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All Ministers of the gospel, who will send us the advance for six new subscribers, will get the "Visitor" or one year free of charge.

The approaching Convention.

Some excellent remarks were made by Dr. C. Tupper, in a recent number of the "Christian Messenger," having reference to the spirit, which should guide the discussions and decisions of our approaching anniversary at Yarmouth.

The great safe guard against the intrusion of an evil spirit in our assemblies is the enjoyment of brotherly love. If personal ill-will and jealousy are cherished, then there is an end to all unity of action.

As a section of the great christian family, the Baptists of these provinces are called upon to do what they can for the subjugation of a rebellious world to the obedience of the gospel faith.

Those who enter the ministry simply as a profession, the same as they would do in relation to law or to medicine will be sure to fail. They will have no heart in this work, no sincere love for it, no thorough safeguard against the temptations which encompass it, and hence they will either after a little, abandon it and turn their attention to something else, or they will be mere drones, dead weights upon the progress of the church, and a blot upon the sanctity of the vocation.

Australia as a mission field for Baptists stands out prominently as second to no other section of the globe. It will be seen by an extract from the London "Freeman" that the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of England, a man of devoted piety and sterling worth, arrived in Melbourne after a very short and prosperous passage in the steamship "Great Britain," and that he had received a most cordial welcome as a deputation from the English Baptists to survey the field and see what could be done for the progress of the cause in that great country.

Such an one, we have no doubt, would be most cordially supported by the churches. If Brother Wallace had gone in accordance with the decision of the last Convention, he would probably have been the associate of Mr. Taylor in the "Great Britain," and with him would have gone forth to proclaim to the tens of thousands of that far off region, the message of eternal life.

Missionary Work in the City.

Rev. E. B. Demill has accepted an invitation of the Board of the N. B. Home Missionary Society, to labor as a missionary in the City of St. John. A Mission Chapel of moderate dimensions is being erected by the joint efforts of the churches of Brussels and Germain street, at the Marsh Bridge, and this in connection with other stations will be occupied by the Missionary.

Our Rising Ministry.

Every one conversant with the history of the Christian church must have a deep conviction of the immense power wielded by that agency which is designated "the christian ministry,"—an agency powerful for good when rightly directed, and equally powerful for evil when not so directed.

The candidate for the ministry should be able to give evidence of deep toned piety of heart and life. It is not enough that he be simply a professor of godliness, and a member of a christian church, nor is it enough that he possess an ordinary share of religion. The nature of his work, the power of his temptations, and the responsibilities of his position combine in demanding of the aspirant for the ministerial profession matured and acknowledged piety; a piety that frowns upon all connivings at sin, that holds no communion with the vain frivolities of the world, that abstains from all foolish levity, and carnal associations, and that inspires the whole soul with a self-sacrificing determination to renounce the devil and all his works, and like an Apostle, to glory in nothing save in the cross of Christ; such a piety in the heart as will be productive of a blameless life and a faithful discharge of all the requirements of the divine will.

There is marked significance in Paul's charge to his son Timothy. "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith in purity." Frail man will not, and we may add, cannot obey this charge without his heart be imbued with the spirit of a self-sacrificing and an abiding piety. It is not enough that the minister's life be negatively blameless: his must be an active, vigorous life, originating and carrying forward plans of usefulness in the church of God. The man who goes forth to win souls to Christ must have such an abiding consciousness of the solemnity of eternal things that when he speaks those who listen shall be constrained to feel that he is in earnest, that he means what he says.

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Agency for the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Rev. Mr. Woolsey, who visited these Provinces several years ago on an agency for this Society is again on the ground. He preached for the Churches in Brussels and Germain Streets last Sabbath, and stated his case. He contemplated going to the Yarmouth Convention, and then return in time to attend our Western Association. The Society has many warm friends who will doubtless render timely aid. In the Bible Colportage Department the A. M. and F. B. Society is doing a most excellent work both in the Home and in the Foreign field. Its claims for support as it appears to us, especially so far as the Provinces are concerned, rest mainly upon the general missionary principle. We should be willing to give our money to save souls in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, London, Germany, or any where else, as far as we can do so in harmony with the prior claims of local institutions to which we stand more directly pledged. The truly christian spirit of this brother will commend him and his cause to the kind consideration of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, in sincerity.—May prosperity attend him.

