

tian Scriptures. These principles, whatever may be the fate of their advocate, will not die. They will live and work in the popular mind, where they have taken root, till this noble object shall be accomplished.

"So long as the American Bible Union continues true to the principles it has announced to the world, I am at its service for any aid which I can render; and I shall, to the extent of my ability and influence, enlist for it the sympathy and aid of scholars in this country and in Europe."

The following extract from a work just published by Archdeacon Hare, an eminent clergyman of the Church of England, forcibly expresses the necessity and importance of revision:—

"This notion, that slight errors and defects and faults are immaterial, and that we need not go to the trouble of correcting them, is one main cause why there are so many huge errors and defects and faults in every region of human life. practical and speculative, moral and political. Nor should any error be deemed slight which affects the meaning of a single word in the Bible; where so much weight is attached to every single word; and where so many inferences and conclusions are drawn from the slightest ground, not merely those which find utterance in books, but a far greater number springing up in the minds of the millions to whom our English Bible is the code and canon of all truth. For this reason errors, even the least, in a version of the Bible, are of far greater moment than in any other book, as well because the contents of the Bible are of far deeper importance; and have a far wider influence, as also because the readers of the Bible are not only the educated and learned, who can exercise some sort of judgment on what they read, but vast multitudes who understand what they read according to the letter. Hence it is a main duty of a church to take care that the version of the Scriptures, which it puts into the hands of the members, shall be as faultless as possible, and to revise it with this view from time to time, in order to attain to the utmost accuracy in every word."

The progress of revision is not so rapid as many have anticipated. In this respect the most judicious scholars have found themselves mistaken. The labour has accumulated on their hands. But the unavoidable delay thence resulting will be far more than compensated by the increased value of the work itself. For particulars of progress, we refer to the Fourth Annual Report, published in the first number of the Bible Union Reporter.

The prayers and the alms of the people of God should ascend together, as a memorial before him in so glorious and blessed an enterprise. We need pecuniary assistance. The balance in our treasury is low, and is decreasing. The expenditures for revision are much greater than in any former year. We therefore solemnly and earnestly beseech all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, to consider the import of the following passages of sacred Scripture:—

Deuteronomy 4: 2.—Ye shall not add to the word that I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it.

Deuteronomy 27: 8.—And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

Deuteronomy 29: 29.—The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are REVEALED belong unto us and our children forever, that we may DO ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LAW.

Psalms 12: 6.—The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psalms 119: 140.—Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it.

Psalms 133: 2.—Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Jeremiah 23: 28.—He that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.

Habakkuk 2: 2.—Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Matthew 4: 4.—Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 5: 19.—Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven.

Acts 20: 20.—I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you.

Acts 20: 27.—I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God.

Timothy 2nd, 3: 16.—All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Revelation 22: 18, 19.—For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And, if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

In view of the obvious import of such expressions from the lips of Jehovah, and in consideration of the imperative duty thereby devolved upon those who love him, and wish to serve him, we ask them to pray for the divine guidance and blessing to be afforded to all our revisers, and to render prompt and cheerful assistance, by liberal contributions, for the prosecution of this holy enterprise.

On behalf of the Board,
SPENCER H. CONE, *President*.
WM. H. WYCKOFF, *Cor. Secretary*.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Windsor, Jan. 18, 1854.

DEAR BRETHREN,—I have been waiting for an opportunity to sit down quietly and give your readers of the "Visitor," some account of our progress in the Micmac Mission, and to apprise you at the same time of my new Post-office address. I can only say at present that we hope we are making some progress. We have selected Hantsport as a locality for our Industrial Establishment, and our School for the instruction of Indian children. Both these we have commenced on a small scale, and hope soon to be able to enlarge our operations. We take, for the sake of encouraging the Indians to industry, all their baskets, &c., which they please to bring us at a fair remunerative price, and we intend to ship them off all over the world. I dare say that when we once get the thing into working order, we shall make it a paying concern. We hope ultimately, with the blessing of God, to make good carpenters, shoemakers, tailors, blacksmiths, doctors, ministers, lawyers, judges, &c., of the boys, and good house-keepers, wives, and mothers of the girls. I know not why the grand-son of Peter Toney should not be Prime Minister of England, or President of the United States. Oh, if they can be brought completely under the power of vital godliness, how well they are fitted for both worlds.

