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CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1852.

We intend, D. V., to give a regular series of papers upon Education, and these will be principally upon female education, as we think woman lovely, and when properly educated, powerfully influential woman, does not occupy the place in society she should. Next to the Church in value and importance to mankind, stand the nurseries of education. To use the language of the Bible on the relation of kings and queens to Zion, we affirm that schools and colleges, under Bible influence, become NURSING FATHERS and NURSING MOTHERS to the Church,—we say under Bible or Protestant principles—for “the Bible—the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants.” The revival of literature in Europe preceded the revival of religion, usually called Protestantism. “Tis education makes the man.” And in most cases our greatest scholars and best men have, in this sense of the word, been made by the mother. See the Kings and Chronicles of the kings of Israel, and wherever you find a remarkable man, the name of the mother is given. Does not this hold good too in all ages? Let us then well educate our daughters, and we shall make good wives—good mothers—and good citizens. What are civilization and Christianity, but successful education? The gift of tongues too preceded the promulgation of the Gospel to the world, and ever since, education has been the HANDMAID of religion. All societies on the Christian chart, have taken hold of education as the main auxiliary in advancing their respective theories of religion. Our Saviour founded, (as a great Legislator once said,) “a College of Fishermen,”—a school or college for qualifying full grown men to do his work of enlightening the nations. It was not immediate inspiration nor ordination, that first converted the Galilean fishermen into Apostles of Christ. The Almighty took MOSES from the royal schools of Egypt, and PAUL from the feet of Gamaliel to do His work of teaching and leading men.

In all ages of Christianity the GREAT REFORMERS of the world were educated men. Knowledge is power. Who were the Fathers of Protestantism, of Bible translation, and of the diffusion of light, learning and science? But for Fitzaph, Wickliffe, Tyndal, Luther, Zuinglius, Calvin, Melancthon, Bucor,—whence Protestantism? But for Brown, Robinson, Owen,—whence Congregationalism? But for the Wesleys and Whitfield,—whence Methodism? And who of all these was not nursed and cherished in the bosom of a College? Let us not be misunderstood,—we are not going to contend for isms,—for our stand is taken upon the all-sufficiency of the Scriptures to make men wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, (1 Tim. iii. 16-17;) but as they who despise learning are fools, we say in the order of nature and of divine grace, learning without grace, and grace without learning, can achieve little or nothing for mankind. There are degrees in each; the moral heroes of the world have neither been saints alone, nor sages alone; but saints and sages in ONE PERSON.

We have for many years given the subject of female education our thoughts, and we long to see a female institution got up in this Province, established upon a mathematical basis, and so place our wives and daughters in their right position. In order to carry this out, character must be trained, for we maintain that no one should be employed in educating youth who is not mentally, physically, and morally fitted for it. It is true, as a great writer says, that “in obscurity, in retirement, beneath the shadow of ten thousand dwellings, unknown to the world, and never asking to be known, there are GOOD WOMEN, whose lives shed brightness on the dark clouds that surround them—proofs that the world is not forsaken of heaven—pledges that it will not be forsaken;” but we want to bring her out of seclusion, and to place her in her proper position as the HELPER OF MAN.

In another part of our paper will be found our thoughts upon woman, which may be read as preparatory to our educational statements.

Rev. Mr. Bliss, Secretary of the American Tract Society, delivered in Union-street Chapel, on Monday evening last, a deeply interesting lecture on “The Providential care of God over the United States and the British Provinces in preserving them from the early attempts of Spain and France, to establish the Roman Catholic faith.” The lecture was replete with information upon the rise and progress of civilization on this mighty Continent, in connexion with the religion of the cross. The past history of the United States, their present commanding position, and the power which they are destined to wield upon the great drama of the world’s progress, were briefly sketched, and impressively placed before the audience. The subject was illustrated by an immense Map, prepared for the purpose, and hung up just over the altar, so that the assembly could have a fine view of it. The Rev. lecturer, referred frequently to the Map, and with his long pointer, carried his hearers to those important points in American history, which so clearly illustrate the special providence of the Almighty, in the preservation of his truth amidst hostile attempts to destroy it. The lecture was listened to throughout, by a large and highly respectable congregation, with thrilling interest.

