

AGRICULTURAL.

STEAM PLOWING AT LAST.

The following is an account of the last steam plowing match at the Agricultural Fair in Chicago, by a correspondent on the spot.

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., NOV. 30, 1859.

GOD'S PEOPLE SUMMONED TO THE MERCY SEAT.

The following address from the Christians of America appears in the Church Witness of last week, and is being rapidly communicated through the press to the people of God of all lands and of all ages.

The commands and promises of God, and the history of the Church in all her sections, are undivided testimony in favour of united supplication for the bestowment of the Spirit's gifts.

With reference to the Sunday part of the above dreadful charge against an ungrateful people, we have to say that we do not know who Mr. Connell's creed is, but the practice of the Post Master General brings to our mind the story which many of our readers may have heard from the lips of our venerated Father Rev. Dr. Macleay, some years ago.

Resolved 1st. That we hereby publicly acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to him, and our obligations to live more than ever not unto ourselves but unto him who died for us.

Resolved 2nd. That we will do our best to get Union Meetings for prayer, for the outpouring of the Spirit, established at our respective stations, and also at other stations, wherever we may find two or three willing to meet together in the name of Christ.

Resolved 3rd. That we appoint the second week in January, 1860, beginning with Monday the 6th, as a time of special prayer that God would now pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, so that all the ends of the earth might see his salvation.

Resolved 4th. That the whole thing rests with the Chamber of Commerce, whose instructions the Postmaster General is awaiting; that the people of Westmorland will be against any change, but St. John is better entitled to consideration.

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Appended to this address is the following appeal from the Christians in England: The Christians in England desire earnestly to invite the whole Church of Christ to special simultaneous prayer for the outpouring of God's spirit upon the whole world.

In America, in India, in Burmah, and in Africa, a marvellous work is going on. In Scotland and Ireland there are thousands turning to God and "the times of refreshing" seem at length to have begun in London.

It is well that those countries where this blessed movement has commenced, should unite in asking God to deepen and extend its influence. The time for this, above suggested by the American Mission in Louisiana, and from India notified to England, will soon be made known to Christians of every land.

JOHN MACLEAY, Honorary Secretary of the Protestant Alliance, and of the Open Air Mission. London, Oct. 28, 1859.

"MAILS AND INCONSISTENCIES." Such is the heading of an Editorial in a morning paper published in this city called "The Globe," which, but for this notice, might have remained unknown to the people of the Province.

Inconsistency 1st.—That some years ago the Assembly was petitioned for a Prohibitory Law which, when got, brought down upon the Government even from a member of the present House, whose grog was stopped.

We must confess that we do not see the point of this inconsistency, but will try to sharpen it up a little by one or two other inconsistencies for the special benefit of our contemporary. We know "that some years ago" the men who were the loudest in proclaiming their devotion to Prohibition, as the only remedy for the greatest moral, social and political curse which afflicted the land, and who were elected to the House, upon the full tide of Prohibition excitement, for the purpose of carrying through such a Law, suddenly found, on taking their seats, that—not the liquor trade, but the do-nothing Government, was the great evil and forthwith made their prohibitory principles subservient to their political aspirations; that when we did, notwithstanding, get a prohibitory Law, and a Government with a majority of these same Prohibitionists in it, they had not the pluck, if indeed they had the desire, to put men into office to carry out its provisions, who were its friends, but left it to the tender mercies of its enemies and quietly shied their responsibilities upon a self-constituted tribunal who were duped into the belief that they could command respect for a disowned and discarded Law.

Inconsistency 2d.—Some years ago the House of Assembly was petitioned for the abolition of Sunday labour in the Post Office department, for which the Christian Visitor laboured hard; that Mr. Connell complied with the wishes of the people and yet gets abuse from them; and that even the Christian Visitor did not deduct 28 hours for Sunday from the time it took the last English Mail to come from Halifax.