The Cause at Shediac.

Elder Scott is in this City, making application for money to relieve the debt on the Shediac chapel. This is an urgent case. A neat and commodious Chapel has been erected in the centre of a growing community, and principally by the munificence of one individual, with the expectation, however, that by the sale of pews and other means the money advanced would in process of time be returned. As yet this expectation has not been realized. Circumstances have occurred to retard the progress of the place to the extent anticipated, and hence the sale of pews has been limited; but now that the railway so long in progress is being completed, the population of Shediac will doubtless increase, and then pews will sell to a much better advantage than at present. To prevent a sacrifice of the pews, and to

realize a sufficiency to meet pressing liabilities, Brother Scott makes his present appeal. We hope the call will be heeded by those who have the means to contribute, and that our brethren there who have taken such an active part in laying a broad foundation for the progress of the cause will see that they have the sympathy of their brethren in City and Country.

Passage to the Convention.

Mr. King, owner of the Steamer "Creole," has kindly authorized us to say, that go and return tickets by the Creole to Digby for persons going to the Baptist Convention at Yarmouth, can be had at Stubb's Hotel, Prince William Street, for Ten Shillings each. The boat will leave the Reed's Point Wharf on the 20th instant, at 8 o'clock, A. M.

It is expected that Stages will be in waiting to take the Convention passengers on to Yarmouth for 16s. 3d. each.

Revival in Calais, Me.

The good work which has been in progress for some time past in the Baptist church in Calais, still continues. A note received recently from the pastor, Rev. Mr. Spaulding says:—"I baptized fourteen persons yesterday morning. Brother Nott aided me in the services of the day. He has left this morning for Portland." He further adds:—"Since our return we have often spoken of our flying trip to St. John, and of the unexpected kindness which met us—from all quarters—in your city, and our sojourn in your pleasant home is not forgotten."

Donation Visit.

We learn by the Borderer, that a visit of this sort was recently made to the Rev. Mr. Lawson (Baptist) at his residence, in Amherst, and that in the progress of the proceedings a purse was handed to him, containing, in cash and other valuables, about £20. Tea was served up by the ladies, speeches made by the gentlemen, and a pleasant season enjoyed.

The St. Croix Herald.

The Patriot, edited and published by Mr. J. G. Lorimer for the last four years, has passed into the hands of Mr. John S. Hay, and is by him converted into the "St. Croix Herald." The first number has made its appearance, containing Mr. Lorimer's valedictory, and Mr. Hay's introductory, with several columns of additional reading matter. Mr. Hay has filled the office of sub-editor of the "Morning News" for the last two years, and has made a favourable impression in respect to his ability to fill the chair editorial. This first number makes a respectable appearance, and promises well for the future. We hope the most sanguine expectations of the new Editor and proprietor will be fully realized, and that his editorial life will be distinguished by patient endurance, persevering effort, healthful sentiment, integrity of purpose, skillful management, and ever brightening success.

SHEDIAC, August 3rd, 1857.

DEAR BROTHER,—Through the kind Providence of God I arrived at this place on Saturday last, having made a pleasing excursion in many parts of Nova Scotia. During my travel there I collected the following sums for the Shediac Chapel:—Liverpool, £6; Milton, £3 17s. 6d.; Greenfield, 13s. 3d.; Yarmouth, Hebron, £3 13s. 2d.; Geggins, £1; Town, £6 7s. 6d.; Ohio, £1 1s. 10d.; Digby Joggins, 8s. 3d.; Town, 4s. 9d.; Nictaux, £2 7s. 0d.; Canada, £1 12s. 6d.; West Valley, £2 9s. 3d.; Stewiak, 12s. 6d.

There is a great work to be done here, and it will require much self-denial and perseverance on the part of the pastor, who may feel it to be his duty to settle in this place. But success depends upon the merciful purposes of Jehovah in connection with human agencies. I propose, God willing, to visit the City in the course of a week.

