

CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

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The Christian Visitor.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS.—English and American Sunday School Books can now be supplied by us at rates as low as elsewhere.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS can be furnished by us as cheaply as they can be procured from the United States. See advertisement.

The Southern Baptist Convention has also been in session. We will next week notice the more prominent feature of these meetings, and give some facts and figures.

Our English Baptist brethren have just held their May meetings. They were well attended and enthusiastic. Their missionary work seems not to have suffered because of the hard times.

The Roman Catholics of St. Stephen, after a continued opposition to Free Schools ever since they became the law of the land, have accepted the situation, and entered the Free Public Schools the 14th instant. Thus "we mark another triumph for the unity and harmony of our whole people, and their excellent School system.

By some strange mishap, we have missed our ever-welcome Courier, of St. Stephen. Our Visitor, strange to say, had lost its way in seeking the border town. These irregularities, we hope, are corrected, and henceforth the Visitor will smile upon the Courier, and in true Cannibal Island form betake itself to the shears.

The Home Mission Society of our United States brethren closes its financial year with a debt of \$45,000. The Missionary Union will also have a debt. Courage, faith, and prudence will be needed at the deliberations of the Denomination in Cleveland—the place where the national Societies hold their annual meetings this year.

Religious tramps is what a Watchman correspondent calls those persons who go from Church to Church doing no good and getting none. Pulpit tramps are men who thrust themselves into our pulpits without ordination, without credentials, without any guarantee of good character or faith, and are hastily settled by our Churches. They are the worst kind of tramps, as blight and division follow in their trail. Beware.

We are in receipt of another letter from E. D. King, Esq., but we have judged it wise to withhold it, as no new phases of the controversy are presented. Mr. King endeavors to justify his course in the stand he has taken. We think that for the present enough has been said on both sides, and that our patrons are getting tired of a discussion which has dwindled down to a mere repetition of former statements. When any new and important phase of our College work presents itself, we shall not be slow to accord all the fullest privileges of discussion in our columns.

Fredericton Baptist Bazaar.

The ladies of the Fredericton Baptist Church intend holding a bazaar in the skating rink, beginning on the afternoon of the 23rd, and extending over Queen's Birthday. A grand display of temperance medals, and other parts of the bazaar occurs on the 24th, and the ladies have made extensive preparations to provide, in a reasonable rate, a first-class dinner for all who may visit the rink. They also offer for sale a rich and varied assortment of useful and fancy articles at moderate prices. Let none of our patrons who may visit Fredericton forget these attractions. The rink is near the Railway Station, and all will be well and kindly cared for.

It is our pleasure to announce the acquaintance with Rev. Isaiah Wallace, Financial Agent for the College. He preached for the Baptist Church in the evening a practical sermon, setting forth, with marked

effect, the "Gospel of Christ." He intends spending some time in the eastern section of New Brunswick, seeking aid to rebuild our College. Plans have been accepted, and now the money to carry out the plans is what is needed. We hope a generous response will be made to our brother's appeal, that soon the new Acadia may arise more imposing than before, and unencumbered with a debt.

Baptism Before Lord's Supper.

Bishop Simpson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in an article in the "Cyclopedia of Methodism," lately published, says: "It is the order of the Church that persons shall be baptized before they shall be admitted to the Lord's Supper, or to full membership in the Church." This we most heartily endorse, and as we do not consider the sprinkling of an infant baptism, we hope hereafter the attack upon our close communion, so called, will be aimed at the position we take as to baptism. If Baptist and Pedo-Baptists believed alike on baptism our communion differences would be easily adjusted. Bishop Simpson holds precisely the same view as to the order of the ordinances as that entertained by Baptists.

Preaching the Gospel.

What we have said in relation to sin forms a dark background on which the glories of redemption are displayed in surpassing grandeur. "God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us," is the key-note of human rejoicing. Out of the sovereign love of God springs redemption. This is all we can know of its origin. The redemption comes to men as a gift, and is a grand harmonization of the attributes of God. To us it seems to be unwise to characterize love as more fundamental than holiness. It is said "God is love." It is also said, "I am holy." Some systems of theology make love central and fundamental. Others accord this position to holiness. May not the truth lie in accepting both statements, and making love and holiness the foci of the ellipse which includes the whole system of revealed truth. Love is held in check by holiness, and holiness by love. God is not so abounding in love as to save all. Neither is holiness so exacting as to destroy all. God is a unity, and both these attributes shine out in his character, and work, and produce their legitimate fruit. In making proclamation of the gospel, we do well to hold this in mind, lest by an undue prominence given to one we thereby utter half truths, and mutilate the gospel. If we mistake not there was, for instance, in the days of Jonathan Edwards, an over-importance given to the severer aspects of the Divine character. And in this day, especially, by some professional evangelists and liberalistic pastors we fear an undue prominence is given to the milder attributes of God. Into this latter course there is great danger that we run, for the natural man delights in smooth things. As in describing an eclipse, both feet exert their just influence in determining the figure drawn; so in preaching the Gospel, the result will much depend, so far as the best results are concerned, in the symmetrical setting forth of both the love and holiness of God. When we look at God giving his Son, we are overwhelmed with a sense of his love. When we see the Son of God in agony in the garden and on the cross, we are equally overpowered by the demands of a holiness that required such a sacrifice.

