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NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

A Moravian colony is likely to be formed in Manitoba; fifteen families will be brought from Russia as a forerunner of 100 families. The expenses of these fifteen families are to be defrayed by the Government. There are about 2,000 Moravians in Russia who are looking for an asylum in another country.

The Knights of Labor, which at one time was considered the most powerful labor organization in the United States, seems to be on the verge of disintegration. Mr. T. V. Powderly, its former head, has been suspended from the order, on the charge of treason, the charge being based upon his declaration that the order should unite with the Federation of Labor, which has been considered an old-time foe. Mr. Powderly still has a large following in the order, and his expression will doubtless produce much bitterness of feeling and a large defection.

Falls excelling in height and grandeur Niagara's cataract have been discovered in Labrador; but we need not go out of our own country to find her most successful rival. In Idaho, according to Professor G. Frederick Wright, nearly four times as deep as that of Niagara is the gorge down which the Shoshone River pours its mighty volume. The walls tower on either side a thousand feet high. And even above the Falls there is a canyon three times as wide as that of Niagara and more than twice as deep. The tourist of the future will not be satisfied till he has gazed upon this surpassing wonder.

Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been appropriated by the Egyptian Government for the erection of a fire-proof building to contain the priceless government collection of Egyptian antiquities, including the best of all the relics that have been discovered in Egypt, and which are now in an old wooden museum. The government has been petitioned for years by the scholars of the world and many travelers, against leaving this unparalleled collection unprotected from fire.

There are some curious statements published in the Japanese Mail, made by a Japanese who has been travelling in China. He thinks the present Chinese Manchurian dynasty is so much hated that it will be overthrown within ten years, which will be followed by a breaking up of the Empire. He says there are 1,200 foreign missionaries in China. "Among them, those sent from America are true propagandists of the Gospel; but of those belonging to the Russian and French nationalities, some are really in the military profession. They take no interest in the propagation of their religion, but are busily engaged in geographical studies with special reference to military operations."

"Foot-washing" as a religious ceremonial was observed lately in the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Wilmington. The celebrant was Bishop Curtis, who was once a clergyman of the Episcopal Church. The parties whose feet were washed were thirteen poor men from the almshouse. The Bishop appeared in company with assistants, who bore a basin and towels. Some of the accessories were of the kind which were conspicuous by their absence when Christ washed his disciples' feet. There were white and gold vestments; a white and gold canopy, under which the Bishop walked; wax candles, and acolytes swinging their censers. It is said this is the first time in which the ceremonial has been observed in any Roman Catholic Church in this country.

It is nearly thirty-five years since wheat was so low in price in the great markets of the world as it is to-day. Several causes have contributed to this result. The widely-felt financial depression has undoubtedly intensified the effect of other influences in this direction. Besides this, there has been the remarkable cheapening of the cost of transportation. A bushel of wheat can now be sent across the Atlantic to Liverpool for ten or twelve cents. Again, improved machinery has greatly lessened the cost of production.

The Emperor of Austria and the Tsar have been indulging in confidences, which somehow have got into print. The Emperor, in a letter, congratulated the Tsar on the approaching marriage of the Tsarevitch. He complained of the ingratitude of the Roumanians, and felicitated the Tsar on the ease with which he manages eighty nationalities, whereas he himself has so much difficulty in managing the eighteen nationalities over which he reigns, 'in spite of all his efforts to render his 'people happy, and to show each of them the same paternal solicitude.' The Tsar, in replying, alludes to events in Serbia, and says he especially detests agitations and upheavals which emanate 'from on high,' elucidating this ambiguous phrase by explaining that he has always considered the too hasty emancipation of the peasants realised by his father as a sort of revolution 'emanating from on high.' Perhaps, before many years are past, there may be revolutions 'emanating from below' that will relieve the Tsar, and it may be his Imperial brother, of all or most of their disinterested troubles in 'managing nationalities.'