As ever, yours faithfully,

B. SCOTT.

P. S.—Some of the subscriptions are not as yet collected.

BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, August 2nd, 1857.

DEAR BROTHER,—I have arrived through mercy again in my missionary field, and have a good young brother who requested to accompany me here. He preaches well, is devoted, and is good company, he is quite a help, as he takes part of the labour; but I feel that vain is the help of man without the presence and blessing of my Master. All the ministers and angels combined cannot convert one sinner: it is only that power which in the beginning said—"let there be light and there was light," that can regenerate their hearts, and form Jesus Christ in them, the hope of glory; and for this end please request the prayers of all the brethren, that the eternal Spirit may come forth in the richness of his merciful and glorious power, and pour on the deathless souls of sinners dead in trespasses and sins, and create them anew in this place. I have found the brethren walking in love, and have received many welcomes back to Michigan.

JAMES BEAUNEY, Missionary.

[For the Christian Visitor.]

P. E. ISLAND, August 5th, 1857.

DEAR BROTHER BILL,—As your paper has a very extensive circulation on this Island, I intend from time to time to send to your columns an article respecting religious matters here. I have been sent over with brother McKean, to see what can be done, and we find matters in a low and desolate state. There are about eleven Churches in connection with our body, and only one Pastor, Bro. Shaw. The Church in town is without a minister. If there were two able, stirring men as missionaries here for one year something might be done. We are preaching constantly and visiting the scattered sheep. Bro. Ross recently baptized nine at North River, and things are beginning to look up. Charlottetown requires a strong man. Is there no Minister in your Province who will come? Brother Davis might be induced, he has been on the Island before. If Ministers do not come here our interest will go down. I will send a more lengthy communication soon.

I remain yours in Christ,

Wm. Hall.

DOMESTIC.

The Concert.

The Choir of the Germain street Baptist Church repeated their Concert in the Mechanical Institute on Friday evening last to a highly respectable assembly, and nobly did they perform their duty. It was in fact a rich musical repast, giving the highest satisfaction to all present. The Morning News speaks of it in the following eulogistic style:

The Concert given by the Germain street Baptist Choir on Friday evening, was well and respectfully patronized—there were probably 800 persons present. It was the first concert of the kind we have attended; and although we have heard much in favor of this Choir, we must say we were most agreeably disappointed—for we have rarely heard better singing, and we say it without flattery, even among professional persons. There were six female singers; and we doubt that there are six others to be found in the Province who can sing better. We do not wish to make distinctions; but cannot help remarking that the performance of the treble solo "Ruth and Naomi" was superior and elicited the admiration and applause of every one. The piece was a difficult one to sing, and the young lady did it full justice—she has a most superior voice, and her musical judgement and execution appear to us to be faultless. The young lady who sang in "Child of Mortality" and the one in "Angels ever bright and fair" were both more pleasing and effective. The bass voice is superior and full of music, so are the other voices that could be prominently heard—but all are good. If this is the description of singers they have in the Baptist Church then we doubt if the choir is to be equalled by any other in the Province, or Provinces. It is heavenly to hear church music well executed. We shall have to go to the Baptist Church after this. Professor Card at the organ acquitted himself as he always does, in a very satisfactory manner.

The Railroad.

By the politeness of friends we were introduced on Friday afternoon to enjoy our first ride on our new railway, extending from Portland a distance of 4 1/2 miles over the Marsh. The day was pleasant, the company agreeable, the splendid new car in all respects comfortable, the conductor obliging, and the ride though short was altogether exceedingly delightful. The line of road seems much more even and substantial than we had supposed it was from the descriptions given by some of the morning papers; far more so in fact than some roads on which we have travelled in the United States. We are informed that rapid progress is now being made in filling up the lake, and the prospect is that by December next the road will be open for travel as far as the nine mile House. Success to the enterprise.

THE CROPS.—From all parts of the County the accounts of the crops are exceedingly favorable, with the exception of the potato. This in most cases is promising; but in some places symptoms of the disease are manifest. In the district of Hampton this is especially the case. The blight in some fields in that section is so far advanced as to render it necessary to dig the potatoes at once. We are informed the farmers are doing this in the hope that by this method they will be able to save a small portion.