I am beginning to hear from distant places, of good practical results from our labours. May the Lord increase those fruits an hundred fold!

Please direct my paper to Hantsport, Nova Scotia.

Yours, truly,
S. T. RAND.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 16th, 1854.

DEAR EDITORS,—I thank you sincerely for sending the Visitor to myself on various accounts. I prize it very much. You furnish, weekly, a good deal of excellent matter, which is calculated to instruct and edify, both the young and the old. There is no doubt, much good done, amongst your numerous subscribers. This consideration should encourage you. If you would permit me to suggest any advice—I would say—as many of your readers are young persons—occasionally insert a communication, shewing to them the necessity of experiencing a change of heart and keeping holy the Lord's day. Be not offended, dear brethren, at my freedom. Your paper is like the preaching of the Gospel. Those pieces, which teach the necessity of being born again, may be of lasting benefit to the rising generation. And also in regard to the Sabbath. It is lamentable how much the Lord's day is profaned in this Province. It is for the most part, a day of pleasure among the young; a few make it a day of riding to a distance for visiting; and even the Ministers of Christ (according to my opinion) profane the Sabbath by celebrating marriage. Some give up their appointment to preach the gospel, and go to the house of mirth, to which many gather from all quarters on the Lord's day. Certainly this is not right. By means of your excellent religious paper, you may en-

lighten the minds of many, in regard to the sacredness of the Sabbath. I do not wish, to suggest that the Christian Visitor is deficient, concerning these subjects. In your course of subjects, you have no doubt these, as well as others. But these two subjects, have lately been much impressed on my mind, as necessary to be taught, both from the pulpit and the press. I hope you will take no offence by what I have said. I would not wish to hurt your feelings. I shall still endeavour to persuade others to take your paper—as the Christian Messenger is taken by many here, and most of my people are limited in means, is difficult getting any subscribers for any periodical. However, I may yet find some others, who may be inclined to have the Visitor; and if I do, I shall write to you immediately.

Wishing you much success and encouragement, I remain,

Yours affectionately,
JAMES REID.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Quarterly Meeting in Canning, Q. C.

DEAR BRETHREN,—At the request of the brethren convened at Canning, at the Quarterly Meeting, I send you for insertion in the "Visitor," an account of said meeting.

The following brethren assembled on Sabbath last according to appointment. Elders, D. Crandall, W. Harris, Jos. C. Skinner, W. D. Fitch, R. H. Emerson, J. Magee, T. H. Porter, Benj. Coy, and brother James White, Licentiate. As the people were late in assembling in the afternoon, and the congregation small, we had a prayer meeting, and adjourned to 6 o'clock P.M., at which time brother White preached very acceptably from Solomon's Songs, vi. c. 10th v.—Subject, the Church in her different stages, compared to the "fairness of the Moon," "clearness of the Sun," and "terribleness as an army with banners."

Sunday morning, brother Harris preached from Luke, xxiv. c. 47th v. The preacher referred to the two different circumstances under which Christ commissioned his servants to go out to preach the Gospel.—First—before his death, and secondly—after his resurrection. His first commission was a limited one, in which he instructed his disciples *where* to go, and *where not* to go. Their mission was limited "to the house of Israel." After his resurrection and their preparation by the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, they were sent forth unfettered, and prepared to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation, to "all the world," yea, "to every creature." The subject was Repentance and Remission of Sins. First—Its necessity. Second—Its nature. Third—Its fruits. His peculiar style and spirit in which he proclaims the truth, did not fail to interest the hearers.

In the evening, brother Crandall preached from Gal. i. c. 24th v. Subject—The glory of God in the salvation, perseverance, and eternal redemption of the people of God. We rejoice to know that our brother Crandall is so far convalescent as to be able to resume his labours in the Lord's vineyard.

