

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

It seems to us that in sending out our missionaries, male or female, to the Foreign field, under present circumstances, requires unusual caution.

QUERIES ON COMMUNION.

To the Editor of the Christian Visitor. Sir,—I have been informed, on what I regard as credible testimony, that a Baptist Minister in Nova Scotia communed recently with a Pedobaptist Church, at the invitation of its pastor publicly given.

THE "CHRISTIAN VISITOR" CATECHISED, AND COMPELLED TO DO RIGHT.

The tone of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR of late, on questions of public interest, has given the Telegraph and Journal an immense amount of anxiety.

Then amid this tempest of anxious thought the Telegraph and Journal comforts himself with the idea that he has a great many more subscribers than the Visitor.

Then the Telegraph and Journal is especially comforted with the thought that even Baptists take it in great numbers, and that the "Baptists are wide awake."

Then the Telegraph and Journal puts on the climax by indicating that, in addition to its compelling power, it communes with the secret motives of the heart.

It really becomes a serious question, whether the editor of the Visitor, and all the other editors, ought not to retire before an arm of such prodigious power, and wisdom of such vast extent.

In conclusion we have only to add that if the editor of the Christian Visitor wishes to discuss questions of public interest, bearing upon the political, educational, social, moral or religious progress of the country, in a courteous, christian style, with the Visitor, we shall be most happy to respond in the same spirit.

THE GOOD WORK AT NORTON

is still bringing ransomed souls into the fold of Jesus. The pastor baptized seven promising converts on Sabbath last. It was a day of special interest—the house of God crowded to overflowing with anxious souls, listening, as for earnestly, to the word and testimony of Jehovah.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF LONDON'S DISTINGUISHED PREACHER.

We have seen, first and last, a great number of photographs of C. H. Spurgeon, sketched by different pens, looking at him from several standpoints.

I. THE PULPIT VIEW.

It was a fine Sunday morning in June last that I found myself and my travelling companion in front of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, tickets in hand, waiting for the opening of the doors.

The invocation is simple, direct, earnest, as if introducing the audience personally into the Divine presence. The singing hymn is read with a clear, sonorous voice, and marvellous appropriateness of the sentiments uttered.

Then came the sermon. It was about soldiering for Jesus: "Good soldiers of Jesus Christ." It was a glorious effort. I would "go by" a good many pulpits in Boston and New York to hear such another.

It is a rare ability to say common things in such an uncommon way that others will listen. He does not corruptate and scintillate. If he has it, it is the mellow glow of a great and warm thought, rather than the dazzle of a burnished speculation.

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library; and withal, the genial light of true domestic affection, Spurgeon's home life is a fit counterpart of his church life.

A BAPTIST CHURCH IN ANNAPOLIS.

Our readers will see that an effort is being made by the few Baptists resident in Annapolis, N. S., to erect a house to the glory of God in that place.

REVIVAL NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

The Christian Messenger of last week reports revival progress at Sable River, Shelburne County.

Many conversions have occurred, some of them very remarkable. The pastor, Bro. McKenna, baptized fourteen on a recent Sabbath.

Bro. H. Hardy, writing to the Messenger, from Smith's Corner, Digby, under recent date, says: "The extensive work of Grace which has been going on for some time past in this part of the Province still continues, and nearly all of the churches for many miles around are enjoying rich blessings.

At Digby Joggings the Church is being greatly blessed. The Rev. Mr. D. T. is one of peculiar interest to pastors. When asked what was the secret of his successful pastorate, he replied: "Personal attention to my Sunday-school."

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY.

With deep regret we announce the resignation of the Secretary of the Central Board, on account of her leaving the Province.

Until another one can be appointed, will those churches that have been in the habit of sending their quarterly contributions to Mrs. Humphrey kindly forward them to the Treasurer.

Mrs. Wm. Allwood, No. 90 Prince Wm. Street, St. John, N. B.

My dear Mrs. Humphrey.—Truly painful it is to us to bid good bye to one with whom we have been associated so closely for six months.

The precious hours we have enjoyed together will ever be held in remembrance; but God, in His all-wise Providence, has called you to a different field of labour, and although we mourn your departure, still we wish you every success, and that through every trial you may feel, "That under-neath and round about you, are the everlasting arms, and the eternal God your refuge."

