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Editorial Notes

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS.—English and American Sunday School Books can now be supplied at the VISITOR Book Room at rates as low as elsewhere

A F. C. Baptist Church was recently organized in Portland, St. John. Revival influences have been enjoyed among the people and a number of converts were recently baptized.

It is said that a favorable feeling to Confederation exists in Newfoundland. It is believed a railway across the Island would greatly develop its resources and increase the population. It is to be hoped that this old and important colony will soon be in the Dominion and share largely in the advantages of union.

On Lord's day the 17th inst., Rev. Geo. F. Miles had the privilege of baptizing a youthful believer and received him into the church at Beulah, and also another person who had been previously baptized. There are manifestations of religious life in that locality and others are anxious. The church was organized in May last. The Sabbath School has been well attended and the prayer meetings kept well up, notwithstanding the absence of preaching.

The Rev. A. Chipman, previous to his removal from Bedeque, P. E. I., to Hope-well, N. B., received a very brotherly and commendatory address from the church at Bedeque, of which he had been pastor for three or four years. Brother Chipman made a forcible and appropriate reply. We wish our brother great success in his new pastorate in Albert County.

Thursday, Thanksgiving day, was generally observed by the churches in this city. There are many reasons why we should, as a people, be thankful to God for the abundant blessings of goodness and mercy bestowed on us in the past year. "Oh that men would praise God for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men."

Moses Stuart, one of the great scholars and critics of America, and for many years Professor of Sacred Literature in Andover Theological Seminary, in his disquisition on the mode of baptism, candidly admits that the Greek word baptizo means to dip, plunge or immerse in any liquid. He moreover adds; "All Lexicographers and critics of any note are agreed on this." How many small men who would compass sea and land, and torture lexicons to make it appear that baptizo means to sprinkle and that the meaning to immerse is absurd, would it require to make one Moses Stuart in critical knowledge, Christian candor and manly straight forwardness?

Rev. D. D. Currie is still manœuvring most disingenuously and unsuccessfully to get out of the discreditable position into which his ignorance and recklessness brought him. He is mandating the Wesleyan with more "Open Letters on Baptism," trying to make it appear that he did not falsify the Greek lexicons, which he quoted on page 12 of his Catechism, as giving sprinkle as a meaning of baptizo. What Mr. Currie may now say on the subject of baptism or the Greek lexicons, can have little weight.

After silence for months, he boldly challenged the persons who preferred the charge to meet him and establish it in his presence, before witnesses. They accepted his challenge and offered to do so; but Mr. Currie is mean enough to ignore his own challenge, and had not even the courtesy to reply to the gentlemen who responded to his swaggering mock challenge. A disputant who will not come to the ordeal he himself proposed, is unworthy of our confidence or attention.

Why does not Mr. Currie come to the point and clear himself, before witnesses, of the charge of falsifying the lexicons named on page 12 of his Catechism on Baptism? Why? Echo answers, why?

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The ladies of the Leinster Street Baptist church, intend having a Bazaar and entertainment in the vestry of their new church on the evening of Thursday the 5th of December. A right good time is anticipated.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—The December number of this able and popular periodical has been received and has more than its usual amount of interesting and instructive matter. It can be had at the book store of W. K. Crawford, Germain Street.

A friend at Wolfville writes us in a note just received, as follows:—

"The Theological Department has started with a humble, but promising beginning. Professor Welton has some fifteen young men in Homiletics, and a class in Hebrew and Greek Exegesis has also been formed. If our Licentiate brethren and others would favor this Department with their presence the Professor would render them valuable assistance in preparation for their future work." We have no doubt of it.

Drs. Crawley and Welton are fully competent in learning, experience and grace to impart wholesome instruction in sacred things, and to train men for the responsible and holy calling of the Christian Ministry.

Home Mission Society.

The following Resolutions, moved by Rev. W. P. Everett, seconded by C. F. Clinch, Esq., were unanimously passed by the Board of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society at its Meeting on the 4th inst., in St. John:

"Whereas, At the last Session of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, it was voted to adopt the Home Mission work of the Maritime Provinces as a part of the work of the Convention; and

Whereas, A Home Mission Board was appointed by the Convention, and Resolutions passed, having for their object the merging of the Home Mission Union of Nova Scotia and the New Brunswick Home Mission Society, with all their work, field privileges, properties in profession, or likely to come into their possession, into the Home Mission Department of the Convention, so soon as all legal disabilities shall be removed and

Whereas, Special Legislation may be necessary to complete the desired arrangement, and to expedite the contemplated change; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That the Board summon a special meeting of the New Brunswick Home Missionary Society to consider the proposition of the Convention, and to provide measures to secure whatever Legislation may be necessary, if the Society

approve of the absorption proposed by the Convention.

Resolved, 2nd. That our Corresponding Secretary inform the Nova Scotia Home Mission Union of our present action, and suggest that they pursue a similar course."

A Committee appointed for the same Meeting selected St. John as the place, and 20th inst. as the time to hold the special Meeting of the Society, and gave notice accordingly in the CHRISTIAN VISITOR. The Meeting was held in the Brussels Street Church, at 2.30 P. M., on Wednesday last.

