making the meeting a starting point for yet better work. If this is not the outcome of the meeting, it will be largely a failure. Ministers and delegates should seek new endowment of power, that they may serve as never before, and see success in greater degree. He also spoke of the Intelligencer and commended it to all Free Baptist people.

At 7.30 p. m. the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Jos. McLeod. A collection was taken for the Ministers' Relief Fund.

Thursday, 8 a. m., business was resumed. Rev. C. B. Lewis was elected Chairman of the District. The visiting ministers were invited to seats. The committee on the condition of the churches submitted a report showing that—16 churches had reported and sent delegates; three churches had not reported; the additions were by baptism 35, by letter 6; the decrease by death 5, by withdrawal 25; the net gain 6; the number of members reported 928. The financial statements showed \$789.40 for ministry, current expenses \$104.14, buildings and improvements \$641.73, Home missions \$12.59, Foreign missions \$63.78. Eleven Sabbath Schools were reported. The committee's report suggested (1) that more attention be given to Sabbath School work, (2) that the money paid is not nearly so much as ought to be, (3) that every church have a mid-week prayer meeting.

The report gave rise to a very interesting and, we trust, profitable discussion. The condition and needs of the churches were considered, a number of the brethren, laymen as well as ministers, participating. The mission work was not forgotten, and touching references were made to Bro. Boyer's death.

A vote of thanks to the people of the place was passed. And it was voted that the next meeting be held at Tennant's Cove.

We had to leave before the meeting closed. In the afternoon there was to be a meeting of the W. F. M. Society, a report of which and of the results of the years work by the sisters we will, doubtless, get in a few days.

Brethren Noble and Thompson were to have service in the evening, and Bro. Noble intended to remain over the Sabbath. And Bro. Connor was to spend the Sabbath at Hamilton Mountain, the adjoining community.

Our way home was by steamer, and a most delightful trip it was. The country along the river is looking well.

The only unpromising thing we saw was the grass in Jerusalem and in the region between there and Welsford. The grain, potatoes &c. promise well.

## Religious News and Notes.

## HOME AND FOREIGN.

—Rev. Dr. Freeman, of Haverstraw, N. Y., preached his 5,000th sermon on Sunday. He has held his pastorate forty-five years.

—The Church Missionary Society sent out last year 79 missionaries. Its income was over \$1,250,000.

—Despite the phenomenal growth of London, it is asserted that whereas fifty years ago there were church accommodations for but seventeen in every 100 of the population, now there are accommodations for thirty-four.

—Gen. Booth has received for his social reform movement the £100,000 he asked for, and something over. But of the \$30,000 need to pay annual working expenses he says he has only £2,000.

—Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, says that in response to the appeal of the Shanghai Conference for 1,000 missionaries in five years, 180 have arrived during the ten months since the appeal, so that in all probability the first year's quota will be secured.

—Converts to Christianity are multiplying rapidly in India. In northern India its baptisms for two months past have averaged thirty per day. The training of these new converts is a perplexing matter to missionaries. They are endeavouring to prepare leading men amongst the converts for this important work.

—The first Presbyterian minister ordained in Nova Scotia in fact the first ordained in British North America, was Bruin Romlas Comingo. He had—Says the "Presbyterian Witness"—never been a day in College; he was self-taught, in theology; but he was also evidently taught by the Spirit of God. There was at Lunenburg a very great need, and it was felt that Mr. Comingo was the best available man to supply that need. Results justified the action of those who ordained him. He was eminently useful, and to this day his name in Lunenburg is as ointment poured forth. And the Witness thinks that what was done long ago in his case ought to be done to-day. Where there are vacant fields, and when there is neither minister nor student available to supply those fields, then take the best material. There is nothing unscriptural, uncanonical, un-Presbyterian in thus caring for the flock. The dangerous thing is to leave the flock unshepherded and forlorn for long months or years. We wish the precedent made in the case of the Apostle of Lunenburg had been followed in scores of other cases.

—The Rev. Dr. Narayan Sheshadri is in America, accompanied by his son. Dr. Sheshadri is by birth a Brahmin, is sixty-eight years old, and lives in Western India. He is said to be the first Brahmin of Western India to be converted to Christianity. His conversion took place under the labors of the Rev. Dr. John Wilson about forty-eight years ago, and he has ever since been a consistent Christian. Twenty-five years ago he founded a Christian colony, Bethel Jahna. It now contains over two thousand Christians. Dr. Sheshadri was educated in Bombay, and speaks English very fluently. His son has spent six years in Oxford and London Universities, and was formerly in the British Civil Service in India. Dr. Sheshadri has another son now practicing law in Bombay. He is accompanied in his visit to this country by his son, Yeswatrao Sheshadri. He comes partly on account of his health, but partly to study America's industrial enterprises. Dr. Sheshadri visited this country as a delegate to the Evangelical Alliance in 1873, and his appearance was everywhere greeted with the greatest interest and applause.

