

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., JULY 15, 1899.

The Jemseg Association.

has passed, and by the multitude who attended was pronounced one of the best Associations they had ever witnessed. A combination of circumstances tended to this result. Modes of conveyance to and from agreeable—weather for the most part very pleasant—the place itself the Paradise of the Dominion—the hospitalities of the people on a most generous scale, and all graced and crowned with the presence of the Master. No wonder so many felt that it was good to be there.

THE CONFERENCE.

of Thursday morning was refreshing and was a good beginning. After the Conference the Association organized by the appointment of Rev. W. A. Corey, Moderator, and Rev. Geo. Seely, Secretary, Rev. G. M. Curry, Assistant, Deacon Solomon Thorne, Treasurer, and Deacon Henry Todd, Assistant.

THE AFTERNOON.

was devoted to the appointment of committees and reading the letters. The reports from the churches were upon the whole encouraging. Revival influences had been experienced and additions by baptism amounting to upwards of 200. The statistics of Sabbath schools indicated more than usual vigor and activity in this department, and inspired cheering hopes for the future. The financial report did not contrast favorably with those of former years. Lack of system was in almost every case significantly apparent. If our churches would only learn to carry forward their collections for benevolent purposes systematically through the year and give as God prospers, their contributions would soon increase ten-fold.

Preaching on Thursday evening by Rev. Wm. Parker, Pastor of the Bunker Hill Baptist Church, Charlestown, Mass. Christian steadfastness clearly unfolded and faithfully applied by the preacher.

ON FRIDAY MORNING

the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. D. Manzer. Theme—The love of God as manifested in the gift of his Son. Precious truth, may we feel more and more its stimulating power. The Seminary department and the interests of education occupied a large portion of the day. From the information presented from the different counties, it was ascertained that the subscriptions were such as to justify immediate collection; and the indications are, that besides a sufficiency to pay the debt there will be something handsome towards repairs. This old encumbrance of so many years standing is soon, we trust, to be among the things of the past, and then we will all swell the chorus with joyous hearts.

Happy day, happy day,

When this old debt was wiped away.
Seminary prospects are brightening. Professor Goodspeed, we are told, has made arrangements to continue the services of the staff of teachers under his late predecessor, and to increase as far as possible the efficiency of the Institution. He is expecting a full and effective school, at the opening of the next term. There is no stopping point in educational work. Onward, onward must be the motto.

FRIDAY EVENING

we had an excellent sermon from Bro. George, Missionary elect for Burma. He has given himself, body, soul and spirit to the Foreign Mission enterprise, and as early as September next, in case the Convention confirm the appointment of the Board, he hopes to leave his friends and country for a home in a heathen land, that he may there spend his life in guiding the erring sons and daughters of a fearful idolatry to the knowledge of Christ Jesus as man's only Saviour. A crowded house listened with the deepest interest to his impressive and touching utterances.

ON SATURDAY MORNING

a sermon full of religious fervor was preached by Rev. T. Harley. Jesus was the theme from first to last, and the message produced a melting and subduing influence on many hearts.

After the sermon came a report from Z. G. Gabel, Esq., on Sabbath Schools, showing the progress which this most useful auxiliary is making in the churches of our denomination generally, and calling upon the people to double their diligence in this good work.

A report by Rev. J. C. Bleakney was presented on Temperance, which called forth earnest addresses on this important question. The pulse of the denomination beats strongly in favor of prohibition. Rev. Mr. Parker, from Massachusetts, told us of the struggles of his State on this question, and assured us that the prohibitory party in his country would not rest until they had placed upon the statute books of the nation a thorough prohibitory liquor law, and that so strong and determined is the feeling that all political ties and combinations must yield to this all pervading sentiment of his country. The Lord has been on the joyous day.

The discussion on missions excited very great interest. Bro. George told of the soul struggles which have issued in a deep and permanent conviction that it is his duty to offer himself as a sacrifice upon the Foreign Mission altar. Others followed in stirring utterances, and a proposition for a subscription on the spot for Home and Foreign Missions met with a cordial response. In a few minutes the subscription list ran up to upwards of \$100, a large portion of which was paid at the time.