The attendance was not as large as was expected. The Chair was occupied by T. H. Hall, Esq., President, who called on Rev. T. Todd to offer prayer.

The Chairman explained the object of the Meeting, and called on the Secretary to read the Resolutions of the Board in respect to calling the Society together, and the notice published for the purpose; after which the subject of union was discussed in its relation to the cause of Christ in these Provinces, and the wants of New Brunswick in particular.

And though there was some divergence of views it was evident the brethren were one in their desire to promote the Kingdom of Christ in these Provinces, and especially anxious to extend and maintain the Gospel of Christ in our own beloved Province, and build up weak and feeble churches into strong and aggressive bodies for the service of Christ and humanity.

A Resolution, moved by Rev. W. P. Everett, seconded by Rev. T. Todd, was passed, by which the Board was authorized to apply to the Legislature for whatever legislation is found necessary to authorize the Board to transfer its field, work, property and privileges to the Convention, and also to transfer the same to the Home Mission Board appointed by the Convention so soon as the Board of the Nova Scotia Home Mission Union has secured the required legislation, and is prepared to transfer its field, work, property and privileges in like manner, provided, nevertheless, that it shall be found that the action of the Annual Meeting of the Society in 1877 shall be found favorable as reported, to unite with the other Maritime Provinces in this great work.

It is to be devoutly hoped that the union will be consummated, and that the work of Home Mission will be prosecuted most vigorously and successfully in these Provinces. And we have no doubt such, with the blessing of God, will be the result, if the brethren will liberally contribute of their means to extend and maintain the Gospel among us, and pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit will give the increase, and gather multitudes into the Kingdom of Christ.

We believe the Union about to be consummated will tend much to promote the spiritual welfare of our churches, providing they will engage cordially in carrying forward the great and precious enterprise of Home evangelization.

We hope a new era of spiritual prosperity will follow the adoption and proper use of the proposed consolidation of our Home Mission interests and operations in the Maritime Provinces. Why should we not pray and labor earnestly in faith for such great and manifold blessings as may thus be secured?

Lecture by Dr. Allison.

The second lecture of the course before the Acadia Athenæum, Wolfville, was delivered on Friday evening last, by David Allison, Esq., L. L. D. Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia.—Subject "John Stuart Mill."

The parentage, early training, and subsequent career of this distinguished man, were presented in this lecture with a fulness that left little to be desired, and, with a freshness and vividness that must have given a distinct and satisfying conception of the great philosopher, and his works.

The learned Doctor found time in the necessarily brief period at his disposal, to give interesting details of the remarkable boyhood of Mill, of his father's influence upon his culture and beliefs, of his long service in the India House, of his connection with Bentham the Utilitarian, of his devotion to the lady who subsequently became his wife, and finally of the wonderful productions of his pen, those masterpieces of thought that have enabled Mill to take rank as the foremost English thinker of his day. To give a clear conception of Mill's place in philosophy a rapid sketch of the great thinkers of the past was given, exhibiting the two modes of philosophizing the empirical and the metaphysical—that have prevailed since the times of their res-

pective founders, Aristotle and Plato. The contest between the two Schools, was renewed by Mill's publication of "A system of Logic," "Principles of political Economy," and "An essay on Liberty."

The lecture was the results of much study and thought. His subject was certainly not an ad captandum one, and it is saying much for the lecturer's ability, that he was able to make his discourse thoroughly enjoyable to the average capacity without lessening its value to the cultured hearer. The lecture must certainly prove a valuable intellectual stimulus to the society, under whose auspices it was delivered.

Arrival of the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise.

On Saturday evening last the Sarmatian, bearing the Governor General and Princess Louise to our shores, after a rough and stormy voyage of 9 days from the Coast of Ireland, cast anchor in Halifax harbour. No little danger at times threatened the ship, but through guidance of Providence, no loss of life and little damage to the ship occurred. On Saturday morning the fleet of war-ships at Halifax put to sea, to meet the Sarmatian, but did not succeed in sighting her, and in consequence of the storm and fog returned to port. Captain Aird, no pilot appearing in response to the signal he gave, boldly and cautiously pushed his way into the harbour, and thus secured rest for his passengers.

The Queen was immediately informed of the safe arrival of her beloved daughter, the Princess and her noble Representative, on this side of the Atlantic, and sent congratulations by telegraph on the happy event.

Halifax is almost wild with excitement, and is most active in preparing to do honor to these noble personages. Halifax knows how to act most loyally, as that city has been honored with the presence of Princes of England's royal line, more perhaps than any city on this Continent; but never before with a Princess of the same line.

And we may be sure that the Princess Louise will receive an ovation above that accorded to any Prince on these shores. St. John and the whole country, in spirit and loyalty joins with Halifax in welcoming the Marquis of Lorne, and his royal Consort to the Eastern terminus of this great Dominion. We believe the links that bind us to England and our Queen will be greatly strengthened by this proof of the value set upon our Country, by making it the home of so beloved and distinguished a member of the royal family and her noble husband. May the prosperity of the people and peace reigning throughout our borders, be more marked and abundant than ever under this new and special vice-regal administration.