As Secretary of our Society, you carry with you the consciousness of having discharged its duties with faithfulness, and to the satisfaction of all concerned: so may you be enabled to do in every duty that devolves upon you; and with our heartfelt sympathy, best wishes, and that the blessing of the Triune God may rest upon you.

Believe us, your sincere friends, LOUIS A. WOOD, A. S. PETTINGELL, A. R. CADY.

St. John, N. B., April 1, 1871.

WHEREIN LIES HIS POWER?

Not in measures. He has none. He resorts to no tricks or expedients. Not in the training of the church. He does not seem to give a thought to them. His power is in God and in His Word.

He believes in the proclamation of Bible truth. He reveals in the Scriptures. He portrays the pictures hanging upon the walls of the past as they were with his own hand. Adam, the talking serpent, the flood, all are facts. The Bible is one living truth to him. He makes it live in others. He cares not for life, nor newspapers, nor infidels, but for God Almighty and His Gospel. His belief in God is absolute. His faith that God believes in Jacob Knapp is quite as well defined. He tramples on mere policy, and thinks not of it. He does not seek to please men but God. At times I have told him of distinguished literary men who were present. He made no difference. He never seemed to think of them. He preached Christ and the resurrection, and gloried not in fine words, or pithy utterances, but improved his time in seeking to bring them to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

His sermon on "Spiritualism" has been severely criticised. It was the most impolitic and it was the bravest speech I ever heard. Literally in that sermon he burned the bridges behind him, and made compromise with the devil an impossibility. He hates his satanic majesty with unquenchable hatred. He loves Christ with unquenchable devotion. To His service he gives time, talents, powers of mind and body, and counts nothing dear which gives him an opportunity to do and dare in His behalf. He is, at the close of five weeks of labor, a greater wonder than when he came. The best understood man in the nation, he is the kindest of men at heart, and in private life is as docile as a child. He is no slanderer or reviler, but thinks kindly of all, is indifferent to blame, is easily moved by love, and lives as a "citizen of heaven," when maligned and evil treated. "What matters it to me? Heaven will be my home." The dream of a life time is realized. I have been with Jacob Knapp in a revival. He has been my study while here. His influence will not die. His success proves that God's Gospel is the power of God among men, and that the reason there is so little power because there is so little faith in Christ. May the Lord bless Jacob Knapp, and cause his path to grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. J. D. F.

We noticed in the last issue of the Provincial Wesleyan an attempt to review a sermon of Rev. Mr. McKenzie's, on "BAPTIZED FOR THE DEAD." The sermon was published a few weeks since in the columns of our paper. The review is so manifestly and thoroughly actuated with a denominational spirit that, as a review, it is simply worthless, besides being a medley of garbled quotations. No one could form any conception of the discourse from the utterances of Mr. McKenzie's critic. But we presume the preacher, if he should see his reviewer's article, would not be much affected by such a bungling attack upon him.

PETERS' MUSICAL JOURNAL, for April, has come to hand. It is a choice issue. Thirty cents enclosed to the Publisher, for the April number, or one dollar for the last four numbers, will procure a valuable supply of excellent music. Address, J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York.

"Wentworth" withholds his reply to Rev. Mr. Currie's strictures until next week. He does not think that his time and health will permit him to respond at once to the request of "Meteor," but he will hold it under consideration, and give a reply as early as possible. "Meteor's" questions contemplate the subject of Sacramental Communion in all its relations, and an answer will cover considerable space. We hope "Wentworth" will consent to furnish a series of articles on that topic for the columns of the Visitor.

N. B. H. M. Board met in the Committee Room of Leinster Street Church, on the 4th inst. Present—Rev. Messrs. Bill. Carey, McKenzie, Harley and Spencer, and Brethren Hart, Steves, Smith, Titus, Wortman, White, Bell, Gerow, Chaloner, May, Sharp, A. W. and J. E. Masters. Read letter from A. B. Hall, enclosing \$5, and asking the Board to grant a similar amount to procure books for Sabbath-school at Little River, Sheffield. On motion, voted to appropriate \$5 from S. S. Fund. Voted to appropriate \$50 from Ministerial Education Fund, to aid J. A. Durkee in pursuing his studies at Acadia College the current year. Voted \$25 from Infirmary Minister's Fund, to aid Rev. R. Strang. Adjourned, to meet in Committee Room of Brunswick Street Church, on first Monday in May, at 8 P. M. J. E. MASTERS.