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and to the people of St. John after they go to bed at night, or sometime the next day, because, although the people of St. John are better entitled to consideration, the people of Westmorland will be against any change!

The Globe does not understand that a newspaper can be as the Visitor is, published for the convenience as well as benefit of the people, whom the Post Master General is so anxious to serve; but he may take it for granted; that the Visitor knows how to take care of itself, how to inform its readers of what comes within its knowledge; and will only be too glad to proclaim to the world any good thing which the Post Master General or any other of its patrons may do, instead of their inconsistencies.

SOLENN WARNING. William McDevitt, aged 17, and Michael McGarey, aged 18 years, both drowned in Lily Lake near this City on Sabbath last. They very foolishly attempted to go out on the ice, but it was too weak to bear them up, and an untimely death was the result. How frequently it occurs that such violations of the holy Sabbath are attended with loss of life. Let this be a warning to the youth of our City not to trifle with the ordinances of God.

The Minutes of the Eastern N. B. Association were sent some weeks ago through the Mail to the several churches composing the Associations. We gave our printer special directions to see that they were properly directed. If any parcels have miscarried, or if any church is not supplied we shall be happy to be informed, and will do the best we can to put all right.

The Minutes of our Western Association have come to hand in good time. They were printed by Mr. Graham at the "Head Quarters" Office, and are done up in a neat pamphlet of 24 pages. We shall probably furnish some extracts from them in a future issue.

The Minutes of the late Convention of the Baptists of these lower Provinces are received. They were printed at the Christian Messenger Office, Halifax, under the superintendence of S. Selden, Esq., and are got up in a style highly creditable and satisfactory. They contain much valuable statistical and financial information, and full reports of Acadia College, and of our Foreign Missionary Society for the past year.

Rev. I. E. Hill administered the rite of Christian Baptism to two candidates on Sabbath last in the presence of a large concourse of people composed of different sects. They had both been strictly educated in the faith of the Episcopal Church; but by a prayerful study of the New Testament had become convinced that it was their duty to be buried with Christ in Baptism. In the evening they were publicly received as members of the German Street Baptist Church. A full house and services deeply solemn. We are praying and hoping for the outpouring of the Spirit upon our City.

We regret to learn by a note just received from Dr. Cramp, that the health of Rev. S. Bentley is a very precarious state. May God in mercy restore him is our earnest prayer.

The new and beautiful Baptist Chapel in progress of erection at Wolfville, is nearly completed.

The following address and reply were enclosed to us for publication. ADDRESS. ST. JOHN, Nov. 15th, 1859. Caleb R. Hill, Esq., Moncton.

DEAR SIR:—I have much pleasure in being made the medium of conveying to you the grateful remembrance of the Ladies of the German Street Baptist Church and Congregation of your kind services as Organist during the past summer at the German Street Chapel. The noble and disinterested manner in which you responded to the request of the church, especially having relinquished (in point of remuneration) a more lucrative situation and came to its assistance, calls for an expression of their high admiration. Be pleased therefore, dear sir, to accept in the name of these Ladies, this address, and the accompanying silver plated Tea Service, as a small token of their estimation of your valuable services. And I am further directed to convey to you your good wishes for the happiness of Mrs. Hill, and the dear little one, hoping that in the new locality where you reside peace may attend you, and prosperity your path. On behalf of the Ladies, &c. I am, yours truly, GEO. A. GARRISON.

REPLY. MONCTON, Nov. 21st, 1859. To the Ladies of the German Street Baptist Church and Congregation, St. John.

LADIES:—It is with feelings of the utmost pleasure, and sincere gratitude that I accept at your hands the valuable presentation of silver plate with the accompanying address conveyed to me through Geo. A. Garrison, Esq.

The high estimate which by this act of kindness and courtesy you have placed upon my services, far transcends the merit of any act of mine in connection with the choir or otherwise. Although the gift in itself is a valuable one yet I can only find its real intrinsic worth as I regard it in connection with these feelings of kindness and benevolence which suggested its presentation.