The Rev. lecturer delivered a second address on Tuesday evening, in Germain-street Chapel, on the rise and progress of the Am. Tract Society, and was followed by Mr. Hoyt, agent of the Sabbath School Union. These addresses were in their character, equally important and interesting; and we are deeply indebted to these dear brethren for their visit to our City and for the valuable information thus conveyed to us. We were remarkably struck with their christian spirit, and courteous behaviour, and we deeply regret they had to leave us so soon to prosecute their labour of love in other parts. To God we commend them, and pray that his choicest blessings may attend them.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

We rejoice to see from Dr. Cramp’s letter, which appears below, that he is much encouraged in the work of Endowment. The Churches are responding nobly, Liverpool has taken hold with a strong hand, and if the Churches in the Annapolis Valley do their duty, as we believe they will, success is certain.

Who that knows the wants of Zion, and prays for her prosperity, can stand aloof from such a movement as this? Four thousand additional Baptist Ministers are wanted to meet the present demand of the United States, to say nothing of the crying necessity that exists in the British Provinces. How shall this demand be met? This is a grave question for the Denomination to consider. The Churches of these Provinces must know, that so far as our own country is concerned, the responsibility rests upon themselves of providing the supply. One means of doing this is by Endowing Acadia College, as a nursery for our pious young men, who may be called of God to preach the Gospel. Let every Baptist be determined to do his duty and the work will be done.

Dr. Cramp will visit our City next week on his way to the Western Association. The Doctor will preach, D. V., on Wednesday evening next, in Brussels-street, and on Thursday evening in Germain-street. A meeting of the friends of Acadia will take place during his stay, in favour of the Endowment fund. Let us with one heart and hand, aid him in this good cause.

REPLY TO BEREAN.—We are always pleased with that mental independence which receives nothing on mere human authority, in matters of religion. We prefer communion with that mind that thinks for itself on all its own premises, to communion with its contrary, or with that which yields to the dicta of others—we, therefore, yield, most cheerfully to every brother that which we claim for ourselves. If “Berean” will consult an old Book he will find our quotation in one of beloved brother Paul’s Epistles—1 Cor. iii. 9.—Eos.

The September number of Godley’s Lady Book has come to hand. So much has been said, and justly so, in praise of this work, that we only allude to it, to stimulate every gentleman who is without it to send immediately for it. It is a perfect vade mecum for every Lady.—The matter is fit for the most fastidious eye, and the engravings evince much good taste. We wish the publisher all the success he deserves.—The Agents for this

work are Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, Prince William Street.

We have just had sent to us the “Christian Almanac” for 1853. This is one of the most beautifully executed little works we have ever seen, and it contains a fund of information. It may be had in any quantity at Mr. Marsters’ Colporteur Depository, St. John.

W. S., “On the age we live in,” has been received, but it is far too long for insertion. Poetic effusions for a paper should be short. We will return it if requested.

All Communications to us should be post paid, and thus addressed—To the Editors of the Christian Visitor, St. John.

Communications have been received received from the Hon. W. A. Mealey, from Mrs. Turnbull and G. A. Hammond.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

ACADIA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

DEAR BRETHREN,—On Thursday last, brother Burpe and myself returned home, having been absent rather more than a fortnight, on an Endowment tour.

We visited Windsor, Chester, Port Medway, Liverpool, and Yarmouth. The following statement exhibits the results, expressed in round numbers for the sake of convenience, although in some instances the subscriptions are not yet completely filled up. The brethren in the respective places have them in charge.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Windsor, £100; Chester, 100; Port Medway, 100; Liverpool, 1st Church, 300; Do. 2d Church, 400; Yarmouth, 1st Church, 300.

Three brethren in the first Liverpool Church have taken a Scholarship each. Subscriptions of £150 each were received from two brethren in the Second Church. At Yarmouth, a Scholarship was taken by the Ladies connected with the First Church. I mention these as encouraging instances of zeal for the object, worthy of extensive imitation.

Brother Hunt, aided by brother Cunningham, is now engaged in visiting the Churches at Weymouth, Digby, Bridgetown, Wilmot, Nictaux, and Aylesford. Should those Churches respond liberally to the appeal, success may be confidently expected.

After visiting Halifax, I expect to spend two or three days in St. John, on my way to the Western New-Brunswick Association, at Prince William. A week will then be devoted to the Sackville district, where I am to have the valuable assistance of brother G. F. Miles.

As it is exceedingly desirable that the Convention should be fully informed respecting the views and intentions of the Churches, I take the liberty to request, once more, that the pastors and delegates will take measures to ascertain the same, and be prepared to carry into effect the plans which may be adopted at Sackville.

