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The Christian Visitor.

SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1853.

At the unanimous call of the Baptist Church in Amherst, a counsel of Elders and Brethren was convened on the 1st inst., to take into consideration the setting apart to the work of the Christian Ministry, Brother Elisha Budd DeMill, A. M. The Counsel was organized by the appointment of a Chairman and Secretary; then the Candidate was examined in his Christian experience—call to the Ministry—and his views of the doctrines of the Gospel. After which a strict examination took place, to see that he possessed the qualifications the New Testament requires.

The greatest satisfaction having been given on all these subjects, our young brother was set apart by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, on the Sabbath, amidst a great congregation that assembled on the occasion. Dr. Crawley preached the Sermon from Acts vi. 4: "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word." He discussed the subject in the most clear, Scriptural and masterly manner, shewing the continuance, spirituality, and potency of the Gospel Ministry. The usual questions were proposed, leading to a confession of faith in the Candidate, by the Chairman of the Counsel; then our young brother was solemnly set apart by the imposition of hands, and by prayer. The Scriptures were read by brother Hughes; Sermon (as already noticed) by Dr. Crawley; charge to the Minister by Elder Samuel Robinson, founded on five passages of Scripture—1 Tim. iv. 16: "Take heed unto thyself, &c.;" and in 2 Tim. iv. 2: "Preach the word;" in 2 Tim. ii. 15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed;" 1 Tim. iv. 15: "Give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all;" and also in Heb. xiii. 17: "For they watch for your souls, as they that must give account." The right hand of fellowship was given by Dr. Crawley. A most appropriate charge was then given to the Church by Elder W. Parker, describing the duty of the Church to the Pastor.

What gave great interest to the service was the administration of the ordinance of Baptism, immediately before the public service commenced, and of the Lord's Supper at the close—the young Pastor taking a part in the latter.

Every thing we saw convinced us that the Church in Amherst is a working Church; they built two new places of worship in the last year, one five miles, and the other four from the corner. We have not witnessed a young Minister settled over a Church with more encouraging prospects than brother DeMill, for many years. May God abundantly bless him in winning souls to Christ!—*Communicated by an Eye Witness.*

Many thanks to the Rev. S. T. Rand for employing his skill in phonography, in enriching the pages of the Visitor with the Sermon and Addresses, which we published last week. The Sermon from Father Harding is a precious memento, and will be read by his friends with interest and profit when he shall have passed to the temple above, to join the great Convention before the throne in adoring Christ Jesus, as the salvation of the Church throughout eternal ages.

We regret that we have no room to detail the interesting proceedings of the Jubilee Meeting of the B. & F. Bible Society, held at the Wesleyan Centenary Chapel, on the evening of the 5th inst. We rejoice to learn that the amount collected was about £63.

We learn from a correspondent, that in the district of Butternut Ridge, the Potatoes are between one half and two thirds destroyed by the blight.

ring us to new and nobler enterprises. What thanksgiving prayer from Father Harding! Its echoes yet linger in our remembrance. So free, so fervent, so sublime—breathed from heaven, and breathed back again, like incense. Its utterances are unrecorded here. But no matter, if its spirit be only preserved and propagated.

Dr. Crawley repeated his generous proposal, with which you are familiar. It was resolved to enter upon the effort for that further £5,000; the subscriptions to it to be absolute, and not conditional as were those to the £10,000. Dr. Crawley's offer, nevertheless is conditioned upon that £5,000. It will be well if he should never be required to give it effect—only right if his resources can be spared. Yet his proposal seems to make it necessary, that our brethren should not try to raise said £5,000, but do it. Who thinks of any thing else? Who now can excuse himself from a participation in this excellent, this essential work?

Tuesday morning, Dr. Crawley preached; right admirably for those who love to think. In the evening we got at the Mission. The state was not too encouraging. The loss of