We insert below the report of the voyage:—

Friday, Nov. 15.—Ship had run 190 miles. After leaving Monville the "Sarmatian" experienced heavy weather from the northeast, which continued during the whole night and part of next day. The ship rolled heavily, and took in large bodies of water.

Saturday, 16—140 miles. Sunday, 17th—321 miles. Ran into fine weather, and the sea moderating the ship made a good run. Wind N. N. E. and N. N. W. Her Royal Highness had, however, suffered severely from the effects of the last two days.

Monday, 18th—311 miles. The morning broke with a strong breeze from the southwest, accompanied by heavy squalls. These gradually increased till noon, when the gale became a hurricane, carrying away the main-trysail and causing also a very heavy cross-sea, which broke over the vessel fore and aft. One sea stove in the smoking room. The ship rolled and pitched heavily, and all on board suffered in consequence. The gale began to break about three, p. m.

Tuesday, 19th—174 miles. All night and next morning the sea ran very heavily.

Wednesday, 20th—335 miles; blowing a moderate gale from the southeast. Her Royal Highness is better. Steamer carried all sail.

Thursday, 21st—302 miles; fresh breeze and cloudy throughout; S. E. to N. W.

Friday, 22nd—310 miles; strong breeze and cloudy throughout; wind S. E. to N. W.

Saturday, 23rd—310 miles; strong breeze from S. E. and hazy; good deal of fog. Her Royal Highness appeared on deck for first time to-day. Arrived off Sambro 6 p. m., and anchored below the City of Halifax at 9.30 p. m.

Her Royal Highness suffered somewhat severely during the voyage, but she is now

convalescing, and it is now confidently expected she will speedily recover her accustomed health. The Governor General and the rest of the party are all well.

Halifax has gone beyond herself in enthusiasm, and loyalty at the landing of the Prince and Marquis; and is to be highly congratulated on the successful carrying out of the arrangement.

Abuse of Independence.

Perhaps the remarks made below will justly apply to portions of the Maritime Provinces, as well as to premature church organizations in the United States. How much strength has been lost by excessive divisions of interest is hard to say. Weakness and insufficiency tell the sad story.

"Baptist independence is very much abused. Any man has a legal right to organize a church where he pleases. He can build a College and run a newspaper after his own liking. But, the best interests of the cause of Christ demand some concentration, union, co-operation. Those who oppose co-operation are generally opposed to all operations. In no way has this independence shown itself more than in building up sickly, wet-weather churches without any regard for surrounding churches, and without any prospect for long life. A poor church has about the same influence as a poor Christian. It is better to have a small membership of pious people, than numbers with a diluted piety; so is it better to have fewer organizations possessed of some available life and resources.

There are times and places which demand new organizations. Where there is strength enough to maintain public worship and enforce discipline, and where new strength can be developed without depleting a neighboring church—in such case a new organization will do good. But there must be good reasons for such a step. We honestly believe there are ministers who are accountable for much wrong done of this kind. They covet the honor of leadership, and the name of a great work. The temptation is strong, and their weakness is just equal to the occasion. Perhaps, sometimes in the enthusiasm of a revival influence, and at the solicitation of brethren whose experience is not equal to their zeal, ministers are governed by pure motives to constitute a new body. But it takes more than orthodox articles of faith and a roll of membership to make a gospel of church; and anything less ought to be called by a different name.

We hope our brethren will remember these two propositions, which are certainly true; 1. God is honored and His cause built up by efficient, not by numerous churches. 2. It is better for people to go four miles twice a month, than two miles once a month to worship God." Central Baptist.

The Osborne Trial.

The second trial of Mrs. Osborne, her son Harry, and daughter Eliza, on the charge of murder committed on the person of Timothy McCarthy, at Shediac, October 12th, 1877, is progressing slowly at Dorchester, N. B. The evidence is, for the most part, a repetition of that given at the first trial several months ago.

Chief Justice Allen is trying the prisoners. Dr. Tuck and Honorable Mr. Hanington act on behalf of the Crown, and A. L. Palmer, Esq., defends the prisoners. Annie Parker is the principal witness against them, and Mr. Palmer is using his utmost skill and endeavors to break down her testimony. The case is certainly encompassed by great difficulties, and Mr. Palmer may succeed in dispelling them, but so far, he does not appear to have materially shaken the testimony of this witness. Still it is best to sift every particle of evidence in the case to the utmost, so that the accused, if innocent, may have their innocence shown, and if proved guilty, may be visited with the condemnation the foul deed charged upon them so justly merits.

Personal.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey has just returned from a short and successful Lecture tour in Nova Scotia. He delivered the following Lectures:—On "The Making and Ministry of Money," at Pictou; on "The Conditions of Success," at Windsor, and also one on "Temperance." Preached Sabbath evening at Wolfville; gave his Lecture on "Money" at Annapolis on Monday evening, and that on "Bunyan" on Tuesday evening.