Brother Burpe and myself were everywhere received with great kindness. Strong attachment to our educational interests was generally expressed, and the decline or downfall of the College depreciated as a calamity—a disgrace—to be averted by prompt and united energy. Yours, truly, J. M. CRAMP.

Acadia College, Aug. 21, 1852.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

To the Editors of the Christian Visitor.

DEAR BRETHREN,—I am labouring for a few weeks in this place, and at the Butternut Ridge; and I am very happy to say that I have drunk of the brook in the way since I came to this place, and lifted up my hand and rejoiced with God’s people here in view of our redemption which draweth nigh. On my return from the Eastern Association, at Sackville, at the request of some ministering brethren and others, I turned in at Salisbury, and drove into Deacon Robert Keistis, who resides within a stones cast of the new Baptist Meeting House, which the Ridge Church and congregation have lately erected and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. I think the Church manifested much wisdom in placing their meeting house so near a brother who so kindly receives and entertains the ministers of the glorious gospel. The Ridge meet-

ing house is one of the best located, and one of the most commodious Baptist places of worship I have seen in the country parts of New-Brunswick. The new Baptist meeting house in this place is in progress of building, and will be ready for dedication by the first of the new year 1853. I have spent already three Sabbaths in connexion with these Churches, and have preached almost every day once or twice, and visited from house to house; and I rejoice to be able to write that the dear people of God in these regions are experiencing a season of refreshing from the Lord’s glorious presence. We had last Saturday at the conference at the Ridge, near one hundred persons. Two willing converts to Christ rose one after the other, and related the dealings of God with their souls in a way that we all felt that God was with them. On the Sabbath morning they were baptized in the presence of a large assembly that gathered at the water side, and more have expressed their desire to follow Christ. Brothers Herrit, Lockey and I. Wallace have been with me in some of the meetings, and have rejoiced to see the ark of God beginning to move forward in these Churches. We desire an interest in your prayers dear brethren, that the work of God commenced in this place may go forward. When I think of our dear brethren Chipman and Very that were so suddenly taken away to appear before God, I feel that we who are left behind should devote our whole time, yes, every moment to the cause of God, that we may be ready ourselves, and present many others perfect in Christ at his glorious appearing. You may hear from me again shortly.

Yours, in the bonds of the Gospel,

WELLINGTON JACKSON.

New Canada, County Queen’s, Aug. 19th, 1852.

P. S.—Last Saturday, at the Ridge, we had a most interesting Conference Meeting; God was with us, and the shout of a King was amongst us. Three persons related the dealings of God to their souls, and were baptized on the Sabbath morning, in the presence of a dense crowd of immortal beings, many of whom were deeply impressed with a sense of the necessity of being prepared to meet God. An aged man also then came forward at the water side, and gave to the Church a satisfactory reason of the hope that was within him. I preached during my absence at Salisbury, Sussex Vale, and Upham; and in each place I was encouraged. On Monday, I had the pleasure of a short interview with Elders Jas. Herritt and Newcomb, at Deacon Steves, of Salisbury, who were very anxious for my immediate return, but on account of my business at home as also appointments for conferences and preaching in the second St. Martins Church and the Loch Lomond Church I shall not be able to return to the Ridge before the third Saturday from now, which, if nothing in Providence prevents, I would say through your paper to the dear brethren and friends at the Ridge, and Canaan, that I shall be happy to meet them in Conference on the third Saturday from now, at 2 P. M., when I hope to hear many speak of the love of Christ and testify of his power to save.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Pictou, Aug. 23d, 1852.

Dear Brethren,—I visited this place last fall, and preached in the Assembly Hall which was procured for the occasion: it will contain about 500 persons. The attendance was large; the meeting deeply solemn. I found only two or three Baptists in the place, who were praying fervently to God that he would send to them a preacher of the Gospel, and some one to administer His ordinances. Brother Hobbs visited them and preached with acceptance, also Brother Parker from Sackville, who preached in the Presbyterian meeting house, and Brother Henry Angell spoke one Sabbath in the Assembly Hall. This, I believe, is all the Baptist preaching they have had in Pictou recently. I laid this matter before the Amherst Church, which resulted in their passing a unanimous resolution to sustain a mission in Pictou. Three families kindly volunteered their aid to the amount of twenty pounds. Having secured the services of Brother Henry Angell, a pious young man, to supply Amherst, I left, and arrived here three weeks ago. The Assembly Hall has been rented, and we have service twice on the Sabbath, and once in the week. We have also commenced a Sabbath School, which is well attended. I preach also in the