

CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1850.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF 1851.

It is pleasing to see that this noble project is attracting attention on both sides of the Atlantic, and even in India, and that everywhere it is hailed as an admirable movement.

At a recent meeting of the London Committee great enthusiasm was indicated for the object, and especially applauding the generosity of the idea of extending the class of exhibitions to all the world.

There are two aspects in which this Exhibition may be viewed, as promising to contribute very essentially to human progress. One is in its effect to extend more widely than by any other means, valuable information in regard to the most useful arts.

The other view, which is already taken by leading minds in England, is, its effects as a Peace movement upon the condition of the world. Many as have been the recent political agitations and revolutions in Europe, it cannot be reasonably doubted that there is a deep and growing conviction among the masses throughout the civilized world adverse to war.

The popular World-Conventions, which have within a few years past brought the most eminent christian philanthropists together, have contributed much to this end, but it is to be questioned whether either of them, that for Emancipation, for Temperance, or for Peace itself, was so admirably adapted to inculcate practically the advantages of Peace, and to expose the enormous outrage of war.

Knowledge and skill, especially when employed to answer useful ends, to save physical suffering or even exertion, to make new resources available, to multiply household comforts and conveniences, will always command respect; and the Colonies and distant dependencies of Great Britain will find an opportunity at this Exhibition of presenting to the eye of the national legislature and of Government such a certificate of their value and importance as no published Reports or official correspondence would ever effect.

We may add that it is a most happy circumstance that the magnificent idea originated where it did, sustaining and increasing as it certainly will, the honest pride with which every loyal subject may now contemplate the illustrious family whose virtues, domestic and public, are so befitting a throne.

stimulated to exert their best energies for its success from the fact that the idea originated with his Royal Highness, that it may in its issue prove worthy of royalty.

The letter in another column referring to Elder Case, who assisted in the organization of the first Baptist Churches in New-Brunswick and Nova-Scotia, will be read with interest by our older readers.

We copy from the Christian Messenger the letter from brother Burpe, alluded to in our last. His friends will not fail to pray daily for his safe return.

INSTALLATION OF REV. E. N. HARRIS.

Pursuant to letters missive a Council called by the Carleton Baptist Church, met at the Meeting House, in that place, Feb. 28, 1850.

PRESENT:

Brothers SAMUEL ROBINSON, Pastor of the first Baptist Church, St. John; SAMUEL ELDER, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Fredericton; E. D. VERY, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Portland; S. Kinsman, first Church; G. Garrison, do.; R. Wills, do.; A. Sime, Portland Church; R. Stevens, do.; A. McL. Seely, do.

On motion, brother Elder was unanimously chosen Moderator, and A. McL. Seely, Clerk.

Prayer by brother Robinson. Brother I. O. Beaurey, Clerk of the Carleton Church, stated that last Lord's Day, brother E. N. Harris was received as a member of their church.

A letter signed by the Clerk of the Carleton Church inviting brother E. N. Harris to be Pastor of that Church was read; and also a letter from brother E. N. Harris, accepting the invitation.

Brother E. N. Harris stated in answer to certain questions, that he was in possession of letters from the Free Will Baptist Church of which he was last Pastor, certifying to his moral character, as well as other letters of the same purport; and also stated that he was heartily sorry for his departure from the Baptist Church of Christ, and that his wish was for the future to walk in fellowship with the Baptist Church of Christ in this Province, disavowing fully all intention of injuring that Church or its interests in any place since he left the Universalist denomination, and stating the principal point of disagreement between himself and this denomination to have been with reference to the question of communion, on which point he also now avows his agreement with the Baptists generally.

Brother Elder wishing to retire, having another engagement, he was excused, and brother Kinsman was chosen Moderator.

1st. Resolved, on Motion of brother Robinson, that in consequence of the above statement made by brother Harris, That he be installed Pastor of the Carleton Baptist Church, all things being made right on the part of the Church.

2d. On Motion, Resolved, that the Council adjourn until half-past seven o'clock, this evening, to meet at brother J. Clark's house.

The Council met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother Robinson.