Be assured then ladies, that this noble expression of your good will and favour towards me will ever occupy a high and lasting position in my memory and affection; and in the years to come shall look back upon the time when I was made the object of so generous a bestowment, as a happy spot in my existence.

Your best wishes for our happiness and prosperity are duly appreciated both by Mrs. B. and myself, and with the hope that the same blessings may rest upon each one of you.

I remain, your obedient servant, CALEB R. HILL.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE VISITOR.

Dear Visitor,—After much prayerful deliberation and anxiety of soul, I have decided to engage in the financial agency. I realized the magnitude of the work contemplated, and my almost utter inability to accomplish it.

It was exceedingly difficult for me to leave a people among whom I have labored for so many years, and I trust not altogether without success, and indeed their unwillingness for me to resign as their pastor, formed an almost insuperable barrier to my entering the agency. I trust God has guided me in the decision, and I have gone forth to the work. I thought I would commence at home, viz., in my own church, I did so, and they have not only resounded. Jackstown Church has subscribed and partly paid in £20; Woodstock, £13 10s; Northampton, £7; Simonds including Florenceville, £9 10s; Canterbury and Lower Woodstock (partially canvassed) £7. Thus is the work begun, and considering the inclemency of the weather, and the badness of the roads, I look over a little more than a fortnight's work, and I am ready to exclaim, "What has God wrought?" In the mean time I attended fifteen religious meetings and assisted at the organization of a new church. If in the past our funds for benevolent objects have been at low tide, I am convinced it is not owing to the parsimony of the Baptists of this Province, or an anti-fraternal feeling of christians of other denominations. But the absence of system, well regulated healthy financial system in energetically collecting means and wisely expending them is the sole cause. Energy has been put forth in gathering funds in the past, but these efforts have been more spasmodic than permanent, therefore are we to-day left with an empty treasury and no established pecuniary system. Other religious bodies have organized and are organizing financially, and if the plans which they at first adopted were not all that could be desired they improved those systems but did not ignore them.

Now if our present arrangement is not perfect in every part let us endeavor to grow out of it a good healthy denominational tree, which shall yield its fruit every month by making a good money deposit in the treasury of the Lord. A new financial meteor passing through our denominational horizon will do us but little permanent benefit. Since I engaged in this new department of labor, I have had to do no special pleading for the "Union." The people have contributed readily, knowing I suppose, that "The Lord loves the cheerful giver."

I preach (or try to preach) missionary sermons on the Sabbath, when collections are taken for Domestic Missions; in this the people respond liberally. I intend continuing this plan until further advised. I cannot give you at present any sketch of future arrangement, the traveling now is so precarious.

WOODSTOCK, Nov. 21, 1859.

For the Christian Visitor. IMPERANCE. God's Word says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink," and notwithstanding there are persons found that will tempt the youth and break in upon the otherwise happy, domestic circle and spread their accursed snares for sordid gain. Well! Let the rum-seller not be deceived; God is not mocked. "Whosoever a man soweth that shall he also reap; for he that soweth to the flesh shall reap corruption." The seed is being sown, seasonally will bring its harvest. The tears and prayers of the oppressed will be heard in the future; and the frowns will be the wail of the evil doer in perdition.

In my tours I crossed from Lubec to Welch Pool, Campbell, and was attracted to a small building of inferior look by the words Post Office. I looked for the Post Master but in his place found his widow, and from the business there transacted I am compelled to conclude that she cannot read writing. But there I found the awe-inspiring rum. An aged man spoke to me and his breath reeked of intoxication, and I felt that heavy hair is not always a crown of glory. I met a young man there flourishing his arms and singing his way apparently to the consumptive drunkard's grave. Feeling that Her British Majesty was but poorly represented in that department, I made some inquiries concerning the doing up of things there, and found that Welch Pool was half a century behind true civilization. That rum Post Office, and another not many doors away kept by a Stone Mason, were the Lycæum of the place.

