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The Canadian Presbyterian church year, which ended March 31st, was, in point of contributions for church work, one of the best in its history. Every fund of the church, except one, ended the year free from debt. The one fund which is behind is that for the relief of aged and infirm ministers, which has a debt of \$3,000. The March receipts for missions and other general purposes were over \$100,000.

A four weeks' series of meetings at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, has resulted in much blessing to the community. The Christian church there has received 101 new members, 88 of them by baptism. The majority of the converts, it is stated, are heads of families. The meetings were conducted by Elder W. H. Harding, of Hants, N. S. He is now holding meetings at Leonardville.

Rev. Dr. Saunders, in a letter to the Canadian Baptist, gives the following statistics of Baptist growth in the Maritime Provinces in the last fifty years: In 1848 there were sixty ordained ministers, 141 churches, and 11,662 members; in 1858, 251 churches, 18,506 members; in 1868, 165 ministers, 287 churches, and 26,751 members; in 1878, 197 ministers, 351 churches, 36,430 members; in 1888, 236 ministers, 397 churches, and 42,171 members; in 1897, 241 ministers, 414 churches, and 50,424 members. The growth would have been much more rapid had there not been so large an emigration to the United States. In 1849, the institutions at Horton had six professors and teachers, and 101 students, but no endowment. To-day they have \$145,000 endowment, and about \$100,000 worth of property—premises, buildings, and furnishings. There are about twenty eight professors and teachers.

Denominational News.

CHEGGOGGIN, N. S.—The Lord is blessing us here. On Sunday, Apr. 3rd, I administered baptism to four converts, who, with two others, were received into the church.

FRANK A. CURRIER.

Apr. 3rd.

FROM REV. J. NOBLE.—Again I write you briefly. To write a letter to each friend would take more time and money than I have. Occupying part of a column in our denominational paper I reach many. I am glad there are so many who take the INTELLIGENCER, but there are many more who should be its regular readers. I do not know how members of a denomination can get along without knowing how the good cause is prospering in all parts of the field. And how can they know without taking their denominational paper? When I open the paper the first thing I look for is the Denominational News; then the deaths, then the general religious news, and the news of what is going on in the world; then there is something from Doctor Cuyler, then occasionally something from Doctor Penney and others, all of whom give us so much to think about and help us in our Christian life; and I find it filled with good things. A few weeks ago I got thinking about Beaver Harbor, and made up my mind to spend two Sundays there. The last day of March I left home, got in to St. John that night, went to Carleton without stopping to see any one in the city; that evening our folks in Carleton had a supper in the vestry, which gave me an opportunity of seeing a good many of my old friends. Next day I went to Beaver Harbour. The first Sunday there was very stormy, and it was, also, the next week; but we held meetings—three evenings in the week, and two on Sunday. They were good meetings, and I believe good resulted from them. Sunday evening a good congregation, and a very interesting one was out. It looks to me that the field is ripe for a harvest. I felt that if I was only younger, or abler to work, how I would like to remain there for a time. But my strength is not equal to such work as is required there, so I must be content to do what I can. I hope by next month the roads will be so that I can go to Knowlesville and vicinity.

J. NOBLE.

FROM REV. A. G. DOWNEY.—For nearly a month I have been suffering from a severe attack of "ministers' sore-throat." This is the fourth severe attack in 15 years. They have, heretofore, lasted from one to three months in the acute stage. About eight years ago I was laid up six months from first to last. But this is still more serious, because of lung complication. I have been practically confined to the house for two weeks. Every breath of cold air goes to the bottom of my lungs and aggravates the terrible cough that I have. Such is my condition that my physician has forbidden me to preach at all at

