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CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

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FEMALE EDUCATION.

We last week stated our views upon lovely and powerful women, for we are persuaded that no one claiming respectability of position denies either, nor the propriety of giving to the female sex all the advantages of EDUCATION. Equal as women are, in all the essentials of the mind, to men, it is unreasonable that with no disparity in natural talents, there should be a disproportion in their knowledge. Education affects her gentleness, refinement, desire to please, and affection. God has implanted these faculties in her soul; and their beauty and power are only brought into exercise by the cultivation of her mind. She does not love her children less, because of scientific attainments; nor withdraw from her husband a particle of love, to bestow it upon learning. The power to please, so conspicuous in the female, is augmented by increase of knowledge; and the happiness which the refined and accomplished woman is accustomed to shed around her, is proportionably increased.

We must however guard against one error in the education of our daughters, else of little avail will be all our well meant efforts to place in its proper position, this important subject, and fruitless to a great extent, the expenditure of means and labour in behalf of so worthy a cause. The prevailing tastes of the age are such, as to render mere accomplishments paramount to thorough mental training. By some obliquity of vision, that which gives momentary pleasure, gains greater favour than the sober and more lasting endowments of intellectuality; the brilliant light, though but transitory, attracts more admirers than the steady, calm and warming blaze. A dazzling exterior has its charms, and satisfies the whim of the day; but few care to look beneath, and test that which survives. We have noticed for years past in the mind of teacher, parent, and pupil, a fondness for show; and they all learn to a lamentable degree, a species of stage trickery. We object not to embellish the mind, with all those pure and innocent accomplishments which add so much grace and vivacity to the manners—which serve so agreeably to dissipate ennui, and throw a bouquet of dullness gleams of bright sunshine—which call into life the elevated passions. But we protest against imposition, against a ROYAL ROAD TO EDUCATION.

If our females are educated, they should be so in reality. Are they to be mere parlour ornaments, as useless for all practical purposes, as the beautifully worked ottoman upon which they listlessly recline? Is there not a higher, a nobler sphere of action, and should not their minds be trained so as to capacitate them for filling it? Parents are often led to desire premature evidence of improvement; they wish to see the fabric of knowledge rise like an exhalation; but the faithful teacher aims rather to lay the foundation deep and strong; a part of the building which is concealed from the eye of actual observation, but on which alone a solid superstructure can be raised.

But when are we to commence this training? Our next paper will show.

Baptist Mission to Australia.

Many hearts in these Provinces are throbbing with intense desire to visit the gold regions of the Sea-girt Isle, for the purpose of acquiring the precious ore. Thousands have gone, and thousands more will go with high hopes and bright anticipations of obtaining treasures of worldly wealth. Amongst the tens of thousands of our Israel, is there no one heart, throbbing with longing desire to preach the cross of our Redeemer to the multitudes upon the land of gold? Who amongst the sons of Zion are prepared to say, 'Here, am I, send me?' Many years ago our Denomination heard the cry from Burmah, and from the wild mountains inhabited by the wandering Karens, saying 'come to our help.' We responded to that touching appeal; we sent them a brother and sister tenderly beloved. They went,

they studied, prayed, and toiled for a few years, when health failed, and they were obliged to return, and from the moment of their return to the present time, there has been an enquiry in many minds—what is to be done in relation to the Foreign Mission? Some are for annexation to the Baptist American Union. They say let us pass our money and our men over to them, and let them manage the whole thing for us. Now, we unhesitatingly say that we have the most perfect confidence in the wisdom, integrity, and purity of that organization; and if we re-enter that field, we shall act wisely to place ourselves, so far as our Foreign Mission is concerned, entirely under their guidance. Our means would be much more wisely directed by our brethren of the United States, in all that relates to BURMAH, than they could be by ourselves.

But hark! Is there no appeal coming over the great blue waters, from another distant section of the globe, and calling upon the Baptists of these highly favoured Provinces, to send to it the message of mercy? Yes, there is such an appeal. It speaks from the rich valleys, and the golden mountains of AUSTRALIA; it tells of tens of thousands of degraded ABORIGINES without civilization, literature, or religion, living without God in the world; and it speaks of hundreds of thousands gathering in that land of promise, from all sections of the globe in search of its hidden treasures—it tells us that multitudes of these are without the Bible, without a Sabbath, without a Missionary. It reminds us also that the souls of all these different classes, are just as precious as the souls of the Karens; and that God will be just as much honoured by christian churches in Australia, as on the mountains of Burmah; and that it is just as terrible for a precious soul to go to hell from the former, as from the latter place. Do you not, Baptist brethren, here this stirring voice, speaking as with ten thousand trumpet tongues? Turn not a deaf ear lest the same voice reach you in the judgment, speaking, as if seven thunders had uttered their voices, pronouncing condemnation, for neglect of a solemn duty.