After a lengthy deliberation it was resolved, on motion of brother Robinson, that when the Carleton Church make provision for the support of brother Harris, for a term not less than twelve months, that this Council recommend his installation as Pastor of that Church, with his concurrence, for that time.

Brother Very voting against this resolve, giving as his reason, that he did not consider brother Harris an ordained minister; not from any dissatisfaction with his explanation, but from the fact that his ordination was withdrawn when his fellowship in a Baptist Church was withdrawn on account of his views of Universalism, he however not being unwilling to ordain instead of instal under similar circumstances.

4th. Resolved, That this Council adjourn until the call of the Carleton Church.

Closed with Prayer by brother E. D. Very.

March 6th, 1850. The Council met according to adjournment, by the call of the Carleton Baptist Church, at brother J. Clark's house, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT:

Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. J. D. Caswell, and brother G. A. Garrison, of the first Baptist Church, St. John; Rev. E. D. Very, brethren R. Stevens, A. Sime, D. V. Roberts, A. McL. Seely, of Portland Baptist Church; and Rev. S. Elder, of Fredericton, with the Committee

of the Carleton Baptist Church. Rev. S. Elder, in the Chair.

A. McL. Seely, Clerk.

After Prayer, the Minutes of the last meeting were read and pronounced correct.

On motion of brother G. A. Garrison, Resolved: That the Carleton Church having made the necessary provision to the satisfaction of Rev. E. N. Harris for his support, this Council proceed to his Installation as Pastor.

The several parts in the public services being arranged by the ministering brethren who concurred in the above vote, it was

Resolved: That the Council adjourn until the hour of the public services, (2 o'clock, P. M.)

When the sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Caswell, from Gal. v. 25.—"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the spirit."

Questions to the Candidate and Right-hand of Fellowship by the Moderator.

Charge by Rev. S. Robinson. S. ELDER, Moderator. A. McL. SEELY, Clerk.

We would simply add to the above, that the concurrence of the Ministers with the Church in this public recognition of brother Harris as Pastor, including as it does all that is essential in an ordination, removes all question now as to the fact of his being regularly ordained. The difference of opinion alluded to in the above Minutes referred entirely to his previous standing when appearing before the Council, and not to his present, after the public service.—EDITOR.

The work of grace still goes on in Carleton. We learn from brother Harris that about 25 have been baptized, and 12 or 15 others have been added by restoration or letter.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—Rev. T. W. Saunders, with remittance; brother R. H. Emerson, do. do. We are much obliged to these brethren for their kind services. Dr. Walker, St. George—the book he sent for we have ordered repeatedly since we got out, and cannot obtain it; the one to his father will be forwarded first opportunity.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

London, Feb. 21, 1850.

DEAR BROTHER,—Since my last letter dated 25th of January, at Manchester, we have visited Rochdale, and were kindly received by the Rev. Mr. Burchell, the faithful and efficient Pastor of the principal Baptist Church in that town. Mr. B. is brother to the late devoted Missionary of that name.

We preached for him on the Sabbath; addressed the scholars and teachers of the Sabbath-school in the afternoon. It was deemed prudent not to present our object inasmuch as there was another then before the church and people, but arranged to pay them a visit in order to make a general appeal, when we return to Manchester. We desire to feel grateful to God for the kind reception we met with from Rev. Mr. Burchell's family and the church and congregation, especially Henry Kelsall, Esquire, and family, by whom we were most hospitably entertained; our prayer to heaven is that they may be rewarded a hundred fold. Mr. Kelsall wrote a note of commendation in our book, and subscribed £20, and this is not the first time Mr. K. has proved himself the friend of the cause of the Redeemer in the Provinces. The following week we proceeded to London, which we reached in six hours from Manchester, a distance of nearly 200 miles. Since our arrival, we have had interviews with a number of the leading Ministers, who examined our cause and gave their testimony and names, as you will see by the enclosed supplementary paper, 500 of which we have had struck off, which we forward with the Liverpool circular to nobleman and gentlemen of wealth, and others who we think will be likely to favour our object.

