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CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

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NEW VOLUME.

With the present number we commence the Fifth Volume of this paper. Its friends, some of whom have had so much anxiety as to the success of the enterprise, and have devoted themselves so generously and diligently to its support, and to the extension of its circulation, will rejoice with us at the hold which it now has upon the esteem of the Churches, and the wide circulation which it has attained. Few are aware of the difficulties of an enterprise of this kind, and of the amount of sacrifice which must be made by some body to secure its success. These sacrifices have been made in connexion with this paper, and by them it has now attained such a list of subscribers as will make it self-supporting. Our readers are aware that our list was largely increased the past year, mostly through the agency of Bro. Wallace. The number of new subscribers obtained during the past year was over seven hundred. We find, taking into account all whose term of subscription expired during the year and who ceased to take the paper, a clear net increase upon the preceding year of six hundred and seventy seven. We believe, we cannot be truthfully contradicted, when we say we have a larger number of subscribers than any other paper, secular or religious, in New-Bruns-
wick; the assertion of one of our contemporaries of the past week, notwithstanding. We are not content, however, to rest here. We hope to see our circulation as much or more extended the coming year as it has been the past, and also, that valuable improvements will be made in the paper. On account of the nature of our contract with the Publisher, we are not able to improve this quarter's edition, by printing upon a better quality of paper. This we consider desirable, and shall aim to effect it by the next quarter; and also by another year we hope to make a permanent reduction in the price. This is pledged to be done as early a day as the expences of the paper will allow. Our readers are aware, that one of the chief sources of profit to a newspaper, which is its advertisements, we are deprived of. This, while it abridges our means of meeting expences, makes the paper of so much more value as a family paper, for almost the whole sheet, from week to week, is newly set readable information. If our price, therefore, is a trifle more than some of our contemporaries, our new matter is at least half as much again, and our income less than theirs. A beginning, however, towards a reduction in the price, we intend to make, by proposing the following inducements to Agents and prompt subscribers.

We hereby authorize our Agents as a compensation for their kindness and labor, to retain *One Shilling and Three Pence* on every subscription which they receive from a new subscriber who pays in full when he subscribes; or if the Agent will send us the balance, with the name, he may arrange as he pleases with the subscriber. We further propose to every subscriber who shall from this date pay his own subscription punctually in advance, and also send therewith the name of a new subscriber with advance pay, also to retain *One Shilling and Three Pence* on the subscription to the new name, or if he chooses to bid the circulation and befriend his neighbour he may share this amount with him, thus in effect reducing the price of the two papers 7d. each.

We hope to be understood, by "advance" in these propositions. We mean strictly beforehand, or in connexion with the first number received, not after thirteen weeks, or three weeks.

That this is as liberal an offer as our circumstances will allow, and that we are disposed to go as far as possible to advance the interests of the paper and of the denomination, we presume, will be admitted, when we state this one fact: That the last quarter of the last Volume was the first quarter since the

commencement of the second Volume (which was the time when the present proprietors assumed the paper,) that anything was left after paying the Publisher, and Agent for editing the paper. The conducting of the paper is not a money speculation nor a source of pecuniary profit to the proprietors, nor will it ever be in their hands. Either the price of the paper will be reduced just to cover the expences, or the profits, when any shall arise, after refunding what has been advanced to establish the paper, will be given to Domestic Missions in this Province.

The end and object of the paper being neither to make money nor to promote any other selfish ends, we have no temptations from such sources to pander to the prejudices of this party or that, or to withhold an honest expression of our sentiments. We believe the public interests are advanced by the diffusion of religious and general intelligence; and that the peace of every Church, and the happiness of every family, are promoted by the same means. To this the Christian Visitor is devoted, and will be conducted so far as our ability extends with a rigid regard to truth and fairness.

In commencing another Volume, we solicit again the Communications of our friends, and shall be glad to chronicle whatever occurs of interest among them, and especially the indications of prosperity among the Churches.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

Our readers have been made acquainted with the fact that the Resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors some months since, recommending the plan of scholarships of £100 each, to create a permanent endowment for the College is engaging the attention of brethren as the most feasible plan for immediate adoption. This is our decided conviction as the only way in which we can obviate the evils to which continual fluctuations in its resources will subject the Governors; and also the only way in which its staff of officers can be increased so as to make its course of instruction complete without unreasonably burdening those devoted to teaching. A full Board of Teachers would of course at once give it a character which at present the utmost devotion of the excellent brethren upon whom this duty now devolves must fail to secure. But the scholarship plan carried out will secure another object which most strongly commend it to the Churches and to the friends of the denomination, now lamenting the lack of Ministers to enter upon those interesting fields which are open and which cannot at present be supplied.