WE have had a week of magnificent weather for gathering in the hay harvest, and the farmers have doubtless turned these bright sunny days to the best possible advantage. Yesterday the rain poured in torrents for several hours in succession, but this while it gave a temporary check to hay making, will be of immense advantage to the other crops of the county. It was much needed to refresh the pastures and to push forward vegetation.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—A fatal accident occurred on Monday last near the upper Magogandic Bridge. A settler named William Dowling caught a bear in a trap a short time since, and he had set the trap again, bears being numerous in that locality. On Monday he left his house to go and examine the trap. Being absent longer than usual, search was made for him, and he was found in the trap quite dead. It is supposed that he was clearing away the earth underneath the trap, when he accidentally struck the trigger, or spring, and the heavy beam at once fell and literally crushed him to death. Some of the spikes underneath the beam entered his body, and death must have been instantaneous.

THE WESTERN MAILS.—Our mercantile readers will be surprised to learn that by the present arrangements an entire day is lost in the transmission of mail matter between Boston and this city that might be saved.

This is owing, as we stated some months ago, to the mails crossing the St. Croix by ferry from Robbinston to St. Andrews, instead of by the bridge from Calais to St. Stephens. For some time past the Boston papers and letters of the previous morning have been received at Calais at half past three P. M., by the "Black Rod" from Bangor; and by having them forwarded from thence by St. Stephens, it would surely be possible to have them here by next morning, which would be just 24 hours earlier than we get them at present.

We are indebted for this information to the Postmaster at Calais, and we believe also that the facts of the case have already been brought under the notice of our new Postmaster General. The saving of one-third of the time consumed in the transmission of the mails between Boston and this city, is an improvement that would benefit not only the corresponding public of New Brunswick, and all other places beyond, doing business with the United States, but also United States merchants and others dealing in these Provinces. We trust, therefore, that as progress is the order of the day, an arrangement will speedily be made that will secure a saving so easily attainable.—Courier.

POTATOE BLIGHT.—The Editorial correspondent of the Telegraph, dated Hampton, Aug. the 3d, says:—

The crops are proceeding very favorably—except the Hay and Potatoes. The first is fast falling under the scythe! the latter under the blight. The one will be saved, the other, we fear, entirely lost.

The crops of all kinds look promising in and around Moncton, says the Westmorland Times.

DEATH BY DRINKING COLD WATER.—On the 28th ult. a man named Elliott, who had been working in the hay-field for Mr. John Kilburne, Kingslear, went to a well and drank some cold water, when he immediately expired.—Leader.

On Friday afternoon, Patrick McNamara a little boy of ten years of age, was drowned in Lovett's Slip. He had brought dinner to his father, a labouring man, and while the father was eating, the poor boy fell in and was drowned.—Freeman.

ACCIDENT.—Lemuel Tower whilst blasting a rock in the Gridstone quarries, at north Joggins on Saturday last was blown up 15 feet from where he stood. His face is very much disfigured, and he has not recovered his eye-sight.—Borderer.

The Steeple of the new Episcopal Church in Sackville, which had just been elevated to its place on top of the tower by means of blocks and tackle, fell to the ground yesterday and was dashed to pieces.—Jb.

A large and handsome School-house is to be erected at Amherst Corner this summer. The Committee met on Monday last and decided to build. The building is to be about 60 feet long.—Jb.

Launched recently, a fine schooner, called the "S. L. Tilley," from the building yard of James Brewster, Esq., Harvey, Albert, she measures 210 tons.—Com.

NOVA SCOTIA.

We have been informed by a gentleman who has recently visited the Railway line between Halifax and Windsor that in all probability it will be a twelvemonth before that line is finished. Great difficulty is experienced in making a solid way across a certain lake near Mount Uniacke. There are also deep mountain gorges to be filled up and the process of filling them up is very slow. The parties in charge of the Railway appear to be pushing all operations forward with all the energy that could be expected.—Witness.