Nine years ago, Mr. Gladstone thought the British Empire had reached the condition of being large enough. Since then several very considerable bits of territory have been added to it in various parts of the globe, and still the land hunger appears to be unsatisfied and unappeasable. A treaty has just been concluded with the King of Belgium whereby Britain has secured another slice of Africa, to be added to her already large possessions on that continent. The significance of this last acquisition lies mainly in its enabling Britain to build on her own territory, as the occasion may call for it, a railway from Cape Town in the far south, to Cairo in the north. Obtaining this is considered to be a fine piece of diplomacy, and is said by the press to have stirred up the envy of both France and Germany to no small degree.

THE U. B. SEMINARY.

The Closing Exercises.

The Seminary year closed last week, and the closing exercises, covering three days, were very interesting. On Sunday, Rev. J. W. Clarke preached to the graduating class. Rev. Dr. Carey delivered a lecture on Monday evening. The following account of the closing exercises, on Tuesday, is condensed from the Sun's report.

Yesterday witnessed the graduating exercises of the Union Baptist Seminary at St. Martins. The morning was not fine, but this did not prevent a large attendance at the most interesting proceedings. The thought uppermost in the minds of all who crossed the broad campus on their way to the gaily decorated entrance of the imposing brick structure was, Is this the last time we will have the privilege of turning out for the commencement of our beloved seminary? It is to be regretted that an institution so deplorably situated and calculated to do so much good should find itself in financial straits. The design of the seminary was to furnish an education that should be at once sound and symmetrical, and since its opening the training of all the students entrusted to the care of the capable staff has been careful and thorough. The idea that the highest type of manhood and womanhood is attained only through the harmonious unfolding of all the powers of the individual has been emphasized at all points. Opportunities for physical development as well as for moral and religious culture have always been present. The idea of co-education has been endorsed, and with the most favorable results. In this school the influence of home life has not been lacking. The seminary has been a home school in the highest and truest sense. But the prospects for the future are not bright. The feeling of all who were present at yesterday's exercises was that the Baptists could not afford to let the school pass out of their hands. Various schemes are under consideration for the liquidation of the debt, which amounts in all to \$28,000.

The past year has been the best in the history of the institution. The school has had more students than ever before on its roll and the graduating class outnumbers any class

that the seminary has sent out. There has been a marked improvement in every department, and in the matriculation course the seminary stands ahead of any similar institution in the maritime provinces. During the past two years, the principal, Dr. deBlois, has undertaken the conduct of the school on his own responsibility. He has held himself liable for all bills contracted, and has paid them too. The result is that the school has made money, there being a very satisfactory balance to its credit. It is to be remembered that rooms have been finished and extensive improvements made out of the receipts. It is to be hoped that arrangement can be completed whereby the school may continue.

The exhibition hall was filled with people, and everything inside looked well. The room and the approaches to it were appropriately decorated. Over the platform on a dark background in gold letters were: "Excelsior '94." The chair was occupied by Dr. deBlois and the faculty, while a number of ministers and prominent friends of the school, had seats near him. The programme was as follows:

- Music.
- Prayer by Rev. Dr. Carey.
- The Power of Patience—Albert A. Fanjoy, St. John, N. B.
- The Influence of Music—Miss Bessie O'Brien, St. George, N. B.
- Co-education—Miss Nellie J. Denton, Westport, N. S.
- National Character—Miss Helen Day, Upper Sheffield, N. B.
- Progress of Railways—Malcolm King, Chipman, N. B.
- Chaplain in Canada—Miss Melissa Brown, St. Martins, N. B.
- Piano Solo, Capriccio Brilliant (Mendelssohn)—Miss Maud Dawson, Hillsboro, N. S.
- Some Pleasant Acquaintances—Miss Gay Day, St. Martins, N. B.
- Nature as a Teacher—Leonard H. Crandall, Moncton, N. B.
- Friendship—Joseph Mills, Sussex, N. B.
- Civilization in Africa—Miss Aurilla Hale, Woodstock, N. B.
- Education on Religion—York A. King, Petticoat, N. B.
- Life of Carl von Weber—Miss Bessie Bostwick, St. John, N. B.
- Piano Solo, Concerto G. Minor (Mendelssohn)—Miss Bessie O'Brien.
- A Trip on a C-met—Miss Kate Phillips, Woodstock, N. B.
- The Close Night doth play the Runaway—Miss Carrie Hart, Jackson town, N. B.
- True Nobility—Peter W. Gordon, St. John, N. B.
- The Plebeian—Leverett A. Fenwick, Apohaqui, N. B.
- Music as a Science and Art—Miss Mand Dawson, Hillsboro, N. B.
- Canadian Patriotism—Wilfred C. Kierstead, Apohaqui, N. S.
- Piano solo, Concerto F# Major (Carl von Weber) Miss Bessie Bostwick.
- Presentation of diplomas.
- Awarding of prizes and certificates.
- Addresses.
- National anthem.
- Benediction.
- Excused.