Secular Department.

A Brief Review of the News of the Week.

THE CARLETON BRANCH RAILWAY.

Platform cars, occupied by the Railway Officials and their guests, passed over the Branch line from Carleton to Fairville, on Monday afternoon, a distance of nearly three miles and a half, in fifteen minutes. Several car loads of lumber of different descriptions, and of cordwood also, came over the Branch safe on Monday. But it is not expected that the road will be opened for travel and traffic before the first of May. When this Carleton Branch is completed, Western Extension will probably be the most paying road in the Maritime Provinces.

THE ROMAN CATHOLICS

of this Province, are to be by the Freeman are about to forward a petition to the Lieut. Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, asking that in any School Bill introduced into the Legislature, a clause may be inserted granting to the Catholic minority of the Province the same privilege accorded to the Protestant minority in the Province of Quebec, viz., the right to establish separate schools of their own, without being compelled to contribute to the support of schools to which they can not conscientiously send their children, and in doing as examples the laws at present existing in Great Britain, Prussia, France, Austria, and other countries.

DISASTROUS FIRES.

A most destructive fire occurred early on Saturday morning in the Commercial building owned by the estate of the late John Walker, at the head of Walker's Slip, and extending from one edifice to another until some ten or a dozen buildings were wrapped in flames. The total loss is said to be about \$50,000, about \$30,000 of which is covered by insurance.

A SECOND FIRE

consumed Calvin Church, Hazen street, early on Sabbath morning. The most strenuous efforts were put forth to check the flames, but they rushed on with irresistible force, until they completed their work of destruction. It was a large and commodious Church, valued at about \$15,000. It was

THIS FAITH

surprised me at the outset. He proposed a morning meeting at eight A. M. I did not believe in it, but appeared, and it has been all we could desire. The church was so full that many of the sinners have found in it daily a birthplace for souls. The afternoon meeting at half-past two was to me a doubtful experiment. He believed in it, and had it, and from the first the meeting was well filled, oftentimes crowded, and merchants, ministers, men and women from all parts of the country have come to hear him, and gone forth to bless him and pray for him. The evening meeting all expected to be full. This we had previous to the banks, and we were compelled to open the large hall in the Temple. In this we found our brethren of the Board of the society who have charge of the Temple interests real preachers. They did for us what they could.

It was evident from the first that Jacob Knapp was to have a hearing in Boston. Though a generation had gone to their graves since his first coming, every one seemed desirous of seeing and hearing him. He was so well received by the lawyers, working men and working women, that would not cross the street to hear any Boston pastor during the week would come night after night and day after day to hear him. Men that I had supposed to be infidels have been to our meetings continuously. The power of the preacher is to me a mystery. He seems to make friends of no one. He pays no special attention to any visitor. He treats a doctor of divinity just as he does the poorest country preacher, and yet all seem to be fond of him, and to listen to him with profit and delight.

"But," says some one, "how did you get on with his queer, quaint sayings?" Well, we got on with them just as we get on without them, when we hear ordinary preachers. We prayed God to bless all He could, and keep all the rest from doing harm. There are men who come to meeting just to find fault and shake their heads. They never comment on what they hear, but shake their head at the judge who was forever shaking his head at Curran, the great Irish wit and orator. He noticed that it had a prejudicial effect upon the jury, and so he said, "Gentlemen of the jury, you notice the judge is accustomed to shake his head during the delivery of my remarks; never mind it, there is nothing in it." So would I say of men who can come to hear any sermon of Jacob Knapp and go away shaking their heads because, somehow, some strange difference from what they would have heard. There is nothing in it. A minister once said to a

Yours, Thos. Todd, Sackville, March 28, 1871.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Ladies of Annapolis have formed a "Sewing Circle" to aid in building a Baptist Church in that place. It being the oldest town in the Province of Nova Scotia, and the Baptist denomination having no place of worship of their own, they are determined, by the blessing of God, to erect one. They would therefore, call upon their Brethren of this Province to aid them in this work of God.

Committee for receiving donations:—A. M. Corbett, Mrs. J. Wallace, Mrs. F. C. Snow, Miss Annie Hall, John L. Brittain, at Annapolis.