The Angus Lectureship.

The Rev. Joseph Angus, D. D., the highly honored, and much beloved President of Regent's Park College, London, will next October, have completed twenty-eight years as President. Even at Stepney, the old location of the College, and twenty-one at Regent's Park. His friends in the Baptist Denomination, and out of it, have judged the present a fitting time to show some mark of their high appreciation of his worth. When the matter was broached to Dr. Angus he, with characteristic generosity and modesty, refused a personal memorial. He consented however to the foundation of a Lectureship in connection with the College to bear his name. The Doctor says: "the lectureship will be a great boon to us, and is good in everything but the name." The College needs the help which this Lectureship will supply. Moreover it will preserve in honorable remembrance a name as dear to Baptists as that of Hampton and Hulse to Church of England men. Should this Lectureship be founded we shall have many a volume produced by it that will equal in merit the Hampton or Hulsean Lectures. Some \$10,000 are needed, and the project is warmly commended

by such men as the Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Gladstone, Sir Henry Havelock, Sir Francis Lycett, Sir Robert Lush, Sir Charles Reed, and President Dawson of McGill College. It would be a very kindly and brotherly thing for us in the Provinces to send over a small contribution to this object. The Visitor will acknowledge any sums that may be given and forward them to the proper parties. More honors, prizes, and scholarships, have been obtained by this College than any other Nonconformist College in the kingdom.

The Death of Ex-Governor Wilmot.

On Tuesday morning we were startled by the announcement that the highly distinguished ex-Governor Wilmot had died suddenly at Fredericton on Monday afternoon. Mr. Wilmot has been long connected with the public business and political history of New Brunswick, and his course and advocacy have been very influential in procuring responsible Government and bringing about Confederation.

Ex-Governor Wilmot was a member of the Methodist Church, and has occupied for many years the honorable position of Superintendent of the Sabbath School in that Church at Fredericton. His removal leaves a large vacancy in society—religious and judicial, as well as in the wider circle of the community.

Personal.

Bro. E. H. Dnyal was in the City for a few days, and looked in upon us, at our new office. He is a noble and worthy man, and we are glad to have ministers, brethren and friends look in and smile upon us and our work in the Visitor's new quarters, in Germain Street.

Rev. I. Wallace, the indefatigable and popular Agent of Acadia College, is at present in York County, working in the interest of the College.

Rev. J. D. Pope, after a visit of a few days in this City, has returned with Mrs. Pope and family to the United States. We wish this worthy and faithful minister of the Gospel much success in his movements and work.

We are glad to learn that the Rev. G. D. Cox has returned to Bear River, N. S., from Florida and the West Indies, whither he had gone several months ago for the benefit of his health. We hope the result has fully equalled his expectation.

Temperance at Chipman.

Under the auspices of the Chipman Reform Club, a numerous attended and very interesting public Temperance meeting took place on the evening of the 16th inst. at Briggs' Corner. The Hall—a very suitable one, in which the meeting was held, owned by Mr. Hugh McLean, has been recently furnished by him entirely at his own expense for the meetings of the Club. Dr. G. A. Hetherington, the President of the Club, occupied the chair. After an appropriate hymn having been sung, and prayer having been offered the Rev. Samuel Johnston, in a pleasing address, expressed his hopefulness in the future prospects of the Reform Club, and the Temperance cause. The Rev. John Coombes followed. He spoke of the present benefits of the Reform Club to its members and to the community. A constitution was adopted. Cards, upon which is neatly printed the Temperance pledge, were given to the members of the Club, who now number more than two hundred. Then closed one of the most pleasant and profitable gatherings ever held in the growing Parish of Chipman.

Kind Words.

The CHRISTIAN VISITOR, published in Saint John, N. B., comes to us in a new dress. Rev. J. B. Hopper, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church in Burlington, Iowa, is now associated with Rev. George Armstrong as editor. We congratulate the Visitor on its improved appearance, and wish for the new enterprise the largest prosperity.

