

We have pleasure in inserting the following out from the "New York Chronicle." It will be read with interest.—Eps.

Niagara Falls, 25th July, 1853.

Messrs. Editors.—Saratoga continues to be the centre of attraction to travellers and pleasure seekers. Hundreds come from various points of the compass to drink of these waters, that they may be healed of the maladies that afflict their mortal bodies. Would that they might all come to that "Fountain opened in the house of David, for sin and all uncleanness," and drink abundantly from those pure streams of salvation, that flow from the Fountain of God's inexhaustible and boundless love—

There is a spring whose waters roll,
Abundant to the main,
Whose flowing streams will cleanse the soul
From sin's polluting stain.
O come, and with God's children drink,
From springs of heavenly love,
Where flow unceasing and serene,
Joys that will still live on.

Perennial spring and fadeless bloom,
Adorn those heavenly bowers—
The sun of love dispels the gloom,
And cheers this home of ours.
Come to the living waters, come,
And drink and never die,
The Lamb himself will guide your feet,
To fadeless joys on high.

Leaving our retreat on Friday, a small party of us wound our way to Niagara Falls. After travelling through the night, we reached our destined place on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock. In roaming, through the day, we found much to impress us and fill the mind with adoration and reverence to the *Great Architect*. On Sabbath morning, as the rosy light was dawning upon the mountain's brow, I thought how delightful it is to look "through nature up to nature's God." These feelings inspired within us a desire to spend the hours of this day of rest in God's house, and we accordingly went with those who love to keep holy day, to the Sanctuary. Our ears were once more saluted with the glad news, from the same speaker, that it was our privilege to hear the Sabbath previous in Saratoga.—Text—John 16: 9; "Of sin, because they believe not on me."

The sermon was divided into three parts: 1st. That man is accountable to God for what he believes; 2nd. That faith in Christ is absolutely necessary to salvation; 3rd. That unbelief will exclude the soul from heaven. *It is the sin.* The preacher spoke from the outgushing of a full and warm heart. In carrying out these points, he remarked, that faith in Christ underlies all the Christian virtues—as we were commanded to add to our faith, virtue, &c., while unbelief was the forerunner of sin, and led the soul down to death and despair, where hope and mercy could never reach them. G.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Frederickton Academy.

DEAR BRETHREN.—In order that there may be a full understanding of the plan adopted by the Directors of the Education Society, for the removal of the debt, and sanctioned by the Society at its recent meeting at Hillsborough, allow me a few words of explanation.

In the year 1845, a list was made out of all the claims against the Society; they were found to amount to £728. By reductions made during seven years, that amount has been so far diminished, that only £575 is now required to free the Society from all encumbrance. The Directors, at their late meeting, justly thinking it a reflection upon the body, that in the present prosperous state of the Province, so small a sum should continue due upon the buildings, devised the following plan for realizing the amount required.

Dividing the whole debt into shares and half-shares, respectively of £25 and £12 10s. each; they hope to meet with a sufficient number of friends to take up the whole amount. To render payment more easy, they propose that the shares or half-shares should be paid in two instalments—the first on the 1st October next—the other on the 1st October 1854, without interest.

In return for the share, it is proposed to allow the holder the right of sending a student to the Seminary free of Tuition charges for a period of seven years, at any time when he may wish to do so. Half a share confers the

same right for half that time; and any number of persons combining to take a share are entitled to the same privilege in any way agreed upon among themselves.

A commencement has already been made by our esteemed Brethren Elder R. Thomson, A. M., and John Hughes, who were appointed to carry out the plan. The latter is now prosecuting this agency on the upper part of the St. John River.

When an effort was made twelve years ago to pay off the debt, several friends contributed with the understanding that the whole would be paid: through a combination of causes which cannot now be detailed, the contemplated design was not fully carried into effect. The effort then made, however saved the Institution. And those same friends will again lend a helping hand if there is a prospect of accomplishing the object, but they decline being the first to come forward. A vigorous effort on the part of those who have not yet been solicited for the debt, will secure the co-operation of others, and insure the success of the measure.

C. SPURDEN.

Frederickton, 30th July, 1853.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Messrs. Editors.—Dear Brethren, to those who love God, and are attached to his cause, and desire most earnestly the advancement of the kingdom of Christ, it must afford them great encouragement and consolation to know that their endeavours are being blessed in the advancement of that cause. For if there be one feeling in the christian's heart which predominates, it is love to God and a sincere desire for the extension of the kingdom and patience of our Saviour. For this the Minister of the cross labors, for this the Saints pray, and for this the christian Editor toils and spends his midnight hours by the light of the nocturnal luminary, while others around him are softly reposing in the arms of Somnus. Yet he feels inspired with the all hallowed thought, that these words which I am now committing to paper may prove the power of God unto salvation to some unsaved soul, and that that soul may shine as an ornament in the church militant, and as a star in the church triumphant. Under the all-animating power of this delightful thought his soul arises with renewed vigor while he resolves to spend and be spent in the service of his God. Oh, for more of the self sacrificing spirit of our Master, and that deep and holy devotion with which he was clad.

