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E CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

NT JOHN N. B., MARCH 16, 1859.

PROGRESS OF BAPTISTS ON THIS CONTINENT.

The rapid extension of Baptist principles all the United States and the British Provinces is one of the most remarkable facts upon the page of History.

In the United States, the Baptist, with one exception, is the largest denomination of evangelical Christians. They are spread through every state and territory. They form one body, living in nothing but in their position in relation to Slavery.

The number of Baptists in this country, with their relative progress and rapidly growing vigor, is one of the most remarkable facts of our age.

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Besides the general body of Baptists, there are in the United States, nine smaller bodies, distinguished by peculiarities indicated by their respective names.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR VISITOR.—As with some husbands who love their dear wives best when they are away from home, (not the wives, but the husbands away from home) so we find ourselves loving thee rather better when we are away from thy office.

This is it with us to-night. Our week's travel has closed and Saturday evening finds us at a friendly, Christian Inn, where we are kindly invited to spend the night.

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Next, we read a note from "Head Quarters." But G. is shielded from harm, because the Senior comes to his aid, by telling the truth with reference to the "FIB."

A chapter of "Domestic" News; "Legislative proceedings" at Fredericton; "Nova Scotia" items; accidents and murders in the "United States," and the "Latest news from Europe," carries us over to the third page of the paper, where we get into the "general variety room,"

When we commenced this brief review, we did not intend to occupy half the space which we have done, but to write briefly, and then resume our "NOTES BY THE WAY," commencing with where we left off in our last.

MATTERS BEFORE THE HOUSE.

Whilst the time of the House during the past fortnight has been chiefly occupied with business of local and personal interest, much to the annoyance of all Newspapermen, a few matters of general importance have been introduced.

This elaborate and scientific document being now in the hands of a large committee of the House who occupy several hours of each day in its investigation, we defer any opinion until we are in possession of all the facts which may be made public, on this important subject.

To meet the increased demands upon the Treasury on account of Railway expenditure, the Hon. Provincial Secretary proposed an addition of 2 per cent. on unenumerated imports.

We can scarcely believe our eyes when we read the names of leading members of the House (among whom we are sorry to see that of the Hon. Attorney General) as standing out for the perpetuity of a law so disgraceful to our Province as Imprisonment for Debt.

Why should the righteous souls of our Legislature be so vexed with the difficulties of our Debtors and Creditors? Do they not know that if left to themselves the latter would soon inaugurate a Law on the subject far more effective than prison bolts and bars?

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DEATH is doing its work in the City.—Old, middle-aged and young are swept away by its power. A few days ago, Mrs. W. Short was summoned suddenly to the spirit world.

Our obituary list, as will be seen, records the demise of Mrs. Mary Bradley, and Mrs. Young, both far advanced in life, and both, we hope, prepared for a better world.

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LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 26th, 1859.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—One of the great questions which is at present exciting public attention, is that of the British Navy.

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DOMESTIC.

[From our Fredericton Correspondent.]

FREDERICTON, March 14, 1859.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—I received the "Visitor" according to my wish, expressed in my hasty letter of Monday last, which I perceive was too late to appear in last week's issue.

Since I wrote you there has not much business of importance been done. The Revenue Bill which I mentioned in my last has not been discussed. The House has been twice in Committee of Supply—and a very lengthy discussion, occupying two days, took place on the second resolution, which resolution was to grant £35,350, which sum comprises the amount to be used upon great roads and bridges, bye-roads, internal navigation, the public buildings and steam communication.

The noble leader of the opposition, Lord Palmerston, has at length broke the long silence which the ministry seemed determined to maintain with reference to Foreign policy, and has demanded an answer to the question,—what course do you intend to adopt?

The most determined attack which has been made upon the Government has been in reference to the Grand Falls Bridge. The explanations of the Government to me appeared quite satisfactory, and a large majority of the members entertained the same opinion, as will appear by the vote.

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DAVIES & MARSH

46, King Street—South. Have just received: FRENCH BONNET PLUMES; Tinsel'd Bonnet Plumage; German Velvet; Best Silk Velvet; Bonnet Ribbons; Hood Tassels; Mantle Bindings; Scarlet Sleeves; Mantle Cloths; Edged Blonds; Felt Bonnets; The whole of which are offered at prices on account of the lateness of the season.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—SPRING GENTLEMEN IN WANT OF SUITABLE CLOTHING, Made to order from new styles of English, French and German Goods. GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES FOR CASH.

GRAND LAKE, March 4th, 1859. DEAR EDITORS.—In my last communication I gave notice that I expected to visit Tobique and the Falls about the middle of last month, but in consequence of the destitute region of Grand Lake and Newcastle I have been hitherto detained from making the visit contemplated.

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ANGOLAIS.

We are informed by the Colonial Presbyterian that the Scarlet Fever has been raging with violence at Marguadavie, Prince William. Also that the Small-Pox is prevailing quite extensively amongst the French inhabitants of Kent and Westmorland.

D. C.