The Rev. J. B. Hopper, late of Burlington, Iowa, and editor associate of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, officiated in the Baptist Church last Sabbath, and will continue to do so for several succeeding Sabbaths.

DOM PEDRO, Emperor of Brazil, since his return from his extended travels in the old and new world, has instituted many reforms, among which is the proclamation of religious liberty. Romanists will no longer hold that vast empire in its stereotyped iron clutches.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

New Brunswick.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.—The Churches at Oak Bay and the Ledge are now under the pastoral care of Rev. W. E. Vickery. He is in labor abundant, for he has nine preaching stations. During the winter he held extra meetings, in which a rich blessing was enjoyed. Twenty-eight persons were baptized and added to the two Churches under his care. The Sabbath Schools are large and interesting. The Oak Bay Church edifice has been newly painted externally, and the approach to it improved. The two Churches and the friends adjacent have united and erected at Oak Bay a very substantial and commodious two-storey parsonage. With the two acres of ground attached to it, it reflects credit upon the Christian liberality and zeal of all concerned. The outlook for our cause in this section seems much more hopeful than in the past.

ST. STEPHEN.—Last Sabbath Rev. J. T. Eaton baptized three at the Cove in the presence of a large and interested number of spectators. Three others have been received, and others are expected to follow in the ordinance.

MILLTOWN.—The Rev. R. G. Farley, from the western part of Maine, has accepted a call from the Baptist Church at Milltown, and has just entered his new field. He finds the Church in a hopeful state. Some conversions have already occurred.

NORTH RIVER.—Rev. John Gammon and Church have been holding special meetings for a few weeks past, during which they have been greatly blessed. Thirty-two have been baptized and added to the Church. They were visited by several ministering brethren, who rendered valuable assistance. They feel greatly encouraged to press forward in the good work, willing in all things to give Christ the pre-eminence, giving thanks to Him all the while.

Nova Scotia.

Rev. W. J. Blakeney has recently been much blessed in his pastorate at Nictaux. Twenty-one converts have lately been baptized, and more are expected soon to follow Christ in baptism.

Rev. D. Freeman baptized one at New Glasgow, lately, and is much encouraged with the promise of that field.

Rev. I. J. Skinner has been visiting the baptismal waters of late in Chester.

Rev. E. O. Read has been assisted in a series of meetings by Rev. J. C. Blakeney and Prof. Spinney. He has baptized ten at Tremont and Greenwood, and more are awakened.

Rev. E. B. Corey has baptized nine, recently, at Little River, Cumberland County, and six more have been received for the ordinance.

Bro. E. J. Grant, of New Albany, has been ordained pastor of the Church in that place.

Upper Provinces.

Rev. Alex. Warren, of Durham, Ontario, has been appointed, at a late meeting of the Manitoba Mission at Woodstock, as a second missionary to our frontier Province.

Book Notices.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.—This is a comprehensive and excellent little work, prepared by the Rev. Dr. Weston, President of Crozier Theological Seminary near Philadelphia. President Weston delivered it as a lecture before the New York Sunday School Association, and the tract is now published for the benefit of all. It brings out in a clear light the design of Matthew's Record of the life and acts, the teachings and death of our beloved Lord. While not assenting to everything it presents, we regard the general treatment of the subject with great satisfaction. Its personal and study are adapted to promote knowledge and faith, reverence and humility. The word of God is an inexhaustible treasury of wisdom, truth and grace; and the wider and deeper our knowledge of its contents, and the more thorough our experience of its power and spirit, the more pure, powerful and harmonious will be our piety and devotion towards God and man. Dr. Weston speaks thus of the subject in hand: "The systematic character of the Gospel governs its general structure, and its details. Chronological sequence—the order of occurrence—is disregarded for the sake of the logical arrangement and regular development of ideas. It is the fundamental Gospel; it narrates the rejection of the Jewish King, and the foundation of the Christian Church. It is 'Official and Organic,' having primarily to do with these two nations, that from which the kingdom of God is taken and that to which it is given. One of the main objects of this Gospel is to show that the great facts of the Christian age have not thwarted the Divine purposes, nor compelled the adoption of principles previously unknown. We recommend this excellent lecture to the personal and study of all who desire much instructive and suggestive matter, on the subject, put in a compact and intelligible form."

SACRED MELODIES.—By J. W. Slanghenhaupt, Taneytown, Md., U. S.—From the examination, we have been able to give to the above little work, we regard it as well adapted for use in the services of the Sanctuary, the Sunday School Church and Social Worship. It is only 10 cts. a copy.

