

with the successive kings of Judah as recorded in II. Chr. chaps. 11-36.)

II. Luke's record.

Here is given a list of names that, in the m. in, are wholly different from those of Matthew. But Luke was, very probably, a Gentile (Col. 4: 11, 14.) and wrote his Gospel for the Greek Christians in particular and for the Gentile Christians in general. Consequently Christ is represented not only as the "Lion of the tribe of Judah" but as a light "to lighten the Gentiles" (chap. 2: 31, 32). Luke presents Christ as the "salvation prepared for all the world," and traces his descent to Adam, "the Son of God," thus showing the fulfilment of God's promise to all mankind (Gen. 2: 15, 20, Rom. 16: 20). In the assumption that Luke was a Greek Christian can be found no reason to doubt the authenticity of his record. He displays the most accurate knowledge of the Jewish religion, ceremonies and customs.

Looking at the two Gospel records from the standpoints of the authors, it is clear why Luke carries the genealogy to Adam instead of to Abraham only. It also explains Luke's seeming indifference to that Matthew thought of prime importance—Matthew plunges at once into the old records; Luke in rather an inferior way, as one must infer from chap. 3: 23, leaves the genealogy until the third chapter. But Luke is especially careful to emphasize the fact that Jesus is the Son of God, begotten by the Holy Spirit.

III. Can the two records be harmonized?

There are two theories by which the seeming incongruities are explained. First, it is maintained that both accounts give Joseph's genealogy. This is supported by many able authorities. Matthew is said to trace Joseph's descent as the legal heir through Solomon, to David's throne, while Luke traces Joseph's private genealogy through Nathan, who was Solomon's brother (2 Sam. 5: 14). The two lines seem to converge in Salathiel and Zorobabel and then diverge until Nathan (Matt. 1: 15; Luke 3: 24). This would make Joseph the actual son of Heli (Luke 3: 23), but the next in heir to the throne after Jacob (Matt. 1: 16). Then Jacob was the elder brother of Heli and, as Jacob must have had no son, Joseph is the nearest male heir and, in tracing kinship, descent, would be spoken of as a son. Of course there was no throne now, but this would have been the order of succession had the Jews not been deprived by a foreign power of their national independence.

It the two lines are thus contemporaneous, why does Luke give so many names not given by Matthew?

1. It was a peculiar feature of Hebrew genealogy to classify by generations, and in order to make these groups according to some favorite number (e. g. fourteen), some of the less important names were frequently omitted.

2. The main object of genealogy was not to name all one's ancestors but merely to trace descent from some prominent person.

3. It was another peculiarity to speak of one man as son of another when, in reality, several steps removed (see Matt. 1: 20, 2 Chr. 34: 3, etc.)

Now Matthew being a Jew adhered closely to the Hebrew peculiarities hence his brevity and rigid classification by generations.

Second, Luke's account is said to be the genealogy of Mary. Many hold to this opinion. At the beginning of the record (Luke 3: 23). Joseph's name instead of Mary's is mentioned as it was not customary to give a woman's name in the genealogical records of the Jews. There is much indirect evidence to support this view.

1. Luke from the very first of his Gospel gives more prominence to Mary than to Joseph. The angel's appearance to her is carefully recorded, while Matthew records only the angel's visit to Joseph.

2. The parenthetical words of verse 23 strongly suggest that Luke considered Joseph's part far inferior to that of Mary.

3. Nor does it seem improbable that Mary should, in reality, be the one by whom Christ's descent from David should be traced. By her only would he be truly David's descendant through the flesh (see Acts 2: 30, Rom. 1: 3, 2 Tim. 2: 8). Those who support the first theory do not disregard this point but waive the difficulty by making Mary the daughter of Jacob and cousin to her husband, Joseph. Thus both she and Joseph would be descended from David. (That she was related to Elizabeth (Luke 1: 36) is proof that she must have been of important parentage.)

A further discussion of the subject is, perhaps, not practicable here. As to what theory one shall accept it matters but little. Neither Matthew nor Luke teaches our Lord to be other than what we all would have him be,—the Son of the living God.

S. J. CASE.

Dec. 10, 1896.

Mission News and Notes

—Missionaries on the foreign field bring in three times as many converts every year as all the ministers here at home, aided by Christian influence, workers, and literature.

—There are said to be over thirty thousand Protestant Kafir members in the Wesleyan missions in South Africa, and they are all professed abstainers from intoxicating liquors.

—For the erection of a new church at Apia, in the Samoan Islands, the natives themselves recently contributed \$3,500. The Samoan church supports twenty missionaries in New Guinea.

—India no longer seems far away, and yet Rev. Robert Spurgeon, a Baptist missionary in Barisal, says that there are districts in that province of 500,000 inhabitants without a single preacher; and he adds that when an occasional visit is made to the people, they listen eagerly and freely buy Bibles and tracts.