THE PHONOGRAPH IN THE SENATE. The official reporters of the Senate of Canada have adopted the phonograph in their work. It saves them much time and work. The Telegraph says: The reporter reads his shorthand notes directly into the phonograph, one cylinder from which will receive 1,000 words. Successive cylinders receive the contents of his notebook and the reporter's work is done. Thence the cylinders are sent to the public printing bureau and there are again set in motion giving their contents to the compositor who finds the words spoken in his ears leave his eyes and hands free to attend to his work, and he can do more work than when constantly referring to manuscript. A cylinder can be used any number of times, the first message being removed—planned off—almost in a moment, when it is ready to receive another report.

## Denominational News.

DEER ISLAND.—A successful supper was provided by Mr. A. N. Lord of Northern Harbour, Deer Island, from which \$55.00 was realized, which is to be expended in making some improvements in the church building.

Matters religiously are about as they were. We sustain the weekly prayer meetings and monthly conferences. We are expecting a renewal and a general awakening at the time of the district meeting.

A. H. McLEOD.

FROM REV. G. W. FOSTER.—I have not written anything for the INTELLIGENCER for some months, and even now fear that I have but little to write that is interesting or new. I am still endeavoring to break the "bread of life" to the people, and while the results are not so great as we might desire, yet looking over the months of this year already past we feel that we have much to thank God for, and to encourage us to trust Him and labor on. It seems difficult for me to realize that almost three years have passed since I began laboring with the churches of Tracey and Fredericton Junction, so quickly has the time gone. They have been the most pleasant years of my life. Many have been the tokens of love and kindness, received by myself and family from this dear people; and let our lot be cast where it may we shall ever look back with sweet and endearing memories to these years and to those who have so kindly cared for us and ministered to our wants. To them all we feel strongly bound in Christian fellowship. I am now reminded that, should I live, a new year of duty and responsibility will soon be upon me, in common with my brethren; but our loving Heavenly Father, who has been with us and helped us in the past, will help us in the future.

I am undecided as yet where I shall labor for another year, but am open for engagement with any pastorate that may wish my services, according to the will of God, "whose I am and whom I serve."

A Missionary Social was held in the Agricultural Hall at Fredericton Junction on Saturday evening June 27th, and the handsome sum of \$36.73 etc. was realized for which we feel grateful to all who in this way contributed to the Mission cause.

GEORGE W. FOSTER.

June 29th.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING.—The following arrangement for the entertainment of the members of the First District Meeting has been made:—

Members. Home. Rev. John Henderson. Michael Crane Rev. J. W. Clark. F. E. McNally Rev. C. T. Phillips. R. P. Currie Rev. Dr. McLeod. Jonas Kearney Rev. G. Swin. Mrs. Joseph Crane Rev. W. Downey. Solomon Crane Rev. John Perry. D. V. Boyer Rev. L. A. Cosman. G. Lovein Rev. J. J. Barnes. Clerk and Treasurer. H. Post Salmon River del. Frank Haining Long Island del. James Kearney Athurette del. Mrs. Joseph Crane Bath del. G. Lovein Perth Centre del. Avarde Kearney Wright Sett. del. Burtis Kearney Canaan del. Solomon Crane Wicklow del. Michael Crane

Any members whose names may have been omitted or overlooked will be provided for on their arrival. Those coming by train will stop at Beachwood station.

D. V. BOYER,  
MICHAEL CRANE,  
EBER KEARNEY, } Com.

HALIFAX.—A grand concert took place last evening (June 30th) in the Starr St. Free Baptist church. There was a good sized audience, and it was one that fully appreciated the excellent programme presented. Each successive service and social gathering shows that advancement is being made by the Free Baptists in this city under the pastorate of Rev. A. G. Jones, and last evening's gathering was perhaps one of the most pleasing illustrations of this fact. The following was the programme:

Overture—March. Prof. Bristowe Solo—"Long Ago." Miss E. Murray Recitation—"Flodden," Mr. E. Crosby Solo—"His Picture," Mr. McDonald Recitation—Miss Beamish Duet—"The Sexton," Mr. Spawton Quartette—"If the waters could speak as they flow." Misses Bremner and McPherson, Messrs Bremner and McDonald. Solo—"Love of long ago," Mrs. Stead Recitation—"Sheltered," Mr. Wine-mark. Solo—"The Lighthouse," Mr. Norman Duet—"Good-Night," Misses Phillips Solo (Piano)—"Kelvin Grove." Mrs. McDonald Solo—"The Cottage on the Moorland." Mr. Bremner.

It is hardly fair to particularize where all were so good, but the appearance of Mr. Spawton, a military man, deserves special mention, he has a magnificent bass voice, and used it to great advantage in his song "The Sexton." The duet by Misses Phillips was heartily appreciated, as was also that between Prof. Bristowe and his pupil. Miss Murray's song "Long Ago," though old, had a newness in the manner in which it was so touchingly rendered. Of Mr. Norman, Mrs. Stead and others, who are favorite,

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