

cries out, "we have no interests in common."

After quoting an article on this Railway which lately appeared in the "Colonial Empire," the Halifax Chronicle (Government paper) says:

RESOLVED by the New Brunswick Baptist Western Association, at its Annual Session, at Keswick, Sept. 24th 1861.

WHEREAS—The CHRISTIAN VISITOR has been for years recognized as the Denominational Organ of the Associated Churches of the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Baptist Associations, therefore—

Resolved—That said recognition be continued by the Churches of this Association."

New Brunswick Baptist AND CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1862

Decay of power in the Pulpit; its Causes and Remedies.—No. 1.

Such is the title of a Sermon preached in September last, at the ordination of Pro. Timothy Dwight, by Rev. Dr. Hawes, of Hartford, Ct. It appeared in the April number of the National Preacher, and copious extracts are given in the Boston Recorder. We regard the theme as one of commanding importance. The preaching of the gospel is God's ordinance, instituted for the conversion of the world to Himself. Decay and inefficiency in this department must seriously affect the power of the Church, and retard the progress of Christianity among the nations.

It was remarked a few years since by the distinguished Professor who now occupies the Theological chair of Andover, that the effectiveness of the pulpit, in comparison with other efficiencies, has declined among us to an alarming extent, within the last fifty years. The same is the opinion of many others, as I know, who are well qualified to judge in the case.

In pointing out the causes of the diminished power of the pulpit, we may not say that the former days were better than these, nor that the nature of man is changed, nor that the truth of God has grown old, or has lost its power to impress and move the mind.

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means of education and the range of study are greater well nigh beyond comparison. Still the pulpit, it is claimed, has less power over the popular mind, is less appreciated and productive of fewer and less marked spiritual results.

Let it not be thought that I undervalue theological seminaries, or a high standard of classical attainment. I speak simply of the present mode of preparing for the ministry as tending to cultivate the intellect rather than the heart, to raise the standard of scholarship at the expense of piety, of humble, earnest, self-devoted godliness; and just so far as this is the case, it operates to diminish the power of the pulpit; to make a literary and scholarly, rather than an evangelical and searching; to fit it for a display of talent and learning rather than for a direct and faithful commanding of God's truth to the heart and conscience.

Spurgeon's Sermons for Spring. This eminent young preacher has sermons for all seasons of the year, and for all occasions. We have read with great satisfaction, his recent "Sermon for Spring" founded upon those beautiful words in Solomon's Song— "My beloved spake, and said unto me, 'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender green give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'"—Solomon's Song, ch. 10-13.

We have only room this week for the introduction. Extracts from the sermon will be given in succeeding issues. The things which are seen are types of the things which are not seen. The works of creation are pictures to the children of God of the secret mysteries of grace. God's truths are the apples of gold, and the visible creatures are the baskets of silver. The very seasons of the year find their parallel in the little world of man within.

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Sun of Righteousness. Then cometh the believer's autumn, when his fruits grow ripe, and his fields are ready for the harvest; the time has come when his Lord shall gather together his "pleasant fruits," and store them in heaven; the feast of ingathering is at hand—the time when the year shall begin anew, an unchanging year, like the years of the right hand of the Most High in heaven. Now, beloved, each particular season has its duty. The husbandman finds that there is a time to plough, a time to sow, a time to reap; there is a season for vintage, and a period for the pruning of the vine; there is a month for the planting of herbs, and for the ingathering of seeds. To everything there is a time and a purpose, and every season has its special labor.

A Supply for Germain Street Baptist Church. The pastor of this church has been laid aside from his pulpit labors for several weeks, by bodily indisposition, occasioned by a violent cold and over exertion. The church has kindly granted him leave of absence for a few weeks, to seek change and rest.

Baptist Anniversaries for 1862. It will be seen by Dr. Cramp's notice that the Anniversary of Acadia College takes place on Friday, the 6th of June.

Acadia College. Examinations for Degrees will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Monday, May 29, and 30, and June 2, commencing each day at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Eastern Baptist Association of New Brunswick meets at Jemseg, on the second Thursday in July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Western Baptist Association of N. B. will meet at Newcastle, Grand Lake, on the third Thursday in September.

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The Quarterly Examination of the Classes will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 3, 4, and 5, commencing each day at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Anniversary will be held in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on Friday, June 6. Oration will be delivered by Undergraduates, Degrees conferred, and other business transacted. The Exercises will commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

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presented by an unusually influential delegation including J. Johnson, P. G. W. P., S. D. McPherson, P. G. W. A., the Rev. Dr. Hurd, Chas. P. Wetmore, Geo. J. Bliss, and other gentlemen. Of the representatives from Carleton County, Rev. R. A. Temple, P. G. W. P., Rev. D. Currie, and Rev. Mr. Huestis, were among the most active during the session.

The Reports of these Officers were full, and important, showing an unprecedented increase in many localities, of additions to membership, and the order at large to be in a healthy and prosperous condition; special reference being made to the large number of the Military who have become connected with the body.

A Public Meeting was, by invitation of the Divisions in and about Woodstock, held under the Banners of the Grand Division, the G. W. P. in the Chair.

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NOTICE.—The Examination of the classes at the Baptist Seminary, Fredericton, will take place on Thursday and Friday, the 5th and 6th June, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

SABBATH SCHOOL.—The anniversary of the Brussels street Sabbath School, will take place in Brussels Street Church, on Sabbath next 25th inst., at 6 o'clock P. M.