I feel wedded more and more to Baptist institutions and to Baptist form of Godliness, because those institutions and that form is founded upon the rock of *Eternal Truth*, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. To support those institutions, and disseminate our principles is the delight of every true Baptist. It must therefore be acknowledged, that the *Christian Visitor* in its weekly visits to thousands of our fellow-men is a powerful auxiliary in the promulgation of truth. It has afforded me lasting pleasure to witness the christian manner in which you adhere to the truth of God; and that too when you have been assailed by some, who in the administration of ordinances have consulted human expediences and a spirit of proselitism rather than the sovereignty of Divine truth; and to justify their position would malign the ordinances of the gospel by anti-christian ridicule. Brethren, be ever faithful and ever true, and the God of truth will give you ultimately the victory; the Amlekit and the Perrezite must be cast out before the face of Israel.

I know, dear brethren, that I do not do as much for the Visitor as I might, but still what I do is done for certain, that is, I have never yet sent you one subscriber but what I am willing to hold myself responsible for the pay, and this I consider to be the only safe plan upon which you can publish your paper. I send you three new subscribers, as a small evidence that the Visitor here is progressing, and shedding the radiancy of truth upon many souls. That you may see the pleasure of the Lord still prosper in your hands, is the sincere desire of your brother in Christ and

AGENT AT WOODSTOCK.

July 26th, 1853.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Upham, July 30th, 1853.

Messrs. Editors.—In reading your valuable paper this afternoon my mind was led

back to the time when Father Crandal first engaged in the work of the Ministry. How obscure was the situation of the country then to what it is now in almost every respect; roads were in general perilous to travel, people were in low circumstances, poverty was in all their dwellings more or less; but notwithstanding all the difficulties and embarrassments in which they were surrounded, the good spirit of God found its way into their hearts and the Desert echoed with the praises of the Lord. When I read Father Crandal's letters, as printed in the *Visitor*, they made my heart rejoice. They are like water to a thirsty soul in a dreary land. We are informed in the word of God that they who trust in the Lord shall have their spiritual strength renewed. We have seen the blessed promise fulfilled in the wonderful growth and increase of the Church of God in this Province. The Lord has been graciously pleased to raise up a host of faithful servants of the cross and sent them forth in his name to proclaim salvation to a dying world. It rejoices the children of God to see the advancement of the Redeemer's cause increasing in our day. I feel thankful to read these letters in your paper, they are not to be compared with any carnal subject that will wear out in the using, for the truth is everlasting like God himself, who is unchangeable. I hope this good old father in Israel will not fail to write while he lives. He did much for God, by the aid of the holy spirit in his heart, in the days of his youth. May he have a large reward! Reader, do you remember your Creator, and are you labouring in his Vineyard? O. M. S.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Upham, K. C., July 28, 1853.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

I came to this place last Saturday, the brethren urged me to stop and preach for them on the Sabbath. I spoke to them from Heb. 2d ch. 2d and 3d vs. Afternoon, Psalm 110, 3d v.; and 2d Cor., 3d ch. and 18th v.—The Lord was good, and I trust present to bless. This church has a flourishing Sabbath School, and they are about getting a valuable Library; they keep up their weekly Prayer and monthly Missionary Concert Prayer Meeting; they have formed a society called a Penny a Week Society, to aid our Home Missionary Society. This is as it should be. I trust the example our brethren here is setting to sister churches in those praise worthy acts of benevolence will prompt others to follow in the same path. There are vast numbers of young people here, children of Baptist parents, whose souls need converting. And I believe the spirit and line of conduct pursued by the brethren, if continued among them, must, with the blessing of God, prove effectual in the conversion of the rising generation. The Lord has blest the labours of their Pastor, brother Bunting, he is greatly in the affections of his people. Many of these, dear brethren, I have been acquainted with for a long time, and have ever felt united to them in the fellowship of the gospel, but that fellowship appeared to increase on this visit, in finding them in so happy and united a state of mind, and in their efforts being put forth for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. May the good Lord in this church and all our sister churches breathe such a spirit of self-denial and soul consecration to God, that will cause Satan's kingdom to shake, and be the means of emancipating multitudes from the slavery of sin, and enjoy that liberty wherewith Christ maketh his people free.