A generous and enterprising gentleman, C. D. Archibald, Esquire, formerly of Nova-Scotia, has headed our London list with his testimonial, and subscription of £50, and has introduced us to influential gentlemen and banking establishments and firms. Thus our heavenly Father has raised up for our cause in London a friend in the spirit and power of our friends J. H. & John S. DeWolfe, Esqrs. of Liverpool. We have also received a subscription from W. B. Gurney, Esquire, which sum added to two former subscriptions make a total, I believe, of £50 toward our institution from that excellent man. We have had an interview with H. Merrival, Esquire, one of

the under Secretaries in the Colonial Office, who has instructed us to prepare a letter, and enclose a circular under cover to him for Earl Grey, which we intend doing. We called yesterday upon the Hon. Samuel Cunard, of Halifax, who is at present in London, he received us very cordially, gave his testimonial, and also wrote letters of introduction for us to influential merchants, &c., in the metropolis.

Rev. Mr. Galloway has rendered us valuable assistance. His numerous friends in St. John will be glad to learn that he is exerting a salutary and powerful influence in this country, as Pastor of a large and influential church, as well as a member of different benevolent institutions; his health is good, and I am happy to state that Mrs. Galloway's health is much improved since their residence in London.

Our Baptist brethren have been exceedingly kind also. We dined with a large number of them last week. Dr. Steane, who presided, introduced us to the meeting, and invited us to give a statement of the object of our visit, which being done, several brethren warmly supported our mission. A list for Ministerial donations has been commenced by Rev. Mr. Russel, Pastor of the Baptist Church at Gravesend.

The spacious rooms at the Baptist Mission-house, 33 Moorgate-street, are kindly allowed for business, &c., in one of which I am now writing this letter; the officers of this establishment are anxious to do all they can to assist us. May God reward them, as I am sure, the prayer of the churches in the Provinces.

We have had a delightful interview with Rev. Baptist W. Noel. He is truly a lovely man. You cannot be long in his society without feeling that you are breathing in a holy atmosphere. I heard him last Sabbath-week deliver a discourse in the union of the Spirit, to a crowded audience, in the large chapel in John-street, which chapel, you will be glad to find by the enclosed paper, is being secured for him. Mr. Noel presented us each with a copy of his work on Baptism, and invited us to dine at his residence, intimating that he should feel much pleasure in contributing to our object. When I think of the sacrifices which he has made for the truth, when I reflect on the praiseworthy, scriptural step which he has taken, when I meditate upon his fearless advocacy of, and obedience to the truth, I feel my soul stirred within me into a spirit of wrestling with God in prayer, imploring him to preserve his servant, and honor his truth by granting him large blessings. I hope that prayer will continue to be offered by the churches for him and his family. I rejoice to find in our intercourse with Episcopalian, that while they lament Mr. Noel's secession, they speak very highly of his talents and devotedness to the cause of God. He has baptized nearly one hundred, who were all members of his former church and congregation; he is continually having accessions to his church by baptism; he will administer the ordinance this evening. An influential gentleman of the Episcopalian church told us that he and some members of his family would be baptized by Mr. Noel in a short time; that he has been of Baptist sentiments some years, although he had not yet made a public profession.

We visited St. Paul's, and held a prayer meeting near the top under the ball. We read or rather repeated the Scriptures, and sang the praises of God: "From all that dwell below the skies," &c., and "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," &c. We realized the spirit of prayer and supplication while we pled with heaven for all classes and conditions in London and the world. We found the promise verified, "where two or three are gathered together in my name," &c. Yes, truly God was with us, and we felt encouraged to hope for his blessing in this great city. We have visited some other public places, and should be glad to give you a sketch, but shall not be able to do so in this letter.

With regard to the state of religion in this country, I would just say that there is no lack of talent, there are truly great men in all denominations, but it is universally acknowledged that there is a want of vital godliness, a want of the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit; and this will not be supplied until there is more self-denial, more prayer, more attention paid to direct conversion. The Church must awake up to the duty of seeking the immediate salvation of sinners. I rejoice to hear of the good work of God going on in different parts of New-Brunswick and Nova-Scotia.