Every Church owning one or more scholarships, and every individual with the same privilege, will be naturally desirous of having them filled, and will be looking up the young men of promising gifts and giving them encouragement to prosecute a course of study to qualify them more fully for the duties of life, and doubtless a large part of them, such especially as would be selected by Churches, would be young men of devoted piety. The Churches would then be exercising the prerogative, which we believe belongs to them, of calling into use the gifts with which in the persons of their members they are invested. The more largely the Churches entered into this plan the more largely would they controul the character of the Ministry by educating young men of their own selection, and having them during their preparatory studies sustaining an immediate connection with and responsible to them.

We have always admired the plan of connecting a parsonage or a mission-house with the place of worship to be owned and controuled by the Church. To the Church it is advantageous as a matter of economy, there being a saving of so much as the rent would amount to in its annual expenditure; but the idea of a scholarship in a well endowed and well governed Institution where its young men could receive a proper course of classical and theological instruction strikes us as more pleasing still. Indeed the more we think of it the more we are charmed with the appropriateness and desirableness of it; nor as a member of any Church should we rest till it had its scholarship, thus pledging its regard for education as a suitable agency with which to advance religion and all the best interests of a society; thus strengthening a common bond to unite our Churches, promoting acquaintance and correspondence; thus assisting to give the character which our Ministry must assume as time progresses and society advances; thus interposing to secure for it, so far

as our influence as a body would go, and our controul as a Proprietor of the Institution, a judicious course of instruction and a wise administration of its affairs.

Bro. Brown, at Boistown, we hope, with others in that section of the Province, will receive their papers earlier and with more regularity. We have taken pains to have their papers go from this by way of Fredericton.

We trust this will be the case also with papers for Hampstead, Wickham, and parcels via Gagetown.

The frequent changes in the time for the several mails leaving the city have been embarrassing to the publisher. We endeavour to give immediate attention when brethren notify us of these matters, though in some cases it is impossible for us to correct what is complained of.

We have before advised parties when drivers and carriers refuse to deposit their papers properly, unitedly and respectfully to notify the Post Master General of such delinquencies. The object will be effected as easily and perhaps more surely than for us at such distance to make frequent complaints.

Bro. Mutch, writing from Sackville, acknowledges the receipt at Manudie of two donations for the French Mission, Joseph Reed, Esq., 20s., and bro. Seaman, 10s.—Also for the Visitor, Wm. Barnes, 20s.; John Barnes, 10s.; John Anderson 3d, 10s. At Bear River and Manudie bro. Mutch sold 125 volumes.

Have obtained the following subscriptions for the French Mission, part of which is paid, and the remainder to be soon paid.

D. CRANDAL.

In Moncton.—Elder James Newcomb, 10s.; Elder David Crandal, 10s.; Dr. P. Guimarian, 10s.; Wm. Stedman, Esq., 7s. 6d.; Mr. Aberdeen, 7s. 6d.; Mr. Michael Harris, 5s.; Dea. S. Russel, 5s.; Joseph Crandal, P.M. 5s.; Mr. Oliver Jones, 5s.; Mr. Warren Perrigo, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Wm. Ritchie, 2s. 6d.; Miss Pamela Perrigo, 2s. 6d.; Mr. David Horsman, 4s.; Miss Martha Ann Crandal, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Ebenezer Crandal, 3s.

In Shediac.—Mr. T. Davis, 5s.; Mr. Chas. Dickie, 2s. 6d.

Bro. Knight writes as follows from Dorchester on the 17th.

DEAR BROTHER,—I again resume my pen to inform you that the church at this place has collected the sum of 20s. last Sabbath day, after Bro. Crandal's preaching. I am happy to find the people here as zealous and active toward their French neighbours as at the other settlements that I have visited.

I am happy to find by last week's paper our dear friends at Manguerville and Canning feel interested for the same Missionary object.

The following note is appended to a letter which we have received the past week from Rev. William Sears:

I have taken my regular dismission from the Church and congregation in Hopewell, after 18 years service. Bro. Wallace I believe is likely to be my successor. I intend to travel.