Yours truly,
T. LOCKY.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Hampstead, July 24, 1853.

DEAR BRETHREN.—I have thought it proper to send you a brief statement of the African protracted meeting, held in the open air, at the Otnavag, which commenced on Saturday, the 9th, and continued until Tuesday night, held by Thomas Jones, who is in the habit of lecturing on slavery, and two other colored men. All three are in the habit of preaching. They say they are *Methodists*. They requested me to attend with them, and accordingly I did so. On Sabbath afternoon at 2 o'clock, we preached, and again at 6. On Tuesday, at 9 o'clock, we preached from the last part of the 21st verse of the 14th chapter of Luke; and at the close of the meeting repaired to the stream, and I immersed ten colored persons, who gave evidence that they

were born again. There were a great many in attendance, both of colored and white people, who seemed to enjoy themselves, and spoke well of the meeting, and I think, on the whole, it was a good time.

E. WEBB.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Wakefield, July 26th, 1853.

DEAR BRETHREN,—I have often wondered what could be the reason that this part of the Province is so much neglected, as regards *Missionary labour*. This part is *improving* as fast, if not faster than any part of the Province, and is at the same time more neglected; for instance, there are but four small Baptist churches and three Baptist ministers in the County of Carleton, and only one small Baptist church in the whole of the County of Victoria, and alas! not one Baptist minister. The Grand Falls is the County Town of Victoria, and there are four or five Baptists in the place; and a worthy brother there has purchased a site for a Baptist meeting house. Do, dear brethren, use all your influence with the Board to send a missionary to the above place IMMEDIATELY, or else the ground will be occupied by others.

Please insert the dedication of our new chapel, which is to take place the second Sabbath in August. It is in the Parish of Simonds, County of Carleton. Ministers, brethren, and others are invited to attend.

Yours, in the best of bonds,
WILLIAM HARRIS.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

LINES.

On the death of Mrs. Hannah Brooks, of Sheffield, who departed this life in full assurance of a blissful immortality, June 28th, 1853.

And can it be that death's relentless stroke
Has the endearing bonds of friendship broke?
And sundered ties which time cemented strong,
By taking from us one we loved so long.

And while surviving friends oft feel to mourn,
The loss of her, who from us has been torn;
Yet faith assures them that she's at rest,
In the bright heavenly regions of the blest.

A while ago—and she among us here,
Lived, breathed, and moved among her kindred dear,
And had her joys and sorrows, hopes and fears,
Her anxious cares, her pleasant hours, and tears.

She seemed one of us—and we hardly know
How, to her vacant place accustomed grow;
Her well-known voice, and friendly smile we miss,
And nature fain would wish her back from bliss.

Could we among the angelic hosts survey,
Her happy spirit in the realms of day;
And hear her join in the holy strain,
We ne'er could wish her back to earth again.

In robes of Christ's own righteousness arrayed,
A golden crown, and palms that ne'er shall fade;
"Redeeming grace, and dying love" her song,
She praises Him, to whom all praise belong.

O! may we learn to improve the time that's given
Us here on earth, to fit our souls for heaven;
And when at last we're called to yield our breath,
By grace Divine, sing victory over Death.

A COUNTRY GIRL.

DEATH OF REV. DR. EDWARDS.—A telegraphic despatch announces the death, at the Virginia Springs, of Rev. Justin Edwards, D. D., of Andover, Mass., aged about 66. He has filled many responsible stations, and is widely known as the author of the able documents and manuals on Temperance and the Sabbath, and the Tract Society's comment on the Old Testament to the ninetyeth Psalm, on which the last words he wrote were, "men must die, and leave many things unfinished; but God lives. His cause will extend, and by such instrumentalities as He shall raise up, will ultimately triumph."—N. Y. Cour. & En.

[Dr. Edwards visited St. John in the year 1830, and we believe assisted at the formation of the first Temperance Society in this city, in that year.]

First arrival of Flour over the Atlantic Road.—Messrs. Noys & Weston, Commission Merchants on Commercial street, received a lot of Flour from Cleveland, Ohio, on Monday, via Welland Canal and Montreal, and thence over the Railroad from that city to Portland. This was the first arrival of flour from the West by this new route. It was landed on the Railroad wharf at Montreal from a vessel direct from Cleveland and brought by the cars from thence over the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Road to the very doors of their stores on Commercial street, at a much cheaper rate than it could be brought via New York, and avoiding the various transshipments, truckage, wharfage and exposure to the weather to which it would be subjected by the latter route.—Portland Adv.