Correspondence. A Wilmot, N. S., correspondent, informs us that the Pine Grove Baptist Church has extended a unanimous call to Mr. W. H. Porter, son of Rev. T. H. Porter, to become its pastor.

Written for the Visitor. Ambition. Ambition is as necessary to our progress in life as in any other natural gift which has been bestowed upon us by the Divine Hand.

GENERAL HOLIDAY.—A memorandum in the Royal Gazette of Wednesday last, states that Her Majesty the Queen having desired that no celebration whatever of Her Majesty's Birth Day should this year take place, the usual general Holiday upon the 24th inst. will not be proclaimed.

The Grand Jury having found a true bill against John Clarke for the Murder of Mary Goggin in Sheffield Street in March last, he was placed on trial in the Supreme Court yesterday.

There was a public meeting under the auspices of Portland Division Sons of Temperance, at the Portland Hall last evening.

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Secular Department.

This Number. Not having had time during the week to revise our directing books this number of the Visitor will go to all our old subscribers. We trust that before next week many of them will renew, as we do not intend to print more than enough to supply new subscribers.

A remittance of \$1 by mail to our address will secure the Baptist and Visitor for eight months, from 1st June to 1st of February. We will endeavour to make it as interesting as possible to our subscribers, and will have it regularly mailed on Thursday morning, as this number will be. It will contain the latest news up to Wednesday night.

We are much obliged and encouraged by the renewals received, and the words of good cheer accompanying them. From various quarters and different local agents we are told that the want of money is the only difficulty in getting the largest circulation for the Visitor, and we are urged to relax our terms a little to meet an extraordinary emergency.

Having given in this number of the Visitor copious extracts from American papers, it is unnecessary to say much editorially on the news of the week.

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played with capital effect. Mr. Bradley, too, lent his services singing some good songs and accompanying himself on the piano.

DROWNED.—We regret to learn that a little boy named Miller, about 7 or 8 years of age, was drowned at Indian Town last evening.

[From the Borderer.] The anniversary Exercises at Lingley Hall on Wednesday last were attended by a large concourse, who were amply repaid their trouble by the interesting character of the addresses and dialogues to which they had the pleasure of listening, enlivened as they were by the choicest music.

ORDER OF EXERCISES. Mount Allison Academy. Exercises of Graduating Class.

Salutatory, Maggie Woodworth. MUSIC. Development, Annie M. Winters. Influence of Memory and Hope, Jane I. Nightengale.

Soit en bien, soit en mal la prudence dit qu'il faut rarement, jurer sur l'apparence.— Misses Read, Pickles, Woodworth and Nicholson. True Intellectual Culture, Mary E. Pickles.

MALE ACADEMY. AFTERNOON. Devotional Services. Reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer, by Rev. H. Pickard, D. D.

Salutatory Addresses (Latin). Junia D. Sprague. The Ethnological Effects of Climate, Gilbert Higgs.

La Pedantere (French Dialogue Translation.) James N. Harris, George A. Dickson, Thos. B. Flint and Richard W. Woodworth. The Past and the Present, T. Hodgson.

Iron the Civilizer, Charles T. Dutcher. (Greek.) C. Wesley Colter. Love of Liberty, Nehemiah Ayer.

Our Nation's Glory, Joseph G. Angwin. Doubt, Alfred A. Stockton. The New World, Howard D. Sprague.

Our World a Crucible, and Valdeictory Address, Josiah Wood. Anniversary Address, by Rev. James Narra-way, A. M., of Saint John.

Singing the Doxology—Prayer and Benediction by Rev. C. DeWolf, A. M.

FREDERICTON.

A Handbill published by His Worship the Mayor, announces the reward of \$200 for the evidence to convict an incendiary who set fire to Mr. Barratt's work shop; and \$50 for the discovery of the wretch who broke one of the Cathedral windows, and stole some of the Sacramental Wine!—Fredericton Reporter.

A man named Slavin has been committed by the Mayor for trial in the Supreme Court, the crime alleged against him is the theft of a Valise, the property of R. D. Wilmot, Esq., from the steamer Anna Augusta.—Ib.

Yesterday and to-day the thermometer ranged at 80 and 81 in the shade.—Ib.

Discovery of New Fossils near St. John. Although it is not generally known here yet the scientific world is perfectly aware of the fact, that some discoveries of several rare, and some hitherto unknown fossil plants have recently been made in the vicinity of this City.

We have been permitted to examine a number of specimens of these fossil plants which were very lately discovered in the Slates at Duck Cove, to the westward of Carleton, and at Little River, to the eastward of this City.

In their places they approach very nearly the well known Flora of the carboniferous period, but the great majority consist of species not found in that formation. They are thus of great interest in a geological point of view, being all of Devonian age, and pertaining to a period when the earth was mainly tenanted by marine forms, and so far as we are able to judge from the remains hitherto found, vegetation was sparse, and confined to limited areas.

For perfect preservation and variety of species of these beautiful fossil plants, St. John is quite unrivalled. The discoveries made here will quite revolutionize the opinion hitherto entertained respecting the vegetation of the later Devonian age, since they have nearly doubled the number of species heretofore obtained from this division of the pre-carboniferous rocks.

The fossil plants found here may be thus arranged:—

Species found at St. John which had been previously found elsewhere, and described by various authors, 10