The Temperance Society has ceased its operations. The Sons attract and govern public feeling no more. The Episcopal Minister has sickened and departed to other fields. The domestic circle has saddened. Rum has created rowdies, and returning home from the revel they have fought, and crippled limbs for months. The sanctity of the Sabbath is invaded by the presence of the drunkard there, and even the consecrated House of Worship has reeked with the smell of poisoned liquor while true well-wishers of society have sat down in sorrow to see poor fishermen of Campobello squander their misapplied earnings at the shrine of Bacchus.

O Virtue! Hast thou no dwelling place in sad, dark Welch Pool. O humanity! Hast thou no hands to snatch the drinkers as brands from the burning. O Legislators! at your threshold must lie the sin of legalizing crime and making a few dollars pay for the scalding tears of weeping wives and stricken mothers. O Post Master General! Dost thou know that virtuous minds feel a just indignation and prefer to lose the benefits of the weekly press than to go to the rum shop for their papers. O Grand Jurors! can you find no indictment against Sabbath day desecration even in licensed Pandemoniums. O Christian! Hast thou no tears to shed at man's inhumanity to man, no prayers to a holy God that (if not till then) will find their answer in the day of Judgment, when from the Book of Men's Deeds the thrilling titles of infamy will be read out against the violators of God's law; when the drunkard-waker may find to fill his subsequent eternity the hiss of hate and the finger of demons pointed at him, and the word Rum-seller tricked in their ears—when it will be realized that he that is greedy for gain not

only troubleth his own house but deepneth his hell of misery and heateth his fires of woe. No drunkard shall enter into the Kingdom of God. And last but not unobserved by the eye of Omniscience, you who can palliate the evil and make it popular by favouring those who deal out disease of mind and body by pills and glasses, when tried by the ritual, do good to all men, and it is found that your gold, your enterprise, your indifference to your neighbours peace have all tended towards harm, what will you then answer?

There is a day coming when your indifference will yield to feelings of poignant remorse; when it is seen that your means gave you power to do good, but want of generous sympathy left the heart as callous as that of Galileo, who cared for none of these things.

That drama will soon be consummated. All wrongs will then be righted and Providence approved. Yours, for the Christian Visitor, AN AGENT.

(For the Visitor.) QUARTERLY MEETING AND CHURCH ORGANIZATION. Pursuant to appointment a Quarterly Meeting was held at Middle Simonds. The Ministers present were Elders D. Outhouse, G. R. Campbell, George Seely, Thos. Todd, and J. G. Harvey. The Meetings were very numerously attended, and a very deep interest manifested, which I have no doubt will result in great good. The other ministering brethren had to leave, but the writer remained for a few days, and on the following Sabbath, had the pleasure of baptizing four believers. The occasion was impressively solemn.

It was deemed advisable that this field be taken in charge by the Baptist, and as it is more closely connected with other localities where I labor, arrangements are being made for my continuance there.

At our Ministerial Meeting, several matters of interest were talked over, and some resolutions passed, amongst which were the following—viz: Resolved, That this Quarterly Meeting has implicit confidence in the selection of Rev. Thos. Todd, as an efficient and very suitable Denominational Agent to forward the claims of our benevolent Institutions; but we sincerely regret losing his Ministerial labors in this section of the Province, where for nearly twelve years he has been actively engaged for his Master. Our prayer is that he may be greatly blessed in this great work.

Also Resolved, That we think a union of the York and Carleton Quarterly Meetings necessary.

Our next gathering will be with the Church in Macnaquac on the last Friday in December at four o'clock, P. M. Yours, &c., J. G. HARVEY, Clerk.