Present, and says I cannot preach three times a Sabbath, and stand the necessary drive, for a long time. After looking the matter over carefully I decided to tender, and have forwarded, my resignation to the Waterville pastorate, that I may feel free from all care, and at liberty to fully retire from active work till I recover. I such be the Lord's will. Since closing special work with the Waterville church I have not spoken above a whisper, and am no better, with little prospect of being any better for a good while. I cannot expect any people to pay me for work that I cannot do, and for me to carry these important churches with my throat and lungs in their present condition would, it appears to me to do them a great wrong, as I have no prospect whatever of being able to preach for the Summer, at least. The churches are in good condition. They have a snug parsonage unoccupied—I live at Somerville—and are a kind and liberal people. I trust God will put it into the heart of some earnest man to come and take up the work on this important field for the balance of the year, for I believe the field is white and ready for the harvest. What it needs just now is the reaper.

A. G. DOWNEY.

TRACEY STATION, S. Co.—I suppose some of the readers of the INTELLIGENCER would like to hear a few words from Tracey. We commenced meetings after the reopening of the church, and have continued until now. The church has been much blessed; backsliders have been reclaimed, and sinners have been converted. Six new ones have made a start for Heaven, and are doing very well. We have not had any baptism yet, but expect to have some time in the future. I may continue the meetings this week if my health will permit, and the roads are not too bad; they are in a bad state just now. My health has been very poor of late; sometimes I do not know whether I will be able to continue preaching. Our people here are intending to have the outside of their church painted. The sisters have organized a sewing circle, and are doing good work. Mrs. J. A. Robertson is President; Mrs. Seely, Vice President; Mrs. Milton Curry, Secretary; Miss Chloe Tracey, Treasurer. They have a membership of about twenty-five. I hope to hear often from the Brethren, through the INTELLIGENCER.

JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

ST. JOHN, NORT.—It is, probably, time I was reporting the work of the church here. The Tuesday and Friday night prayer meetings are well attended, as also, are Sunday services. The church finances are in a healthy condition. The "Earnest Workers" and the "Faithful Ten" are deeply interested in lessening the church debt. There is not the deep spiritual interest manifested for the saving of souls and reclaiming the careless that a pastor would like to see. While we have many who are anxious to see the church prosper, there are many who are indifferent. How God's cause would prosper if all church members would stand shoulder to shoulder for the building up of Zion. We hear a great deal about nations preparing for war; and we pray God that peace may be made. But brethren we are engaged in a war against a peaceful and subtle foe; there is no laying down arms or standing at ease; our orders are to make no league with the world, but to fight unceasingly. To conquer we must have on "the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the adversary." If we are faithful we shall at last exchange the sword for the palm, and shall praise God for the victory gained through Jesus our Redeemer. Brethren, remember us in your prayers.

DAVID LONG.

CHURCHES.—Work on the parsonage at Sussex is progressing nicely. The special meetings at Mount Pleasant, C. Co., conducted by Rev. J. J. Barnes, are of much interest. The church is a good deal revived, and pastor and people are expecting conversions.

The special meetings at Marysville have resulted in much good. Last Sabbath the pastor, Rev. C. T. Parsons, baptised three recent converts.

MINISTERS.—Rev. B. H. Nobles is attending to his work now. His people will not, we trust, be very exacting for a while. A little overwork just now may much retard his full recovery.

Rev. J. O. McLeod spent Easter Sunday at McAdam, preaching twice. Rev. D. T. Porter, of Advocate, N. S., was in poor health the last part of the winter. For two Sundays he was unable to preach. He is better now, and has resumed work. Besides his work at Advocate and Port Greville, he preached once a month during the winter at Parrsboro.

Licentiate Joseph E. Wilson is spending the summer vacation with the Barrington, N. S. church.

Rev. W. O. Keirstead preached in the Methodist church, this city, last Sabbath morning, exchanging with Rev. J. J. Teasdale, who took Dr. Keirstead's appointment at Gibbon.