The students occupied the front seats. The musical portion of the programme was good, and the essays delivered were far above the average.

After presenting the diplomas, Dr. deBlois addressed the graduates at some length. Beyond the four walls of the seminary, he said, there lay a world of work, and that amid all the pleasures and sorrows there must be an under-current of effort, of striving and of purpose. This work at the seminary would have a great influence on their lives. The school would from this time forward live only as a sentiment in their lives, but the character of their lives would depend largely upon what they had done while residents in it. Had their lives been true and their hearts pure? There were in the world temples of sin and self to worship at, and idols of gold and silver to fall down before. He appealed to the class to rise from the dust, to cast their eyes upon the hills whence came their strength. His hope was that they were fitted with honest effort to seek after the truth at every cost. Let the characteristic of their lives be truth. The highest truth was that which was hid with Christ in the Lord. Remember Jesus, and might the truth as it shone in Him be the illuminating power in their lives. Serve God; remember Jesus Christ, his son. "My last words," said Dr. deBlois, "are, God bless you."

The recipients of the diplomas were as follows:

- Matriculation course—Leonard Harris Crandall, Albert Arnold Fanjoy, Peter William Gordon, Wilfred Kierstead, York Adam King, Joseph Mills.
- Classical course—Aurilla Hale, Kate Townley Phillips.

English Scientific course—Melissa Adeline Brown, Helen Eliza Day, Gay Darling Day, Nellie Gertrude Denton, Leverett Arthur Fenwick, Malcolm Briggs King.

Musical course—Bessie Dumaresq Bostwick, Martha Maud Dawson, Bessie Jane O'Brien.

Shorthand and Typewriting—R. Allan Love.

Principal deBlois then presented the matriculation diploma to Miss Hall of Woodstock, and the certificates of the completion of the shorthand and typewriting course to R. A. Love.

The following prizes were next presented:

That given by A. C. Smith, M. P. P., for excellence in scientific studies, to Joseph Mills of the senior class.

That donated by J. J. Bostwick for excellence in English grammar and composition, to Miss Alma Phillips.

That given by Alfred Seely for excellence in the English literature department, to Peter Gordon of the senior class.

The matriculation prize for the member having the highest average in all the studies, to Leonard H. Crandall of Moncton.

In presenting this last prize Dr. deBlois congratulated Mr. Crandall on having secured the prize. He had the best record made by any student of the seminary during its existence. Of all the 400 students Mr. Crandall's record was the best.

Dr. deBlois next addressed the assemblage. He stated that the school had 98 students last year, of whom 72 were residents of the school. There were nine theological students. Quite a number had been baptized and about all were Christians. The number of students was larger than ever before and the graduating class, 18 in all, was the biggest on record. But numbers were not an index. The quality of the work done must be considered, as well as the number of students. The work by seniors and their devotion to their studies had been marked. The school had met with the usual difficulties, but it had succeeded in spite of all in paying its way. The teachers had been faithful. The school in its matriculation course was ahead of any other in the lower provinces. The principal paid a high tribute to the ability of vice principal Chipman. It was a pleasure for him (the principle) to have associated with him such an excellent staff of teachers. The past year had been a successful one financially. The school had more than paid running expenses. For two years it had done so, and in addition to that paid the cost of finishing rooms and making numerous improvements. The Baptists should be reminded of the fact that the school could pay its way all right.

The other addresses did not come on then, the hour being late.