Monday morning, preaching by brother Magee. Text, Mat. xii. c. 41st v. Subject—Our responsibilities increase in proportion to the superior advantages we enjoy, and as our advantages exceed those in the personal reign of the Saviour, hence the necessity of an increased amount of faith and effect in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth. In the evening, preaching by brother Skinner. Text, Micah, vi. c. 8th v. Subject—The characteristics and requirements of man. In the discussion of this subject, we were plainly told what man *was* in his primitive state—what he *is* in his fallen state—what the Lord has shown him for his good—and what he now requires of him.

The preaching, throughout, was of a plain, doctrinal, experimental, and practical character—followed in every case, by fervent exhortations from the different brethren present in the ministry, and some lay brethren; one of whom recently engaged in the cause of God, spoke with interest, and declared his intention of devoting his life and energies to the work of the Ministry. He has had more than ordinary advantages, and is applying himself to more enlarged preparation for the great and glorious work which he fondly anticipates, at the Institution at Fredericton. The Lord has a great work to perform. He knows just what kind of material to use in the accomplishment of his purposes, and will not fail to

bring them into effective operation. Let us all be found on the right side—ready to co-operate in the emancipation of the slaves of sin.

On Monday morning, we had an agreeable Ministerial Conference. It was organized by nominating Bro. D. Crandall, Chairman, and T. H. Porter, Clerk.

Several subjects of importance were discussed, and resolutions passed as follows:

That our next Quarterly Meeting be held in Springfield, on the last Friday in March next. Proposed—that it commence on Friday evening by preaching.—That Saturday morning be attended with fasting and prayer.—That Bro. T. H. Porter be the delegate to the Quarterly Meeting at Macknaquack, in March next. Adjourned.

Yours, most affectionately,

T. H. PORTER,
Gagetown, Jan. 26th, 1854. *Clerk*.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Quarterly Meeting at Jacksontown.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The extensive district occupied by our Quarterly Meeting, heretofore, was divided at the Quarterly Meeting held in Fredericton last October, and was called, if my memory serves me, the *Upper* and *Lower* Districts. The first meeting of the Upper District was held with the Church at Jacksontown, and commenced according to appointment, on Saturday the 7th of Jan. The following ministers were present: Revd's W. Harris, T. W. Saunders, G. Rigby, J. H. Tupper, D. Outhouse, T. Todd, and R. H. Emerson—also, brother G. K. Campbell, a Licentiate of Woodstock Church.

The services opened on Saturday afternoon by devoting a few hours to several exercises which were very interesting. At half-past 6 o'clock in the evening, brother Tupper preached upon the Means of Grace, and the consequences of neglecting them. On Sabbath morning, at 11, brother Rigby gave us a sermon upon The Struggles and Triumphs of the true Christian, after which the Lord's Supper was administered. The writer spoke to the people in the evening. At 11 o'clock on Monday, brother Outhouse discoursed on the Mediatorial character of Christ. Brother Harris followed in the evening, by a sermon on the Love of God. Appropriate, and in some cases, soul-stirring exhortations were delivered after the above sermons. The preaching was characterised by warmth of feeling, while the deepest solemnity pervaded the entire exercises. May the God of Heaven crown those meetings with his choice blessing, and may lasting good accrue to all who gave them attendance!

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Upper District, will be held at Macknaquack, and will commence on the second Saturday in March at 2 o'clock.

Yours, Affectionately,
R. H. EMMERSON.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Norton, January 19th, 1854.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice. His reign is seen in every sinner when converted to God; as also in every backslider being brought back to his father's house. Having attended the Protracted Meeting at Hampton, with brethren Tremble, Jackson, Blakeney, and Burns; also a good Deacon Bradshaw, from Newport, N. S.; and under the preaching, exhortations, and prayers of these brethren and others, I do believe the presence and power of Israel's God was felt. Souls are enquiring what they must do to be saved. Backsliders are returning, confessing their sins to God and to their brethren, and begging forgiveness. My time has been spent in labouring longer than I expected; but a sense of duty prompted me to continue, that peace and prosperity might once more be restored to the little church, much broken down for a long time in Hampton. My prayer for them is, that God would open up a way for some faithful and judicious Minister to labor with them, as their former Pastor, Elder Bancroft has left them!

O, may the Zion of our God through our Province, awake up to a sense of duty; and that through the power of that truth revealed in the New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Yours truly,
T. LOCKEY.