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a new form in the near future in a book styled Christianity and the Social State, divided into three parts, the Social State, Social Chaos, Social Transformation. Messages of To Day for the Men of To-Morrow, a series of discourses full of suggestive and practical helps for present and future problems. The Monograph of Spurgeon (T.H. Earle) Publisher B. Ston is a book which has had a wide reading being translated into German and Swedish. The People's Bible, Bible History was edited by Dr. Lorimer to which Mr. Gladstone wrote the introduction and Dr. Lorimer wrote the concluding book of which there are sixteen, on The Church From Fall of Jerusalem to the Triumph under Constantine. The history is an elaborate affair historical rather than critical. What I Know About Books is a critical treatise on some of the best literature in which is traced the evolution of old thoughts and ideas in a new and modern form. The best and crowning work of all is his Argument for Christianity. This book shows the nature and mental characteristics as well as the literary habits of the man. Analytical historical argumentative and logical in its conception and execution, it is already used as a text-book in the University of Tokyo, Japan. The book is a good reflection of the man and his ways of thinking, his sources of inspiration, literary, historical, philosophical and theological.

On the lecture platform the Doctor is a decided favorite. His keen sense of humor pervades the discussion whether it be grave or romantic. This does not prevent him from paying out to his audience the extract of essence served up in rhetorical pellets, which the audience can take away in convenient form. His optimism is cheerful, his chivalrous espousal of the fair sex at once brings him into sympathetic communion with the majority of almost every audience a speaker may be called upon to address in New England. His sympathies with the cause of labor are pronounced, and for liberty he pleads loud and long—an apostle of Victor Hugo. The subjects of some of his lectures are: The Romance of a Preacher's Life; Gladstone, or the Grand Old Man; The Foreigner in America, or the Romance of Immigration; The Tragedy of Drunkenness, In Five Acts; Liberty in America, its Origin, Organization and Opportunities; Changes and Chances, or, Tides in the Affairs of Men; The Philanthropy of Humor, or Laughter in Life and Literature; Tramps, Cranks and Dudes, or, The Principle of Reversion to Type; Travel Tide, or Americans Abroad; Robert Burns, or the Poet of the People; The French Revolution, or, From Kingdom to Empire; From Chaucer to Tennyson, or a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of the English Poets.

Dr. Lorimer is a man of many parts. He is not a marble statue, lily white and free from imperfections, but a living being subject to human limitations. It is not the purpose of this article to enter into a blind hero worship of the man but rather to give a fair estimate of his qualities. He has a large heart full of sympathy for the worthy poor and needy. His charities have been larger than many business men would deem expedient. There are scores of men who would have saved thousands of dollars out of their earnings where he has laid aside only hundreds. As it is his wife is the cash box, lock and key. He is most genial and pleasant to meet socially, electrifying one with the warmth of his personality. One should know him personally to appreciate the inner man, for at times when addressing an audience his manner and look is most rigid and stern. At heart he is tender and kind. In his methods of thought he is above all things logical. His growth and development in evolutionary thought is exceedingly marked in the last five years for a man of his age. At three score years he is growing. He is wide in his views of men and affairs, indulging in unwarranted criticism at times on England and things British. Flings at English religious, social and national customs usually please an American audience; particularly if sprinkled with the mediocrity. This may account for these ebullitions. In his profession he stands for an educated ministry, and earnest endeavor. He is severe in his censure of the Christian nations in their disposition towards Armenia and the Turk. On international questions and political economy his judgments and findings are not as valuable as his religious and literary achievements. He is now in the zenith of his power, and whether or not the stars care to smile upon him, matters not. He has achieved for himself a place and name in the religious history of the country. May that name grow in splendor until crowned with the Anglo-Saxon laurel Great.

FRANK FENWICK McLEOD.

A Continental Alliance Against the United States.