The American barque Sarah Clarke, from St. John for a port in Britain, with a cargo of timber, went ashore near Cranberry Head, on Saturday morning last. She got off at high water, and proceeded to Portland, Maine.

The appropriation of £500 made at the last session of the Legislature for the benefit of the Eastern State, has been applied to the purchase of a Fog-Bell which came over by the last trip of the Steamer and has since been erected near the Light House on Cape Forcha. The whole apparatus cost we believe \$2500, and it will be in working order after to day.—Yarmouth Tribune.

For the last two or three weeks a dense fog has prevailed in this region. The grass which was cut upwards of a week ago will be much damaged, and in some instances rendered worthless. Yesterday we had some showers of rain—the wind changed to W., the fog cleared off, and to-day is as fine as could be desired.—Yar. Herald.

THE CROPS IN PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.—In so far as our personal observation extends, wheat, oats, barley and potatoes all promise well. Some people trust that the low temperature which has prevailed on some nights will be destructive of the wheat-midge. We hope it may, but if it be, the midge must be much more tender than the larva from which it proceeds. A fortnight now will determine the fate of the wheat crop.—Turkeys are indifferent. Hay, it not a heavy crop, will, we think, be a full average, notwithstanding the drought in May. We suspect that a good deal of misapprehension prevails about the advantage to grass of heavy rain in May. In that month there is always plenty of moisture in the ground, and a super abundance of cold rain must be rather prejudicial than otherwise. Well as the crops look, it is, nevertheless, too early to draw a favourable conclusion regarding the harvest, with the fate of our two staples—wheat and potatoes—trembling in the balance.—Islander.

UNITED STATES.

ANOTHER MURDER.—Mr. Alexander Boyd, a merchant in West 18th street, New York, was fatally shot by burglars, whom he caught on his premises.

HEAVY RAIN STORM.—Mobile, August 4th.—It has rained here continually for twelve days, doing great injury to the crops.

DEATH IN THE CARS.—A sudden death occurred in cars on the P. S. & P. Road, on the last train from Boston Saturday evening. Mr. George Lewis, of Halifax, N. S., just after the cars left the depot at North Berwick, while in conversation with a fellow passenger, fell back and expired immediately. The deceased had got out at the North Berwick station and had partaken heartily of refreshments at that place, and was in cheerful conversation when the event occurred. Medical aid was soon obtained, but life was extinct. The occurrence took place about 6.40 P. M. The body was brought to this city and an inquest was held by Coroner Chas. H. Hall. After hearing the testimony of physicians and others, the jury returned a verdict of "died from disease of the heart." A post mortem examination was suggested, but the Coroner did not feel himself authorized to allow it. The effects of Mr. Lewis are in the hands of the Coroner, to whom application can be made for the same. The age of the deceased was 42. He was a merchant of Halifax, and left that city on Wednesday in the British Star, arriving in Boston on Saturday morning. He was on his way to Quebec to make sale of a cargo of sugar.—Portland State of Maine.

An Extraordinary Attempt to Deceive.

Our readers have all been made acquainted with the trial of Mrs. Cunningham for the murder of Dr. Burdell of New York. This lady is again under trial for an attempt to palm off an infant as her own child by Dr. Burdell for the purpose of securing the estate. This most extraordinary affair is fully detailed in the New York papers, from which the following extracts are taken:—

Mrs. Cunningham is again under arrest for a felony, in endeavoring to pass off a spurious infant as the offspring of her pretended marriage with Dr. Burdell and the heir to the estate. It will be recollected that Judge Dean intimated to the Surrogate's Court that a child would be born to Dr. Burdell, and August was fixed upon as the time of its appearance. A few days after this announcement, Mrs. Cunningham informed her physician, Dr. Uhl, that she was *eniente*, of which she took pains afterwards to give the public proper indications. Dr. Uhl, however, became suspicious that such was not her real condition, and communicated the fact to District Attorney Hall, who informed the doctor that if such a cheat was attempted, it would expose her to State Prison for ten years, and read to him the law on the subject. After some persuasion, Dr. Uhl consented to do what he could to expose the criminal intent of his patient, and by the advice of Mr. Hall he learned from Mrs. Cunningham her full plan. She said that her having a child was all a humbug, but that if Dr. Uhl would assist her in procuring a child and be present at the spurious accouchement, she would give him one thousand dollars.