The Alumni dinner was held in the spacious dining hall and was fully enjoyed by the immense crowd who were present. Rev. J. A. Gordon presided. Speeches were made by Rev. J. W. Clark, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Rev. Dr. Carey, G. G. King of Chipman, Wm. Lewis of this city, L. H. Crandall, Prof. Chipman, G. W. Titus of Bloomfield, C. B. Pidgeon of St. John, J. S. Titus, Rev. S. McC. Black and others.

It was stated that two men were willing to give \$500 each towards the liquidation of the debt.

Cheers were given for Mrs. Vaughan the matron, who is characterized by the students as the ideal matron.

In the evening, the weather having cleared up, the hall was crowded. The attraction was the grand closing concert by the teachers. It was a rich treat.

The closing exercises, from first to last, were most satisfactory, and gave much pleasure to the large number of visitors who attended.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

"Rise up ye women that are at ease." Isaiah 32: 9.

[All contributions for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Jos. McLeod, Fredericton.]

Missionary Concert.

Another of our quarterly missionary concerts was held in the Carleton F. B. Church, Tuesday evening, June 5th. It proved to be a very pleasing and successful entertainment, the very

best in connection with this series of concerts, ever held in this church. The evening was fine, and a large number gathered to listen to the following programme: Opening Anthem, Carleton choir; Reading Scriptures, Rev. J. W. Halse; Prayer, Rev. J. W. Clarke; Extracts from letter of Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. A. C. Smith; Solo, G. S. Mayes; Little Lights, Infant class; Reading, Miss Armstrong; Solo, Mrs. Worden; Recitation, Mamie Jackson; Address, Rev. J. W. Halse; Recitation, Miss Seely; Solo, Miss Day; Reading, Miss Minnie Rogers; Singing, Waterloo Street choir; Collection, \$17.65; Reading, Frank S. Hartley; Recitation, Jennie Carl; Solo, Miss Day; Address, Rev. J. W. Clarke; Singing, Carleton Choir; Reading, Miss Coes; Anthem, the Choir; Closing, Rev. G. A. Hartley.

It may be interesting to the many readers of this column to read the extracts from Mrs. Boyer's letter as given by Mrs. Smith:

"I don't know anything better to write about than just how I have spent this day. One of the boys woke me up this morning, at about 5.30, to say good-bye before he went to school. During the hot weather, school begins at six in the morning, and closes at ten. When I got out to the table, which is spread on the verandah to get the fresh morning air, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin had eaten and gone to their room, so Miss Gaunce and I ate together. We had cracked wheat and toast and plantains. I had tea, but she used milk instead. Our native servants get our meals. Labour is cheap; they are poor and need work. The climate is too envying to permit of our doing our own house work and mission work too; so these household matters, such as cooking, dusting, sweeping, etc., are largely left to them. My servants are mostly christians; some have been with me ever since we kept house, and are very faithful and attached to me. We can keep eight servants here for what it costs to keep one at home, but the eight do not do more than one good one at home would do. After breakfast one of our pastor's sons, a young man of about twenty, came for some help in grammar. He is studying English by himself, and I help him some every day. He has been rather wild, but during our revival meetings in January, he came forward, and has been doing well ever since. I gave him some parsing, and while he was doing it I wrote my weekly letter to mother. In the mean time Miss Gaunce was studying Orriya with her native teacher, on the verandah near me. The Hamlin's were doing the same in their room. When Rayani the young man had finished his work, I read Bengali with his help, and then we had a nice little talk about the wisdom and love God showed in chastening his children. Every day, very naturally, some of these things come into our conversation, and I do pray they may be blessed to his good; I hope yet to see him a useful spiritual preacher, like his father is. At nine, Miss Gaunce went over to school to teach a little class she has in English. Some boys come to me for books and medicine, and one, alas! to confess that he had used tobacco last night; one has just come to put a garland of flowers around my neck.