The probability of intervention in favor of Spain by some of the great powers is one of the things that tend to make the present situation particularly interesting. Not much has been said, so far about such intervention, but the possibility of it has always been an element to be considered, and now the matter is beginning to attract a greater amount of attention. It is a solemn fact that in the present crisis, and when on the eve of a great war, the United States has but one friend among the nations of Europe, and that friend is Great Britain, a nation that the people of the United States have persistently maligned and abused, and which they have taught their children to hate. Where, at this moment, is Russia, that dear friend, which was so much in love with the United States and its institutions, that its public demonstrations of affection were almost embarrassing? Russia, at the present time, is acting with France, and that nation is doing its best to stir up hostility to the United States in Continental Europe. We all know with what slavish adulation France has been regarded in the United States since the days of the Revolution, and how in every contest between France and Great Britain American sympathy has been extended to the former. Now, when the United States seeks for sympathy in return it finds only averted looks or hostile demonstrations. The despatches received from Paris yesterday announce that the feeling there both in the press and among the public is very strong against the United States. President McKinley is compared to Pontius Pilate, and the American congress is accused of a buccannery spirit, which it is feared will extend to the possessions of other nations as well as of Spain. The French do not forget that they own two valuable islands in the West Indies, Guadeloupe and Martinique, to say nothing of Guiana or Ceylon. If Spain can be peremptorily ordered out of Cuba, by the congress of the United States, how long will France be allowed to retain her American possessions? France, as a nation has always been closely connected with Spain, and there are good business reasons why the people of France do not desire to see Spain deprived of Cuba. The French people are large holders of Spanish bonds, and they have a strong interest in having the credit of that nation maintained. Hence the warmth of the Parisian press and their sudden forgetfulness of the ancient alliance between France and the United States.

The Queen Regent of Spain is an Austrian princess, and that nation is naturally active in seeking to prevent Spain being deprived of Cuba and Porto Rico by the American Republic. Italy, as a Latin nation, which France is, naturally takes the side of Spain. Here then we have four of the great powers Russia, France, Italy and Austria hostile to the action of the United States and only awaiting a favorable opportunity to do the great republic an injury. The position of Germany is less decided, but the tone of the German press is hostile to the United States, and these papers generally reflect the views of the government. The German emperor is well-known to regard the Monroe doctrine with great disfavor, and he will be disposed to view the action of congress with regard to Cuba as the logical outcome of that doctrine. The emperor has himself ambitions which are not in harmony with the aspirations of the United States towards both the American continents, and he may consider the present a favorable opportunity for giving the Monroe doctrine a severe setback and the United States a valuable lesson. Germany, therefore, would probably be found acting cordially with the other continental powers in this matter were it not for the influence of Great Britain, which has recently acquired a new potency in Germany, for reasons which may not be fully disclosed in our day. Of the fact, however, there is no doubt, and the effects of this re-approachment between Great Britain and Germany cannot fail to be recognized in the politics of the future. It will be well if one of its first results should be to prevent a continental combination against the United States. It is reported that matters have already gone so far in that direction as to take the form of a proposal by Austria that a naval demonstration of the fleets of the great powers take place in Cuban waters for the purpose of preventing the United States from making war on Spain. It may be safely affirmed that Great Britain will never assent to this proposal, and it is understood that Germany also hesitates. Such a demonstration could not be regarded otherwise than as a proof of hostility to the United States, and one which might be resented at a later day. If it should be undertaken by the four powers we have already mentioned, it would be met by a counter demonstration by the British fleet, which would be an object lesson to the people of both hemispheres.—Daily Telegraph.

POLITICAL NEWS.—In West Prince, P. E. I., Mr. McLellan, Liberal, was elected Wednesday, in place of the late Mr. Perry, Liberal.

It is intimated that Lord Aberdeen will be Governor General, till Sept. 1899, making his term six years.

Egypt Under British Rule.