We ask you not to withhold your aid from Burmah, if you feel it your duty to continue it; but we do ask you, in the name of God, and in the prospect of the retributions of eternity, not to turn a deaf ear to the voice that calls to you, from AUSTRALIA. Let all prepare for action. This subject should be well pondered, between this and the Convention at Sackville. Pray much over it dear brethren, and ask the Lord to aid us, in forming an efficient organization to send the blessed gospel of the grace of God, to the countless multitudes of Australia.

At the Central Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, held in June last, the following Resolution was passed:

'We are of opinion that the use of Tobacco is unnecessary, and extremely injurious to the health of those that use it; and that the time is now come, when every Christian, and especially the Ministers of the Gospel should place themselves in a position to check the progress of an enemy that is so secretly and effectually destroying the constitutions of those that come within its grasp.'

ABEL PARKER, Chairman.

As the Association is to meet again next week we call the attention of our readers to a paper in our columns upon the effects that this weed has upon the human system, and we hope that all our brethren in the Ministry will use their influence, by precept and example, to induce the denomination, to a man, to lay aside a habit which is thus demonstrated to be pernicious to the teeth—to the voice—to the senses; and as God has said to his people 'Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's—let us take heed to the purifying of this temple—for 'If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.' The 'Christian Messenger' has a long paper in its number of last week, upon this subject, taken up in a religious point of view, and we think the statements made in another part of our paper upon this weed, in a medical sense, may be read with profit.

We regret to be obliged to defer the publication of the Memoir of the late Rev. S. Elder, this week, the manuscript not having arrived in season. It shall be resumed in our next paper.

Mr. Abraham Bailey has kindly consented to be our Agent at Newcastle, Grand Lake. Also, Robert Snell, Esq., at First Range, Grand Lake; and J. T. Smith, Esq., at Fredericton.

Received from Rev. Thomas Todd, letter with remittance—Directions shall be attended to.—Also, two letters from Mr. Isaiah Wallace, with remittance and 66 new subscribers.

We beg to return our thanks to Col. Favor, of the Boston and St. John Express, for his polite attention in favouring us with late American papers, by the last two trips of the Admiral.

We beg to thank some of our friends who have written to us about the irregularity of the receipt of their papers. We exonerate the publisher, by saying we are sure he regularly mails every paper on Friday or Saturday.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

THE CONVENTION.

Dear Brethren.—Allow me to call the attention of the Churches, through your columns, to the desirableness of a large attendance of members and delegates, at the approaching meeting of the Convention on the 18th inst., at Sackville. Questions of great importance, especially connected with the interests and prospects of our College, will come before us for consideration.

The following is a copy of the fourth article of the Constitution, which defines the terms of membership:

IV. That every member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, who shall pay annually ten shillings or upwards, towards any of the objects embraced by the Union Societies, or into the funds of the Convention, and also every ordained Baptist Minister in the three Provinces, in good standing, shall be a member of the Convention; any person paying five pounds, or upwards, shall be a life member; and the payment of twenty pounds, or upwards, at one time, shall constitute a Life Director. Every Church connected with an Association, and contributing annually ten shillings to the fund of a Union Society, shall be a member of this Convention; and be at liberty to send one Delegate to represent such Church; and if five pounds are collected, two Delegates. Every Local Union Society collecting annually five pounds or upwards, shall be a member of this Convention, and shall be at liberty to send two Delegates to represent them therein, and one Delegate for every additional five pounds collected; so as no Church or Local Union Society be at liberty to send more than five delegates; and that each Association connected with the Convention be allowed to send five Delegates. Every Missionary and Educational Board shall also be at liberty to send one Delegate.

Yours, truly, J. M. CRAMP.

St. John, Sept. 2, 1852.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Newcastle, Miramichi, Aug. 23, 1852.

Dear Brother,—It will be pleasing to you and our brethren to know that the cause of our Redeemer is progressing in some parts here through the means of brother James White, a member of the Norton Baptist Church,—a converted Roman Catholic. God is doing wonders, through his means. His own relations are professing religion, notwithstanding the priest has warned all his hearers against him. He has been attacked and beaten by the Papists on the high road, while he prayed for his persecutors, which so exasperated one of them that he swore if he prayed for him any more he would beat him to pieces. I saw him and he informed me, (while at my house), that on his way from Fredericton to this place, he called on his brother and conversed with him, who appeared very much offended; but while relating the matter to me news came to him that his brother had openly professed religion; he exclaimed 'Bless the Lord.' He has suffered the loss of all things; having had his chest of tools and all his wearing apparel consumed by fire; the house at which he stopped, after his arrival in Chatham, having been struck by lightning and destroyed. The priest has warned all his people to avoid him, but not to beat or hurt him. However he holds two meetings on the Sabbath at Black River, twelve miles from Chatham, on the Richibucto Road, they are well attended. The Presbyterians and Methodists are encouraging him; they think that God will do a great deal through his instrumentality among the Romanists. He desires to have an interest in your prayers, and wishes to be remembered to all his brethren in Saint John and Norton.