At ten we had our mid-day meal. We had chicken and potato and native vegetable. About the only meat we have is chicken, served up in numberless ways. Beef we cannot get, and the mutton, so called, is really goat. Still, the food is good and palatable. We had pancakes made of flour, and molasses, for sugar cane is raised here. After our meal we had family prayers; we sang and Mr. Hamlin led in prayer to-day. After prayers I went in Miss Gaunce's room for a little chat, and then she came in mine, and by that time it was twelve o'clock, and I rang the bell for the boy's prayers. They all assembled in the big room, and we had the lesson about Joseph forgiving his brethren. It is a very sweet lesson. We study the lessons every day, and go into them pretty thoroughly. The professed christian boys take turns praying. After prayers, came the boys sewing; they make most of their own clothes. For school they wear only a little drill coat and pair of pants. For Sunday they have print coats and the native home cloth with a bright border. All saw but the very oldest boys, who have long and hard lessons.

After the sewing was nearly over I talked some with my large boys, and then came to write some letters, as this is home mail day. To day there is no one ill, no one has come from the village with a tale of woe, and none of my boys have quarrelled nor run away from school; neither is it pay-day for preachers, teachers or servants. So I can rejoice and be glad in its comparative peacefulness.

Miss Gaunce, besides her Orriya studies, finds time to help the boys with their lessons, teach a class in school, etc, but best of all I rejoice in the sweet womanly christian influence she exerts over the boys. They are much attached to her already. Last night over twenty-five were present at the A. C. F. It is held here on the floor of my sitting room. One of our deacons, a very active and gifted young man, leads. This is the senior division, for boys only. There are over two hundred children who attend in all. Poor little children! Such a heritage of sin as many of them have. All around wicked deeds and words abound, moral weakness is the heritage. I referred to, and only the little influence we can bring to bear to save them! One of my big boys said to me, "mother, when we are with you it is so easy to be good, but when we go to school we hear and see such dreadful things that our minds get bad at once." I am glad I love the natives and can get down to them. My boys make me their confidante and friend. Some of my boys are so helpful and affectionate that my heart swells with gratitude and joy when I think of it. I expect I could write on till you are tired, but I think this is enough for the first letter. I am thankful that I had grace given me to send my little ones to you. It was much better for them.

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ABOUT THE BIBLE.—A prisoner condemned to confinement, is said to have obtained a Bible, and after three years careful study, to have made a list of some curious notes respecting its contents. The Bible, he says, contains 66 books, 1,189 chapters, 31,173 verses, 773,692 words and 3,586,483 letters. The word "Lord" occurs 46,227 times, "Jehovah" 6,885 times, "God" 35,543 times, the word "and" 46,277 times. The 21st verse of chap. vii. of "Ezra" contains all the letters of the alphabet, except the letter "j." The two chapters, 2 Kings, xix., and Isa. xxxvii., are word for word alike. Esther viii. 9, is the longest verse, and John xi. 35, the shortest. The Book contains no word or name of more than six syllables.

WINE AT COMMUNION.—The Christian Work says: "Quite a sensation seems to have been rendered by the rector of a Brooklyn church the other day. It was on a Sunday that the surprise came to his people, when, standing up in the chancel, he told them that entirely too much wine was consumed at communion. 'Instead of taking a sip,' he said, 'there are some people who insist on taking good-sized drinks;' and he added, 'I know for a fact that we in this church use twice as much wine as is used in many New York churches of the same size.' It is said the parishioners were and are very indignant. But we do not see cause for their indignation, unless the charge is untrue. A like abuse used to prevail in Holland and in England; and the Lutheran Observer states that the same excess sometimes occurred in the olden time in German Lutheran and Reformed congregations in Pennsylvania. It adds, 'After the communion the deacons of some churches were in the habit of drinking the wine left over; and we recall an instance in which they created a great scandal thereby.' It is needless to recall the fact that excessive eating and drinking at the Lord's Supper by the Corinthian Christians eighteen centuries ago brought out the withering rebuke of the apostle Paul (1 Cor. xi. 17-22). We judge if Paul could rebuke the Corinthian church for an abuse of the privileges of the Lord's Supper, it is in order for a minister to-day to admonish people of an excess which is most dishonoring to the sacred occasion."

Of the 26 barons who signed the Magna Charta, 3 wrote their names and 23 made their mark. This is all changed now. Every baron can write, but only a few succeed in making their mark.