Under the protection of British rule, Egypt has been enjoying a remarkable era of peace, and therefore of prosperity. Much work has been done to improve the conditions of the Nile with respect to its irrigating services, and now it is proposed to construct great dams at two points on the river which will impound the river and regulate its flow. This immense undertaking is to be completed within five years, at a cost of \$11,250,000, which is to be paid in thirty yearly instalments. The Government can well afford this outlay when it is estimated that the trade benefit of the dams will be not less than several millions a year. The principal dam, which will be the first cataraet, is to be 6,000 feet long and will retain more than twenty million cubic yards of water. A canal with locks will be constructed around it to give passage to vessels going up or down the river. A second and subsidiary dam will be built half way between the first cataraet and Cairo. The Inspector General for irrigation for lower Egypt, calculates that in the single small Province of Gishah, the present area of 5,000 acres of summer crops would be increased to 60,000. As the average value of such crops is \$50 an acre, the increase means a question of \$2,750,000 a year in this province alone. It is believed that the gain will be proportionate through out the whole Nile Valley affected by these engineering works.—Chris. Standard.

Denominational Notices.

APPOINTMENTS.

I will (D. V.) preach next Sunday, Apr. 24th, at Douglas 10 30 a. m., and at M.uth Keswick 3 p. m.

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Marriages.

CLAIN-HENSELEY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Sussex, April 6th, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Spurgeon Clain to Mary Henseley, both of Sussex N. B.

RYDER DUREN.—On the 29th ult. at 131 Waterloo St., by Rev. J. W. Clarke, Mr. James E. Ryder to Miss Margaret F. Duren, both of St. John N. B.

GRIFFIN-LIVINGSTON.—On the 7th, inst. at 191 Broad St., by Rev. J. W. Clarke, Mr. William Griffin, to Miss Hattie Livingston, both of St. John N. B.

FERRIS-SHEA.—At the residence of the officiating minister, on the 11th, inst. by Rev. J. W. Clarke, Alexander Ferris and Miss Catherine A. Shea, both of St. John.

Deaths.

BOONE.—At Rowena Vic. Co. April 6th, Mont A. Boone, aged 2 months and 8 days infant son of Deacon Henry and Mrs. Boone. Suffer the little children to come unto me.—(Fredericton Papers please copy.) J. H. P.

BURR.—At Rowena Vic. Co. April 2nd of Consumption William R. Burr aged 30 years passed from this life with a bright hope of the life to come. He leaves a wife three children, a father and five brothers to mourn their loss. Funeral conducted by the writer. (Text Rev. 14:13.) J. H. P.



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PLAUVELT.—At Tusket, N. S. April 1st, Adelaide, beloved wife of Capt. A. W. Plauvelt, aged 62. Our sister was a good Christian, and very highly respected by all. She had been a sufferer for years from cancer, which finally caused her death. Put the suffering of those years she most cheerfully and patiently bore; and a beautiful illustration of the power of Divine grace was her peaceful departure for the better world. The whole village mourns their loss of devoted sister.

A. W. C.

FRE.—At her home, Sussex, April 4th, after a long lingering illness, which was attended with much suffering, Matilda, beloved wife of Edward Erb, in the thirty-second year of her age, passed peacefully away from scenes temporal to those which are eternal. She leaves a sorrowing husband and two little boys, an aged widow mother, and many relatives and friends. To remember one who had been a true efficient wife, mother, sister and friend. She was a member of the Free Baptist church at Apohaqui. Her testimony was "Trusting in Jesus." The interment took place at the old "River Meeting House" burial place, where a large congregation met and suitable services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Swim. Text: "And they went and told Jesus."

CULBERSON.—At Waterville, C. Co., March 18th, 1898 Wm. Culberson Sr., aged 73 years and 3 months. Bro. Culberson had been a great sufferer for 27 years, having a complication of diseases, culminating in dropsy, of which he died. He was converted many years ago, and united with the Free Baptist church near his home, of which he was always a most consistent member, at one time filling the office of deacon, which he did to his own honor and the profit of the church. He leaves three daughters, two sons and 14 grandchildren to mourn the loss of a most worthy parent. Although an aged brother, the church will miss him. His walk was such that all learned to love him. His family have the sympathy of the whole community. Funeral service at Waterville Mar. 20th, by the pastor.

A. G. D.

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