P. S.—On the 17th we met with the friends in Middle Simonds, to take into consideration the propriety of organizing a Baptist Church in the above named place. Ministers present were the Rev. Thos. Todd, and the writer, when seven brethren and four sisters presented themselves for embodiment. The services were as follows: Reading the Scriptures and Prayer by the writer, Sermon by Rev. Thos. Todd, from Acts ii: 41, 42; reading articles, by the writer; organization prayer, hand of fellowship, and charge to the Church, by Rev. Thos. Todd; concluding prayer by the writer. The youthful Church then proceeded to choose their Officers, when brethren Elisha Shaw and William Ebbet were appointed Deacons, and Bro. John Palmer, Clerk. Now in looking over the religious interests of this place, we could thank God and take courage, for a few weeks ago in this section there was neither a Baptist Church, nor Baptist Meeting House; now there are both. We truly hope that this excellent beginning may be greatly blessed of God. JOSEPH G. HARVEY. Woodstock, Nov. 22, 1859.

For the Christian Visitor. Immediately on his leaving New Brunswick the agent for Acadia College forwarded to your paper a statement of affairs, which has not appeared in your columns. It is needful therefore to send another copy, or at any rate a list of the local agents for the College in New Brunswick, who will be kind enough to collect, and receive all the moneys in their several localities and forward the same to the Hon. A. McL. Seely, of St. John, at the earliest convenience. He is the College Treasurer for New Brunswick. In doing so they will please state particularly the names of the donors, the amounts contributed by each, and how much is principal for investment.

The notes of hand which were not left by request with the local agents have been deposited with the treasurer in St. John for safety. Local agents may collect moneys giving receipts for the same, and send them to the treasurer who will endorse such payments on the notes; or if parties wish to pay the full amount of notes, application may be made to the treasurer, who will forward said notes to the local agents for collection. Each local agent has a list of payments as they become due.

The following have kindly consented to act in behalf of the institution:—Deacon Christopher Harper in Sackville; Deacon Ezra Hicks, Dorchester; S. Shaw, M. D., Hopewell; James Wells, Esq., Harvey; John Wallace, Esq., Hillsborough; John McKenzie, Esq., Moncton; John S. Trice, Esq., Salsbury and Egmont; Isaac Alward, Esq., Butterut Ridge; Lewis Keith, Esq., New Canada; Jacob Corey, Esq., Johnston; Bro. Joseph Pickle, Norton; Bro. David H. Crandall, Springfield; Bro. William J. W. Bridges, Canby; Ash Coy, Esq., Fredericton; Deacon Richard Holyoke, Kingsclear and Prince William; Rev. A. D. Thomson, St. Andrews, St. Patrick's, St. Davids, Robinson and Calais; H. E. Seely, Esq., St. George Lower Falls; Deacon David Stewart, St. George, Upper Falls; Zebulon Eddy, Esq., St. John; Rev. Isaiah Wallace, Miramichi and vicinity.

Having arranged the old notes in the three provinces the way is now prepared for future operations. The financial committee met yesterday and decided to raise an Edward Manning Professorship of Five Thousand Pounds in shares of one dollar each. Mayhew Beck with Esq., of Lower Cornwallis is the treasurer of the Manning fund till it is completed. As the funds are paid in they are to be invested in real estate, secur-

ties in the name of the corporation of Acadia College. The names of the contributors are to be published monthly in the C. Messenger. Will the Visitor do the same? Persons wishing to contribute may direct their moneys to Mr. Beck or to myself. They may be assured that the funds will be devoted to the Professorship.

To make up deficiencies for current expenses a little may be obtained from the Union Societies. It is also in contemplation to have a meeting of the alumni of the institution at the time of the anniversary next June. We anticipate an interesting season, and hope that those of our alumni who reside in New Brunswick and other friends will be present with us. The object will be to form a society for the benefit of the College. I hope at trust that the gloom that has settled over all our prospects is but the precursor of a brighter day. This we know that all things shall work for good to God's chosen—these light afflictions shall work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Yours in the work of the Lord. D. FREEMAN, Financial Agent for Acadia College, Nova Scotia, Nov. 16, 1859.

P. S. My address will be Wolfville, N. S. Though I expect to be travelling, yet my family are about locating there for the winter. D. F.

