

Editorial Correspondence.

BAPTIST PROGRESS IN YARMOUTH.

As promised in our letter of last week, we furnish a brief sketch of Baptist progress in this Western section of our native Province. A Baptist preacher by the name of Moulton came over with some of the first settlers from Massachusetts, and remained for a short time in this place.

In 1700 Harris Harding, intrusted, as he believed, with a message from God to these people, came to them in the spirit and power of the Gospel.

In 1806, Mr. Harding and his people experienced another mighty outpouring of the Spirit.

Through seed time and harvest, amid storms and sunshine, Mr. Harding continued his evangelistic labors.

In 1827 another revival of a most extraordinary character took place.

The length of this letter compels us to reserve further remarks on this subject for our next issue.

Interlocutory.

We believe fully in the fundamental principles of what is generally called the Congregational system, which is also in the main Baptist—system of church government.

tion which we agreed in the main. But no; they name no point in particular. It is the Policy, the whole Policy, and nothing but the Policy, which is the object of their aversion and terror.

But, perhaps, we may yet be indulged with some further elucidations of what seems now so involved in haze; and, therefore, we proceed, in the meantime, to offer a few further remarks recapitulatory in some degree, of our previous observations.

Without the right of doing this, what would become of our common independence? We, none of us, hold that associations, or communities of churches, are obliged to bow to the dictation, or succumb to the tyranny of any particular church, any more than any church is justly bound to obey any outward coercion, or to submit to any Diotrephes who may love to have the pre-eminence over them.

If this be so, we shall wait with extreme interest to learn how their associations shall deal with these matters, which, must, we presume, come in some form before them, and what means they shall adopt to soothe the asperities of party, while they stand firm for the paramount claims of mercy, justice and truth.

In the meanwhile, it seems hardly necessary to observe that it is impossible, from the nature of things, for any church or individual, to be free from the influence of public opinion.

Thus far, we have felt constrained to turn partly aside, in this number, from the more regular course of our notices on Policy, in order to drop a word on the somewhat singular outcry raised against us.

As a sermon appropriate to the death of the late Rev. Jarvis Ring, was preached in Brussels Street Baptist church on Sabbath evening last, by the pastor, Rev. T. Harley, from the words of Paul to the Philippians.

Correspondence from the Sandwich Islands.

Rev. David Orandal has kindly placed the following interesting letter from his son, Dr. Orandal, at our disposal.

My DEAR FATHER:—I wrote you since my arrival and also sent some papers. I have been steadily improving, but my old dyspeptic difficulty still hangs on.

Reply to the Editor of the Christian Messenger.

Pressure of business has prevented earlier attention to the Editor of the Christian Messenger.

Before request to return my articles was made, there was, I think, distinct pre-showing of the doom awaiting them.

Through the watchful care of a merciful Providence, we are again at our post in the city.

Whether the English edition of the Christian Messenger would form an unfavorable opinion of my articles as its Editor entertains of them, I of course know not; but it is evident Mr. Seldou did not like to trust the matter to their judgment.

(1.) I asked to have my articles returned; (2.) I thanked him for returning them.

Correspondence from Australia.

From a private letter, received recently from Mr. Edward M. Bill, of Australia, we extract the following items of information:

You will, no doubt, be somewhat surprised, when you hear that I have turned my attention to teaching; and, after a good deal of preparation and not a little trouble, I have secured an appointment as Head Teacher in one of the Government schools, with a salary of £200 a year.

This time, the real bone of contention, is the famous Lady Darling grant of £20,000, which sum has been voted by Lady Darling by the assembly in consideration, of the less sustained by Sir Charles, her husband, in maintaining the privileges of the people and their right to the control of the finances of the country.

This election is just now being hotly contested; and so far as the results are known, to the credit of the people of Victoria, is now passing through a severe ordeal in a struggle to maintain their constitutional rights against the aggressive measures of a self-styled aristocracy.

You are already aware, that we have been honored with a visit from His Royal Highness, Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh.

This being the first time that any of the Royal Family have visited these shores, no expense was spared to give the Prince a reception worthy of him.

I sincerely trust, you are all well; give dear mother my warmest and best love.

Our Visit to Yarmouth.

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On motion the meeting was adjourned to the 13th of April, you make me to say 'the wife of the doan,' when it is 'the wife of the doan.'

be home on the 1st inst. The field, to us, appeared white unto the harvest. We rejoice to add that the administrations of our valued Bro. Dr. Day, who spent the winter in Yarmouth, were well received, and these effluvia promising.

Baptist Seminary Alumni Society.

Mr. Emory's—Last May, as you are aware, the "Old Students" of the Baptist Seminary organized themselves into a society to promote the welfare of the Institution, to foster a kindly feeling among themselves, and also to give prizes to encourage the students.

There are many old students scattered over the Province whom we cannot solicit by letter to join us, for want of their address.

The Seminary Debt.

DEAR BRO. BILL:—I suppose you, as well as many of your readers, will be glad to hear how we are making out in Charlotte County in raising that \$150, which was considered by the Association our proportion of the amount required to pay all debts, dues, and demands now against the Baptist Seminary.

"We, the undersigned, do give the several sums set opposite our names respectively, to pay the debt now on the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton, upon condition that the whole amount required for this object be raised within two years from this date.

DEAR EDITOR:—In my note of March 30th, I omitted the names of our much esteemed brethren, Thos. Saunders and J. Rowe.

It will be seen by reference to another column that a sale of pews is to take place in Brussels Street Church on Thursday at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Rev. David Orandal informs us that the Rev. Manning Starrat, of Elgin, has been called by his resignation to the divine will, and was sustained in the prospect of death by the prospect of a glorious resurrection into life eternal.

N. B. B. H. M. Board met at Brussels street on the 4th inst. Members present: Rev. Messrs Bill, Coleman, Gady, McKenzie, Harley, Spencer, D. Orandal, D. Blakely and Washburn, and Bro. Evers, Smith, Calhoun and Masters.

Read Rev. D. Manser's report of three months labor. On motion it was received, and amount due voted to be paid.

Read application from Rev. A. Estabrooks, for aid in pursuing his studies. Voted to appropriate \$15 from Ministerial Educational Fund.

Social Department.

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC NEWS. GREAT BRITAIN. LONDON, May 1.—Mr. Disraeli closed the debate Thursday night on the Irish Church question.

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