—The list of missionaries who are leaving England this year in connection with the Church Missionary Society is an unusually large one. It includes forty-seven clergymen, seven doctors, sixteen laymen, twenty-six wives of missionaries, and thirty-eight women workers. Of these, sixty-nine are going for the first time. The bishopric of Sierra Leone is vacant, and Canon Taylor Smith is spoken of as the successor of Bishop Ingham. Canon Smith attended Prince Battenberg during his last illness, and during his stay here has been much at court. It is commonly reported that he has deeply interested the queen in foreign missionary work.

General Religious News.

—It is announced that Mr. Moody will begin a series of meetings in Boston early in January.

—Dr. G. F. Pentecost, who has been in London for several years, has accepted a call to the Yonkers, N. Y. Presbyterian church.

—Rev. John McNeill, the "Scotch Moody," has been invited by the Calcutta Pastors' Association to spend the whole of the cold winter season of 1897-98 in conducting missions among the Europeans and English-speaking students of India.

—A large, handsomely furnished house, valued at \$130,000, has been presented to the Young Women's Christian Association of Paris, by a wealthy woman of that city, who has also paid off the remnant of the debt of the Young Men's Christian Association, amounting to \$3,000.

Mr. Moody gets \$100,000 left him for his educational work in Chicago and Northfield. The money was bequeathed to a board of trustees by J. N. Harris, a New London bank president, who died about three weeks ago.

—Few Christian organizations ever had a more auspicious beginning and a more favorable opportunity than the Unitarian Church in the United States. Few have so utterly failed to realize all that was predicted and expected of it. When American Unitarianism began its career at the commencement of the present century it started out with a large backing of the most wealthy, influential, and intellectual of the community, and Harvard College with its endowments and prestige passed into its hands. After nearly 100 years of effort under the most advantageous circumstances, what has Unitarianism to show? Less than 500 churches, while Trinitarianism has some 80,000; about 70,000 communicants against several million evangelical orthodox communicants.

Home Religious News.

—An Evangelist is holding special meetings in the Advent church, Woodstock.

—Messrs. Crossley and Hunter began a series of meetings at Lunenburg, N. S., last week.

—Rev. S. Gibbons, rector of the Episcopal church at Parrsboro, N. S., died suddenly on Monday of last week. He had conducted two services the day before. He was an Esquimaux by birth.

—Next Sunday, 27th inst., the services of dedication of the Main St. Baptist Church, St. John, will begin. Rev. G. O. Gates is to preach the first sermon, at 11 a. m. There is to be a meeting each evening of the week—Monday, Interdenominational; Tuesday, Education; Wednesday, Young People; Thursday, Missionary; Friday, Prayer and Thanksgiving; Saturday, Baptist Y. P. U.

Denominational News.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

I wish to express my thanks to a number of my friends at Pettoodiac for the gift of a very nice Persian lamb cap. This is not the first expression of their good will and regard for me, the Lord bless and reward them.

G. SWIM.

FROM REV. S. J. PERRY.—It is not because I have lost interest in the Denominational news department that I have not reported before, but that I have had nothing of special interest to write. I am working on the same field as last year, except instead of Wicklow I have Perth Centre. I intended to go to Tobique part of my time, have been there a number of times since Conference. Rev. John Perry came to see me. He had no field; we talked the matter over, and he decided to take the part of the field on the Tobique and the Churches he mentioned. I have held a few meetings at Lower Perth. The church has been helped so far as possible under the circumstances. It is not possible for God's blessing to come to a people until they get right with their fellows as well as with Him. A number of young people manifested a desire to be Christians; one was baptized last Lord's day. Another young man would have been but his health would not permit. I am now holding meetings at Bath, with encouraging prospects; the church has been strengthened. I purpose to continue the meetings a while longer. I intend holding meetings all over my field. Pray that the work of the Lord may prosper in this part of the field.

S. J. PERRY.

Bath, Dec. 16th.

CARLETON.—Carleton church has no revival interest to report. It has, however, to say that, a good state of fellowship and brotherly love exist amongst younger and older alike. The pastor's health is so far improved, that he continues to conduct all the Sunday and mid-week services, preaching every Sunday evening to large congregations. The officers and leading members see eye to eye in all church work and area faithful band of brethren. The Sunday morning social meeting is fairly well attended, and is much enjoyed by the more spiritually minded of the membership. The mid-week social meetings are good in spirit, but are not so largely attended as we have had sometimes during the past. The Sunday evening congregation is as large as we have had at any time for many years. Strangers are seen scattered through the house at every preaching service. The Sunday School is healthful and prosperous. A few weeks since at the annual election of officers, W. O. Slipp was chosen Superintendent. H. Colby Smith, Assistant Superintendent, J. Reil Webb, assisted by Percy Parks and Sandy Kindred Librarian, and Miss Carley Seely Treasurer. These officers bearers with a staff of good teachers are doing faithful work. Two weeks ago the school supplied itself with a new and excellent library costing over \$100.00. The attendance is running from 168 to 180. Our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour is holding its way, and accomplishing good. The weekly attendance is from 45 to 50. The pastor always attends and greatly enjoys these meetings. At a recent election of officers, some changes were made, not because any of the officers were tired of the work or declined to serve, but believing that the responsibilities and duties of office, develop and bring out the latent powers of those who fill these prominent places, as a matter of loving care, our young people pass around these good positions. At present we have for President H. Colby Smith, with Jessie Slipp Vice President, Frank Craig, Treasurer, Minnie Rogers Corresponding Secretary, A. Gertie Hartley Secretary and Sadie E. Smith Organist. The Sewing Circle of this society held a fancy sale a few days since, from which they had \$45.00 after paying expenses. Twenty-five dollars of this they voted to expend in practical mission work in India under the direction of sister Gaunce. Twenty dollars they gave to the church debt liquidation fund. Peace and harmony prevail amongst the young people.