[The communication referred to was not received.—Ed. Vis.] For the Christian Visitor. LADIES' SCHOOL AT BERWICK. DEAR EDITOR,

It is now some time since our Mt. Holyoke Female School, so called, that was so successfully and advantageously taught by Miss Field at Berwick in Pleasant Valley District, ceased its operations, which school I felt deeply interested in, and then felt and now feel assured, that a school established on similar principles, in some populous part of the Province, or shall I say in the County of Kings, Hants, or Annapolis, would be the one best adapted to present needs, inasmuch as, coupled with the thoroughness of such a system of Education, the moderate charges of the school would bring it within the reach of those in somewhat limited circumstances, thereby more generally scattering abroad the opportunities and the benefits of a thorough Female Education.

But, as a remedy in part, more private schools of a high order have been established. One by the Rev. John Chase, Wolfville, another by Hendley E. Fitch, Esq., at Clarence, both of which are well adapted to benefit those who, or whose parents, are in circumstances to meet the sums required at these schools, therefore I am desirous of their continued and increasing prosperity.

Miss Alice Shaw, (a graduate of the same Institution at which Miss Field and Miss Chase graduated); who also taught one year in the Ladies' Coll. Institute, Worcester, Mass; who was recommended to that Institution by her Teachers at Holyoke, and pressed at the close of her year to remain; but, preferring to devote her best energies to her native land, has, on her own responsibility, recently opened a school at Berwick, in which, the branches of a thorough and efficient English Education, also the usual accomplishments, Drawing, Music and French, are taught. The expenses of her school per annum, for tuition, Board and Lodging, are about twenty pounds. A moderate extra charge is made for Music and drawing. Arrangements have been made by which comfortable Board and Lodging can be had in the immediate neighbourhood at seven shillings and sixpence per week. Berwick is a quiet little village, now possessing Coach, Post office and Telegraph privileges.

Its religious opportunities are good, services are held in two Houses of Worship, every Sabbath.

Miss Shaw's object is, I am confident, to benefit others rather than herself, possessing as she does, a benevolent nature, and a great desire to be useful to those of her sex in her own Province who are thirsting for knowledge. Her school is, as yet, small, but she labors on in faith and hope and prayer, and also with encouraging prospects of enlargement at the beginning of the coming year. Her present Pupils are much attached to her, not only on account of her amiable and Christian character but from confidence in her as a Teacher; and I can further say, especially in reference to my own daughter who attends there, that she is very satisfactorily progressing in her studies.

I understand Miss Emilie Eaton of Cornwallis who has enjoyed superior advantages of Education, is at the commencement of the ensuing term to be associated with her. I therefore trust that this school, so deserving of patronage, will be largely encouraged, and that many will avail themselves of its advantages during the coming year.

As ever, yours, WM. CHIPMAN. Cornwallis, P. V., Nov. 15th, 1859.

P. S.—Since writing the above, observe in the Messenger, Miss Shaw's Card for the next Term.

For the Christian Visitor. NEWCASTLE, Grand Lake, Nov. 21, 1859. Dear Visitor,—Having occasionally chronicled some of the leading events in this region and being fully aware that many of our beloved ministers and other brethren who have visited us will still desire to hear from us, I once more resume the pen by saying the pall of gloom seems to be spread over us; we are again without a minister, and to add to our sorrow the hand of Death has taken one of our number in the person of Brother John Flower, who quietly fell asleep on the 13th of this instant in his 37th year; no doubt many who read these lines will remember his liberality.

The deceased was the third son of Thomas and Catharine Flower who have long borne the burden and heat of the day. Our departed brother professed a good hope through grace upwards of twenty years ago, under the ministry of the lamented David Chase, and subsequently passed into the Newcastle Church at its formation under the pastorate of our beloved G. F. Miles.

As a man doing business he will be missed in the community, and as a supporter of the Gospel Ministry also. His sufferings were protracted and severe, and although he had to deplore the