

"Visitor" Accounts.

We have commenced sending out the Visitor accounts. We do this for several reasons. 1st. We wish to let our subscribers know just how their accounts stand on the Visitor's book.

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 10, 1868.

Expecting a Revival.

We have had one day of special prayer in our churches for the outpouring of the Spirit in great measure to arouse the people of God to greater earnestness in the Divine life, and to convert souls by thousands to the knowledge of saving truth.

Never was this great blessing more needed by our country than at the present time.

Our Province are in a transition state, forming new political relations and assuming new responsibilities; how important that all these new associations should be moulded by a religious power! How is this to be done? Only by great earnestness and fidelity on the part of those whose business it is to watch for souls.

It does seem to us that we especially need in all parts of our Dominion renewed religious vigor in the ministry; in the denominational press, in social meetings for prayer and praise, and in all the departments of Christian labor.

Ministerial Failures.

Viewed as a cause of failure, it is not of trivial, yet of comparatively little importance to the want of preparatory education. Under this disadvantage, many of our ministers labor; and at great disadvantage, many of our ministers labor; and at great disadvantage, many of our ministers labor.

mere scholar has no mission. Great acquisitions are nothing to the preacher without the power of reproducing in new, beautiful, and impressive manner that which has been acquired.

The Return of Jesus.

A tract on this very important subject, by Rev. J. Harley, pastor of Brussels Street Baptist Church, has just been issued from the press of Barnes & Co.

Our duty with reference to this matter is thus made as clear as the light of day. It is not to pry into secrets, or to decide dogmatically upon matters which Jehovah, for wise purposes, has not thought proper to reveal; but to have our lamps trimmed and burning, and to be in readiness at any and every moment for the midnight cry.

Still, methods of training are not unworthy of notice, inasmuch as those which are bad or mistaken may lessen the efficiency of many of the men we have. We venture, therefore, with all humility and deference to inquire if the system of education pursued at most, if not all our colleges, be the best adapted to the end in view?

It is surely a proof of mistaken views on these matters, that the study of education is thought to be somewhat derogatory to the seriousness and spiritual states of the minister of Christ; and that our ministers can talk of not reading sermons, as if able to furnish such literature were a proof of their superiority to the need of such help as good sermons might supply.

An Unexpected Death.

It becomes our painful duty to record the sudden death of Mr. Harley, beloved wife of Rev. G. A. Harley, pastor of the Free Baptist Church, Orleans, St. John.

A Judicial Appointment.

A letter just received, officially informs us that Mr. William Elder has been appointed to the Chair of "Natural Science" in Acadia College, with salary of \$1,000 per annum.

From our Boston Correspondent. The lecture season, as usual, has brought to the platform of Boston and its environs the best talent of the country, such as Henry Ward Beecher, Dr. Chas. W. Johnson, Frederick Douglass, and John E. Goheen.

Richard Weaver. His intonation is extremely varied, now soaring into loud and prolonged utterances of impassioned feeling, and anon, falling to almost inaudible whispers; his arms are now extended to full length, and his head thrown back, and he is bellowing his shoulders; anon, recovering himself, he darts, quick as lightning, to the right or to the left.

From our Southern Correspondent. This city suppresses my expectations. It is beautifully located; the surroundings are fine, and of course, the associations are thrilling. There are many beautiful residences. I find the people to be more cordial than I had supposed.

Churches are numerous in this city and well filled. Rev. Dr. Burroughs, has the longest Sunday school in the city. His church, the First Baptist, is filled with young men. The Baptists are the most powerful ecclesiastical body in the State.

The Ordination.

Rev. John Tins, as pastor of the Pitt street Baptist church, took place pursuant to appointment. Sermon by Rev. I. B. Hill, from 2 Cor. 10: 4. "We preach not in wisdom, but Christ Jesus the Lord."

Secular Department.

Foreign and Domestic News. Prime Minister Disraeli has published an address announcing and defending the resignation of Ministry. He reviews the progress of the resolves in favor of the disestablishment of the Irish Church, believing the country would not sanction such a measure.

I heard Rev. Mr. Maderson, the pastor, read a very good sermon in the Baptist Church, and in the evening I endeavored to preach the gospel to a very solemn and attentive congregation, and enjoyed much of the presence of the Master.

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