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The Revival Power. We deeply regret that we have so little revival intelligence to report from our churches. At this season of the year more than at any other, as a general rule, our churches are praying and labouring for the revival of the Lord's work.

On the day of Pentecost, according to Luke's narrative, we find the church united and at work. "They are all, with one accord, in one place." For ten days they have continued, with one accord, in prayer and supplication for the descent of the Spirit.

But many persons object to these revival seasons as spasmodic and fitful. If they are good say they why not always have them? Summer is good, why not always have it? For the simple reason that the great Father thinks it best to have Winter, Spring and Autumn as well as Summer.

ted, likelier than not, by sheer exhaustion. Nor are these seasons of rest, if rightly improved, less useful to the church, or less conducive to the honor of God and the good of souls, than what we call seasons of special activity.

The Day of Prayer for Institutions of Learning.

The note from Rev. J. E. Hopper in last week's Visitor, and the communication of Dr. Cramp in our present issue, as will be seen, call for an observation of the last Thursday in February, as a day of prayer for our Educational Institutions.

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Prayer for Colleges.

DEAR BROTHER—Thursday, the 25th inst., will be the "Day of Prayer for Colleges." It has been extensively observed on this Continent for many years past, and has been often followed by the bestowment of spiritual blessings on the Institutions of learning.

I trust that the day will be devoutly kept throughout the Province of New Brunswick.

Yours truly, J. M. CRAMP. Acadia College, Feb. 5th, 1899.

Christian Baptism.

BY REV. A. N. ARNOLD, PROFESSOR IN MADISON UNIVERSITY, N. Y. In such a position of the argument we hardly feel the necessity of replying to objections derived from the supposed difficulty of immersion in certain cases referred to in the scriptures.

Correspondence from the Rev. John Francis.

DEAR VISITOR:—Your esteemed favor is received, having been forwarded from New York to Salt Lake City, thence to this place. We desire to feel thankful to God continually for the kindness received while in the Provinces, and hope never to cease praying for all our friends who were the instruments of His kindness to us.

This conclusion is confirmed by the best and most ancient translations, eastern and western, and by the critical versions of the ablest biblical scholars of modern times. In all these, so far as they undertake to express the meaning of the original words, that meaning is expressed by terms signifying immersion and immersion.

Woodstock—Ministerial Education.

DEAR EDITOR—I take it for granted that there exists the unfriendliness of some particular styles or degrees of education for certain existing fields of labor which has been alluded to in a former letter, because I cannot believe such men as Dr. Fyfe, or Mr. Spurgeon, or Dr. Phelps, to be wholly mistaken in their convictions on such a point; the difficulties I noticed in my last letter of course imply that I do not feel equally satisfied as to what system can be exclusively pursued to fit men for such fields.

I can understand how the process might be conducted on a limited scale. There are men who seem to have a certain natural ripeness for ministerial labor, and whose circumstances and those of some particular locality for which they seem specially fitted, admit of much usefulness with less of culture. A limited scheme of training might in their case, all things considered, be better than one more perfect and extended.

By such a plan, I have no doubt, some communities may be better suited than with many another man possessing far more perfect training; nay, I suppose even that the advantage of the more perfect training might hardly, if at all, in any field of labor counterbalance the benefit obtained by our earlier entry into the field, in certain cases.

Perhaps again, a long extended course might sometimes so turn off a man's mind into other courses of thought and labor, as to dry up, so to speak, those peculiar qualities that seemed to call him to early work, and thus to render him less fit for some particular locality by rendering him more fit for a position of another sort.

Here is brother A. B., a kind affable man and earnest christian, active, and ever usefully at work. He constantly circulates among his people, and is every where welcome, and he possesses a happy habit of commending Christ to everybody without giving offence. He is no gossip; his conversation is always cheerful, always tending to religious improvement. He even reminds you of what is said of Wesley's parlor preaching. His people are not highly intellectual, but they are all intelligent, and are growing in general information.

One admires the Providence that has so ordered the event, that would not permit a Whitfield to be spoiled to make a college professor or court preacher. One may approve even the decision of the man, and the advice of the friends that counselled him to take the course he did—and yet I have great difficulty in conceiving of a system shaped on such a model for any length of time.

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It is for acting and for efficiency. I would that in all our christian efforts we could, as did this church, put our hands to the Master's work, knowing He oftener gives the victory to the weak than to the strong.

From our Chicago Correspondent.

DEAR BRO. BILL:—I was glad to greet the VISITOR once more. To one in a strange country pleasant are the words which tell of the prosperity of his native land. I judge by the general tone of the VISITOR that the Baptist churches, generally, in New Brunswick are alive to the wants of the age, and to the great necessity of holding fast to the form of sound doctrine, but at the same time seeking to permeate the whole Christian life with that living faith which quickens the soul and brings it into sacred communion with the Son of God.

The week of prayer was generally observed by the evangelical churches, but it has not been followed by that abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit by which it is generally followed. Yet there is a good degree of interest in the churches, and additions are continually made to them, though there is no special revival interest, but rather a steady work.

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Business men snatch an hour from the press of labor and gather there to speak of the love of Jesus. They bring to the prayer-meeting the same life and energy which marks them in business circles. Mere zeal may mislead a man, but when an earnest, zealous man's heart is full of christian love, and is fully consecrated to the Master, he is a power before which the hosts of Satan flee trembling away.

Appointments.

MR. EDITOR:—I wish to give notice through the VISITOR that I shall, in company with Rev. George Burns, visit the following churches of York County, and preach for them on the evenings named:—Macquaque, Monday evening, 7 o'clock, March 1st; Keswick Month, Tuesday, March 2d; Lower Kingsclear, Wednesday, March 3d; Upper Kingsclear, Thursday, March 4th; Prince William, Friday, March 5th.

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