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PERSONAL.

It is always unpleasant to trouble our readers with personal affairs; but simple justice to ourselves as well as to our denomination, demands that we should give some explanation in regard to the past and present of the "CHRISTIAN VISITOR."

During the three years and a half that the paper was conducted by the Rev. E. D. Very, its indebtedness beyond income amounted to \$256 88, 1d., and during the six months it was conducted by the Committee who assumed its management, after Mr. Very's death, it went in debt £76, or at the rate of £152 per annum. The whole amount of debt incurred during the first four years, as shown by the accounts, was £442 88, 1d. When the paper was transferred to R. Thomson and I. E. Bill, it was falling behind, as shown above, at the rate of £152 per annum.

Jan. 17, 1863, the Visitor was transferred to R. Thomson, A. M., and I. E. Bill. The former continued his connection with it about fifteen months and a half. The circulation of the paper during that time was sufficient, had all been collected, to have yielded upwards of £800; but the books exhibit the receipts amounting to only £496 13s. 1d. This includes money collected on back-dues, as well as on running subscriptions and advance payments.

When Thomson left, in May, 1864, the Visitor was in debt to the printer £14. This we had to advance from private funds.

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Persons may ask why go on with the paper when it was such a losing concern? The answer is, we were constantly deceived by the subscription books. Like Mr. Very, and like the committee who assumed the management at his death we attached more value to unpaid subscriptions than they were worth.

Supposing that our readers, like ourselves are deeply interested in the news from the seat of war, they will find our columns this week amply supplied with the latest intelligence from that quarter.

Another New Sect—A Dangerous Heresy. BY REV. DAVID NUTTER. So far as I have examined Ecclesiastical History, I believe that the Church has uniformly maintained that the books of the Old and New Testaments were written by the inspiration of the Spirit, and that their contents challenge the belief and obedience of all men professing to be Christians.

It should be further understood that when we speak of the financial losses by the Visitor we make no charge for our own services. These were given in this connection to the denomination freely for more than eight years without fee or reward, save that reward which flows from a consciousness of an endeavor to faithfully meet the responsibilities of one's position in social and religious life.

Simply as a financial enterprise we never should have had anything to do with the Visitor, but its religious and denominational connection gave it a very strong hold upon our sympathies and toils. We received it as a religious trust from the denomination, to be conducted by us for the support and extension of religion generally, and of denominational interests in particular.

On Sunday morning His Royal Highness attended Divine Worship in St. Paul's Church, in this City. His Royal Highness visited the Episcopal Building, and drove out to the Country.

On Tuesday morning His Royal Highness attended on board the Steamer Westward at 9 o'clock, and was accompanied by the Hon. F. Egerton, H. M. Ship St. George, and Mr. Whiston.

laims of the Visitor, and reported accordingly. Before the Anniversaries of the Associations in 1860, we were informed that some of the changes we had made were unsatisfactory in certain quarters, and we fully expected to meet this in due form at the meeting of the Eastern and Western Associations; and we were quite prepared to place the paper at the disposal of the body.

The Visitor in its enlarged and improved form, has been before the denomination for seven months, and it has received from many competent judges the warmest expressions of satisfaction and good will. As the exponent and defender of Baptist principles and polity, we greatly mistake if the Visitor has not been true to its trust.

We ask our brethren in the spirit of kindness to look at the matter in the light of Christian obligation. In 1853, you placed the organ of the denomination in our hands with the understanding that we were to bear its financial responsibility, relying upon your good will and hearty co-operation to enable us to do it.

The denial of this great principle of inspiration not only falsifies the apostles, denies the truth of the bible, and leaves all the human race in a state of pagan darkness and utter ignorance of their relation to God, but it strips him of all hope and prospect of the future. Then, as St. Paul told the Corinthians, "We are of all men the most miserable."

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Word! How can a man take St. Paul as authority, and then give the lie to his authority, when he says, "the gospel which I preached unto you I received not of man; neither was I taught it by man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ?"

These sacred records were given by the agency of the Spirit, as a standing rule of faith for Christians in all ages of the world, and are to be made known among all nations for the obedience of faith.

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on the part of Israel? Were the thunder and lightning which made the Mount Sinai shake, and the hosts of Israel to fear and tremble, all a trick and farce? Are we to believe that Moses was a mere conjurer, and practised sleight of hand and jugglery, to deceive the nation into the belief that he had a commission from heaven, and claimed divine authority for this sort of quackery?

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awakening which is still in progress and power in that district. Captain Trotter founded his remarks on the oft-quoted passage, "Work out your own salvation," &c., and with admirable expository clearness elucidated its real application—not to those who were without Christ and unjustified, but to those who, having found Jesus, and pardon and acceptance through faith in his righteousness, were called upon to hold fast the beginning of their confidence unto the end, in the spirit of earnest perseverance, diligence, watchfulness, and prayer.

The Sabbath School and Bible Classes best known to the writer, a recent investigation has been made by the pious superintendent as to the extent of awakening. The teachers having considered the matter and each giving a calm as well as an independent testimony, the delightful conclusion drawn is that, during a comparatively brief period, seventy young persons—boys girls, young men and maidens—have been truly converted and turned to the Lord.

The Convention at Niagara. The Baptist Convention of N. S., N. B., and P. E. Island holds its next Anniversary at Niagara, N. S. The Sessions will open in the Baptist Chapel that place on Saturday the 24th of August, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

At Cross Street Baptist Chapel there continues to be a great work of grace among the young, and the minister is oftentimes well-nigh exhausted by continued conferences with anxious souls.

The Handbook of Baptists in Great Britain for 1861, reports 19 Societies for missions, tracts, chapel building, &c., 8 colleges, 10 periodicals, of which one is published weekly, the rest monthly, 1,800 ministers in England and Wales, 88 in Scotland, and 13 in Ireland; of the whole 1,800, 138 reside in London and vicinity.

The number of members received by the Baptist churches in Germany in 1860, was 760; in Switzerland, 28; in Denmark, 239; total, 1,027. Members in Germany, 7,233; in Switzerland, 150; in Denmark, 1,552. Total, 8,935.

We have frequently noticed the progress of the interesting work of grace wrought in the Island of Jamaica during the last year. Rev. J. M. Phillips has addressed a letter to the New York Chronicle on the subject, giving somewhat in detail the rise, progress, and results, of this blessed manifestation of the Spirit.

The direct religious results of this movement altogether, have been such as to leave no doubt on the minds of Christian men who have been familiar with it in all its phases, that it originated in the wonder-working power of God. On the part of the churches, it has been a revival of scriptural knowledge, vital piety and practical obedience, an unusual warmth of attachment to each other, and to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, added to visible, zealous, persevering efforts for the salvation of their careless and impotent fellow-creatures.

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