We are much more in favor of the 18 or 28 years steady and devoted pastoral labor, amid all the vicissitudes and trials incident to the ministry in one place, than to an itinerancy; still, we believe bro. Sears will meet with a cordial reception, and find abundant means of doing good in a multitude of places where the limited means of the churches are not adequate to a Pastor's support.

NASHWAAK, Jan. 14th, 1852.

DEAR SIR,—I have to thank you for the 8 copies of the "American Messenger." The Child's Paper has not arrived.

As I anticipated they give general satisfaction and pleasure. The Lord grant that they may not only increase happiness in this life but in that to come. Who feels the worth of souls? Surely apostles like Paul are much needed. But it is only Paul's faith that can produce Paul's labor and zeal. Love and labour go together now as well as in the time of the first disciples and missionaries of the Lord. When I see the accounts in the Messenger of the good done by the instrumentality of that paper and the tracts, I wish to be one of those who help it along.

And I wish to pre-occupy the ground by sending the "Child's Paper" into the families of young persons with which I am now con-

nected, and so give the enemy less chance for the sowing of tares.

Do you think, if I may be allowed to trespass on your time for an answer, that religious tracts could be sent by mail? If so, will you send among those which I wrote for, some on the observance of the Sabbath, and on declension of personal religion, and particularly those whistling out the love and mercy of the Saviour of sinners; for it appears to me that this is the strongest motive in the New-Testament towards the full rendering of the soul up to His service.

With my prayers for your success in all your good works. I remain,

Dear Sir, &c.

Rev. E. Very, St. John.

The above, not written by the way for publication from a brother who at his own expense is attempting a simple but efficient way of doing good. During the year past we supplied a number of brethren in this way for a service in which they took great satisfaction. Seed like this may not spring up in all cases at once, but fruit will be found after many days.

As soon as the Child's Paper arrives it will be sent also the tracts, which, with all other pamphlets weighing less than 2oz. each, can be forwarded in parcels through this Province free postage.

The date of the papers will be but temporary. The steamer will be on the route again the 1st of March, when orders can be met in a few days' time. Vessels, upon which in the meantime we depend, do not go regularly, and often a long while in the passage.

Just as we are going to Press we hear from bro. Henry E. Seelye, the Agent of the Union who is meeting with a kind reception among the Churches above Fredericton.

The enquiry of our friend in Albert county of the dwarf fruit trees, we can only say know not that these can be obtained in this Province, but at a proper season they can be procured from the Horticultural Store, 100 Street, Boston, and we doubt not their hardiness would be found adapted to this Province.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—Rev. A. Mutch, with remittance; Rev. T. Todd, do; Mr. John Christy, do; Mr. Hazen S. Fillmore, do; Asa Dyer, do; Rev. E. Webb, do; Rev. D. Odal, do; Mr. A. H. Munro, do; Rev. J. Ver, do; Mr. H. E. Seelye, do; Mr. Elishaw, do; Mr. Charles Tappan, A. Browne, W. Seas, F. Knight.

Correspondence.

[THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BROTHER VER.—When I review the days of childhood and youth passed under the paternal roof enjoying the counsels, admonitions and instructions of my lamented father, I condemn and am ashamed of the little movement I have made, inasmuch that I see I feel the justice of the bereaving dispensation of an all-wise God in removing him to enjoyment of eternal bliss, in the heavenly world. I earnestly desire to be guided by the wisdom which cometh from above, in writing brief sketch of his life, I shall not unduly eulogize or flatter the deceased, simply relate some few facts in connection with his life, which justly entitles him to the character of sincere, devoted child of God and a subject of Divine grace, to the praise and glory of His rich grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

My dear father was born in Cumberland, State of New York, on the 2d January, 1785.—His parents were Congregationalists in which Faith and order they early instructed their children, and were they heirs of the Divine inheritance, to bring them in the culture and admonition of the Lord and their labors of love were not in vain, inasmuch as it pleased the Lord of His rich abundant mercy to crown them with His blessing, and to pour out of His Holy Spirit upon their offspring and to bring them into His kingdom. My dear father early gave evidence that his mind was deeply and solemnly impressed with a sense of eternal things, he fashions and customs of this sinful world had no charms for him, he had no relish for those amusements which alas! so many our youth are puffed up with, but he sought for something that was substantial, durable, divine—and as I have heard him frequently say, "that he