The Woman's Mission Aid Society holds its regular weekly meetings which are quite well attended. Mrs. D. W. Clarke is President. There is an increase of attendance and of interest as compared with last year. The Sewing Circle, of which Mrs. Hartley is President and Mrs. A. C. Smith is Secretary-Treasurer, is prosperous and is increasing in interest. The Circle meets from house to house, each week, by invitation. The sisters meet at 3 o'clock p. m. and usually a few brethren come in time to take tea. The pastor is always present and closes at 9 p. m. with Scripture reading and prayers. During the year 1896, these sisters have deposited in the Savings Bank more than \$200.00.

They have had no public sale, but have disposed of all their made up goods by private sales. A good many family orders are taken and in this way they get along without the extra work of Bazaar etc. It is a pleasant system of visiting and develops a strong social tie.

Each department of our work is well organized and well officered. There is danger, however, of being too well satisfied with these things. We need a deeper spiritual work, a fuller consecration to the spiritual work of the church. Souls are around us, whose salvation we desire and should see before this winter is gone. For the good state of things we enjoy we thank God, and for those better blessings needed we take courage and hope.

G. A. H.

Dec. 18th '97.

FROM G. W. FOSTER.—Some time has past since I have written anything for the "INTELLIGENCER"; I agree, with Bro. Hartley that we ought to write oftener, whether we have revivals to report or not and thus encourage one another in the Lord. Some little time ago I held a few meetings at Upper Otanabog in the school house. There is not very many people in the community, but I felt that something ought to be done to help them. The meetings were good and we believe that a number were convicted, but did not give themselves to Christ, but we trust they will ere long. Two were baptized. I was kindly remembered by the people, who presented me with (\$7.00) Seven Dollars in cash the result of a Pie Social. The evening they held the Social was very unfavourable, and therefore it was not as much of a success as it otherwise would have been. But the people did the best they could under the circumstances and I feel very grateful to them and appreciate their kind efforts very much.

I am now holding special services at the Woodville Village Hall, we are not seeing all we would like to see, but the meetings are fairly well attended and the brethren and sisters have been revived in the spirit of their minds. We have tried to preach the Word faithfully, and hope that the good seed sown will bring forth fruit to the glory of God, and the good of souls. Looking over this entire circuit, I may say, that there are some things, we wish were better, but on the whole, we have much to praise God for, and to encourage us. The brethren and sisters, both old and young, for the most part, are trying to hold on their way, and contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. FOSTER.

Hampstead, Queens Co.,

Dec. 18, 1896.

A DIALOGUE.—The editor of "The Forward" prints the following dialogue. Other editors have had reason to say like things:

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Friend: Can it be possible that within the shadow of church and school there are to be found little souls to stoop to such petty pilfering?

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DEATH OF A MINISTER.—Rev. A. M. Phillips, a leading Methodist minister, died in Montreal last Wednesday. He was one of the most active and promising of the younger ministers. He had several years been one of the leaders in the temperance reform, doing valuable service.

POLITICAL NEWS.—Mr. McGillivray (Conservative), the member for North Ontario has resigned his seat.

Parliament is likely to meet the first week in March.

Denominational Notices.

NOTICE.

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Marriages.

COX-WHITE.—At the residence of the bride, Dec. 1st, by Rev. S. J. Perry, William B. Cox Esq., of Perth, Victoria Co. to Miss Roxie E., daughter of the late G. O. White, of Fairfield Me.

Deaths.

RUSSELL.—At Pettoodiac Dec. 6th, of cancer, Mrs. Eliza Russell, relict of the late Capt. Robert Russell aged 57 years. Our deceased sister professed religion 20 years ago. She was a member of the Baptist Church at Elgin and was a good woman about a year since she suffered excruciating pain with cancer, she was very patient and the Saviour was very precious to her. She told me a number of times it was all right. She died in the faith of Jesus, and has entered into rest. By her own request the writer officiated at her funeral.

GIDEON SWIM.

THOMSON.—At Hampstead, Queens Co., on the 24th of November, George B. Thomson, aged 81 years, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss. His end was peace. Funeral services conducted by the writer on the 25th of Nov., at the Central Methodist church Text Job 19th chap. and 25th ver. e.

G. W. FOSTER.

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