I have been visiting the Bay Chaleur, about the 25th of June, and on the following Lord's day preached at the Capes; on the next Sabbath held two meetings at Petugouche, 30

miles up the Bay, we had a refreshing season, and through the Divine blessing some fruits may yet appear. I returned home on the 5th July, and left again on the 13th August, to visit the north-eastern shore; preached on Sabbath at Tabisantac, 40 miles from here, at 11, and at half past 3, to an attentive and, I hope, an enquiring people. Monday, drove 40 miles to Shippegan, and was kindly received by brothers John and Thomas Harding, formerly of Saint John; they have a good place of worship, but are not visited by any minister for months and sometimes for a year. Brother Joseph Crandal was the only Baptist minister who had ever preached there. I addressed the people on Tuesday evening, and received a pressing invitation to remain over the Sabbath, which I could not avail myself of; but I intend to visit them at some future time, if spared. May the Great Shepherd of the Sheep bless them and their families.

I returned on Wednesday to New Brandon, and met the G. W. P. of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; had a very large and interesting meeting on the subject of temperance, in the Methodist Chapel, a Division was formed under favourable circumstances.

On Sabbath I again addressed the people at Bathurst, in the Methodist Chapel; and on Monday arrived home in better health than when I set out. Bless the Lord for all his mercies. Yours in the best of bonds,

WM. GREMLEY.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

THOUGHTS ON MAN.

Son of eternity! thou art of much greater worth than the grovelling insect beneath thy feet; assert thy superior privilege; be wise and wonder. Raise thine eyes aloft and contemplate yon heavens, the lofty dwelling of Jehovah; behold that gorgeous sun travelling in brightness through the skies; and consider thyself as a spark of his light—a ray of unextinguishable glory—a child of immortality. Let joy dwell in thy bosom; let conscious and becoming pride sparkle in thine eyes; triumph in thy lofty descent; pant after the blessings of thy Father's kingdom; sigh for eternity. Man is the son of mortality and death! be humble then, know and feel thy depravity; so shame and confusion hide thy face and lay thee prostrate in the dust, whence thou wert taken, and whither thou shalt surely return. If soaring on the wings of an eagle, with the bright eye of contemplation, thou canst steadily behold the dazzling lustre of thy lofty descent, lower than the lowest deep must thou sink, when turning thine eyes inward and beholding the long train of evils which eclipse that splendour, and obscure the whole Deity in thee, born to dwell in light, thou art in utter darkness; created to reign in life, death holds absolute dominion over thee. Thy heart is evil. Thou hast offended God. Tremble, O earth, ye heavens be clothed in thick darkness; that soul breathed from the eternal Divinity hath fallen,—hath sold and forfeited his birthright! Who shall recover him? Man maketh not atonement. Perfection shone on our first sire, before he listened, ate, and was undone. Full as the beaming glory in yon bright eye of the ethereal heavens; pure as the virgin splendour in the queen of night; the whole image of the Most High and Holy One was resplendent in him. Through envy of the devil came death; the woman was deceived; the man partook of her crime. He felt the light of Jehovah vanished from his breast. He fell, and became the slave of corruption; so sin and sorrow at once entered into the world. We are the sons of fallen Adam? frail and corruptible. What then is thy hope, O man? Where doth it dwell,—where is that happy pilot that shall steer thee straight to the haven of eternal rest, and everlasting blessedness? Thy trespasses are daily; and yet one trespass is sufficient to darken all thy expectations of eternal glory in yon bright heavens. Miserable man! death and hell lay fast hold of thee; already thou art condemned; how shalt thou be delivered from this condemnation? Blessed are they that mourn. Be comforted; burst forth into singing, son of consolation; behold I point out to thee a never failing polar star; spread thy sails therefore, and make for the harbour of rest. Where Christ sitteth to make intercession for a lost and a perishing world. Come, sinner, let your thoughts wing their flight to yonder heavens, and there behold the crucified Being that died for your sins. O man, wonder and adore! Meditate upon the boundless good-