PETTINGILL'S NEWSPAPER DIRECTORY AND ADVERTISERS' HAND-BOOK, FOR 1878.—A copy of this Directory has been sent us for examination. We have looked carefully over this Hand-Book, and regard it as valuable to newspaper men and advertisers. It contains full, systematic and reliable information in respect to newspapers and advertising mediums in the United States and the Dominion of Canada, and thereby strongly commends itself to those whose interests and inquiries require counsel and help in that direction. We find it very useful as a book of reference.

THE FUTURE STATE.—This tract is an extra, published by the Christian Union, and contains discussions on the future state of men, and presents the orthodox view in regard to the eternity of the punishment to be awarded to the wicked; and also gives in brief the arguments of those who hold to the restoration of all to holiness and happiness, and of those who hold the doctrine of conditional immortality, and the annihilation of the finally impenitent. The subject is of the deepest interest, and should be studied in the light of truth, and decided on the clear testimony of the Scriptures.

THE COMPLETE PREACHER.—The May number of this useful Periodical contains the following sermons in full:—The Gospel of the Incarnation, by W. M. Punshon, L. L. D.; The Nature of Gospel Truth, the Prophecy of its Universal Recognition, by James M. Ludlow, D. D.; What is Man? or the Scepticism of Science Considered, by R. W. Dale, D. D.; The Second Advent, by R. J. G. Manly; John Morrissey; or is Romanism a Safe Guide? by J. D. Fuller, D. D.

To be had from the Religious Newspaper Agency, 21 Barclay, N. Y., 25 cts. per number, or \$1.50 per annum. The sermon on the Second Advent, attempts to show that that event occurred in the destruction of Jerusalem, and the over-throw of Judaism. Though much ability is shown by the preacher, we have no doubt his interpretation is unsound and untenable.

SPRINGE'S TRANSFER-OUTLINES FOR THE BLACKBOARD.—Some time ago we called attention to this series of outlines, prepared to illustrate the Sabbath School Lessons throughout the year. L. Prang & Co., Art and Educational Publishers, Boston, Mass., issue these outlines every month to correspond with the International Lessons. The same house publishes "a manual showing the method of using these outlines," so that Sunday School Superintendents, Teachers and Lecturers can employ them readily to illustrate Lessons and Lectures in the School Room.

From the examination we have been able to give these "outlines," and the "Manual," we consider them worthy of adoption in Sabbath Schools, and capable of improving the taste while illustrating the lessons. Skill is required to use them, but with the instruction and hints which the Manual supplies, and intelligent superintendents would have little difficulty in employing these outlines, to advantage in the Sabbath School.

THE PEOPLES' PULPIT, containing the sermons of Dr. Stephen H. Tyng, reaches us regularly, and is replete with Evangelical instruction.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR JUNE.—This number of this well established and ably conducted Magazine has a large amount of very interesting matter. The articles are by eminent writers, and the Magazine is edited with marked ability. For sale by W. K. Crawford, Market Building, Germain Street.

STEEL ENGRAVING OF LORD DUFFERIN.—This picture is pronounced by those familiar with the Earl of Dufferin as a fine likeness, and will be a pleasing Memento of one who has ruled so wisely and taken such deep interest in the welfare of the people of the Dominion. The Portrait is neatly printed on plate paper, 10x12, 25 cents. Sent by mail, post paid, on receipt of the price.

A picture of Queen Victoria, the same size, can also be furnished at the same price.

A VERY IMPORTANT BOOK.—Mr. Geo. Stewart, Jr., is now engaged in writing a very important and valuable historical work—a book of incalculable interest to every Canadian, and which is destined to occupy a prominent place in our political and social history for all times to come.

It is entitled "Canada, under the Administration of Lord Dufferin,"—a magnificent title for a volume of this class, and one which sets forth its claim to consideration in an unmistakable way. Not only will all the beautiful and terse speeches of our esteemed Governor-General be included in the work, but a thorough history of the Dominion during the years of his rule will be given. All the great and absorbing political questions of the day will be ably and vigorously discussed in a fair and impartial spirit, and the book will wield an important influence in the old-world as well as in this "true North" of ours. Mr. Stewart is in every way admirably adapted for his work.

The requirements of the hour demand a cool and collected account of the Dufferin administration. The speeches of the Governor—not the least interesting part of the narrative—will add zest to the book, and many will be glad to get them in the elegant shape in which the Rose Belford Publishing Company propose issuing them.

In conjunction with this valuable work, there will be published an elegant lithograph portrait of His Excellency, 24 x 30 inches, similar to those published in connection with The Atlantic Monthly, of the poets Longfellow, Whittier and Bryant, and will be sold to subscribers only, at the exceedingly low figure of 60 cents. The whole enterprise is certainly one deserving the highest praise.—St. John Daily News, May 1st, 1878.