He told Mrs. Cunningham that he was acquainted with a California widow, who was, he feared, about to be confined, and it would be necessary to dispose of the child altogether, as the lady was going on to join her husband in California. Mrs. Cunningham was delighted. It was arranged that neither party was to know anything of the other. The "widow" was to be confined at a house in Elm street, and the infant to be taken thence to No. 31 Bond street. Mr. Hall then imparted the matter to Dr. Le la Montagnie, and engaged him to assist in the counterplot, whenever the critical time should arrive. Yesterday morning Dr. De la Montagnie went to Bellevue Hospital, and with the consent of Gov. Daly, selected a babe of Elizabeth Anderson, a beautiful little blue eyed girl, born on Saturday last. The mother kissed her baby, and consented to part with it on condition that it should be well taken care of and returned within twenty-four hours.

Dr. Uhl visited Mrs. Cunningham by appointment at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, and told her he was prepared to carry out the thing at once; that the California widow was about to be confined at 190 Elm street, and she must be prepared to receive the little stranger with proper ceremonies. Then she said she would be confined that night, if he would produce the child by nine o'clock. He was to come over and let her know at a quarter before nine o'clock, and she would send a woman to bring the child in a basket.

No time was to be lost. Hr. Hall hired a room of a respectable lager beer-seller at No. 190 Elm street, and immediately sent down suitable furniture from his own house, including the basket for the baby. Dr. Uhl took possession of the premises, and had hardly got possession when Mrs. C. was seen passing the house and eyeing it closely. Policemen were now judiciously posted, and everything was judiciously arranged. The greatest difficulty was to procure an "after birth." Dr. Montagnie immediately posted to the Bellevue Hospital, and succeeded in getting what he wanted, as well as the assistance of an intelligent Irish girl, named Mary Regan, who was engaged to set as nurse to the fictitious widow. This party arrived at 190 Elm street just in season.

Officer Wm. B. Walsh, of the Court of Sessions, was posted in the street opposite, and Inspectors Speight and Dilkes in Bond street. The physician who was to personate the "widow" assisted Dr. Montagnie in certain operations necessary to give the child the appearance of a new born babe, and then went to bed. Some private marks were also made on the child's head, with nitrate of silver. A messenger was sent to 31 Bond street. Shortly after Capt. Speight saw Mrs. Cunningham leave her house; followed her into a fourth avenue car, where she was recognized by the Conductor and some passengers, who spoke to Capt. Speight about her. She was disguised in a *quasi* nun's dress.—The Captain followed her into Elm street, until she disappeared into the lager beer saloon. He then returned to his post. In a few moments Dr. Uhl came out and asked the officers opposite whether they had seen the woman leave the house. She had passed out so quietly that they had failed to perceive her.

The officers next repaired to No. 31 Bond street, where they learned that Mrs. Cunningham had gone out, but had not returned, and that a man with a white hat had gone in. [This was Dr. Catlin, of Brooklyn, who was assisting Mrs. C. in good faith.] Dr. Montagnie at once went to the corner of Bowery and Bond street, where he met Mrs. Cunningham in the nun's dress, with a large basket in her hands, in which she had placed the baby. She went into her house. It had been arranged between her and Dr. Uhl that she should send in urgent haste to his house.—Accordingly he had appeared and went. He soon came out and walked down the street. The officers then went up, by the District Attorney's directions, rang the bell and entered. They were met by two women at the door, who informed them that Mrs. Cunningham was very sick and could not be seen. They found her in bed with the baby by her side—one of the "nurses" giving her warm drink from a dish over a lamp from time to time.

Dr. Montagnie asked if that was Dr. Burdell's baby. Mrs. Cunningham replied, "Certainly, whose else could it be?" The officers at length told her she must be arrested, that the game was played out. She was apparently under the influence of opium, in order to create artificial paleness. One of the nurses was taken to the station house, and