THE "CHRISTIAN VISITOR" came in for its full share of kindly words, earnest speeches and decided promptness in payment on the part of all subscribers. Many there are who are always prompt. All such will accept our thanks. One of the brethren, W. H. Dykeman, Esq., told us that he had been an agent for the Visitor from the beginning, and that he attended to its interests the same as he did to his own business. If all our agents would do likewise, the Visitor would be a grand success.

In the course of the proceedings of Friday, Rev. Mr. Harley called attention to the N. B. B. Tract Society, and gave information regarding its design and claims. He was followed by Rev. Mr. McKenzie and others on the same subject. The result was the adoption of the Society by the Association. This will give it prominence in the proceedings of the body, and tend to expand its operations.

SATURDAY EVENING

the Association met in Committee of the Whole in the Temperance Hall for a special purpose, and gave up the chapel for devotional services. Rev. C. Goodspeed preached, and other brethren took part in the engagements of the evening. As the house would not contain all the people, Rev. J. C. Bleakney preached to the crowd outside.

SABBATH SERVICES

peculiarly interesting. Preaching in the Jemseg church in the morning by Rev. I. E. Bill, afternoon by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, evening by Rev. W. A. Corey. At the Hall near by, at the same hours, by Rev. Thomas Todd, Rev. W. R. Coleman, Rev. Thos. Bleakney. Other brethren were engaged at the Narrows, Cambridge, Mill Cove, and other districts. The three services in the Jemseg chapel were densely crowded, and it was a day of hallowed power—a day, we trust, never to be forgotten. In addition to the preaching and exhortations, a Sabbath School concert and a revival conference were held, both conducted by Rev. E. C. Cady.

The closing service on Sabbath evening was awfully impressive. The pastor's words of admonition to his church and congregation in view of all this

they had heard from God's servants, moved the hearts of all: audible sobs broke in upon the profound stillness of the moment, and tears flowed freely from many eyes. It was obvious that work had been done in Jemseg for eternity as well as for time, and that souls were being sealed to the day of everlasting rejoicing. The people of God felt that, while it was painful to part, the prospect of a glorious meeting on the other side of the flood was bright and cheering.

"Then shall the flowers of the Lamb
Join in immortal song,
And endless honors to His name
Employ their tuneful tongues."

Systematic Benevolence.

Among the religious societies that annually hold their meetings at Exeter Hall, London, in the month of May, is one of which some of your readers may not hitherto have heard, although it has been for nine years in existence.

The society to which I refer is designated the "Systematic Benevolence Society." The Hon. A. McArthur, who presided at the ninth annual meeting, last May, described the society as a very necessary, a very valuable, and highly important one. It differed in many respects from other societies. It did not seek to enrol members; it did not have an extensive agency at home or abroad; it did not belong to any particular church or denomination—a peculiarity, which was at once an element of strength and a source of weakness—it did not make any stirring and eloquent appeals for the support of any particular church, benevolent object or charitable institution.

The object aimed at by the promoters of the Society is, to convince all men, but especially all Christian men, that it is their bounden duty and equally their high privilege to devote a certain portion of their income to charitable and religious purposes; that they will discharge this duty with greater comfort to themselves, and with much greater benefit to the church and the world, by giving systematically, and by observing the scriptural rule of giving in proportion as God has prospered them.

The Christian church of the present day will compare favorably with that of any previous period in liberality, in zeal and in labors of love. But yet the churches of Christ have still much to learn with respect to benevolence and systematic giving. If system be necessary in the common affairs of life, must it not be equally necessary in the higher matters of Christian liberality? If method be observed in family arrangements, in business, in household duties, shall all method be neglected in the sacred duty of giving to objects of benevolence, and honoring the Lord with our substance?

I am not now speaking of organization, important as this is, but of the systematic plan which each ought to form for the regulation of his own individual benevolence.

Many men fancy that they give away a great deal more than they really do, because they do not record and reckon up their gifts. They offer an isolated gift, which seems to them magnificent, because they do not measure it by the prosperity which God's bounty has conferred. They contribute, as they think largely, to some enterprise under the influence of excited feeling, roused and enkindled by eloquent and stirring appeals; and neglect to give to the same object for years, because the same powerful stimulus is lacking. The adoption of system in giving would dissipate delusion, correct false impressions, and regulate the gift by the value of the object which appeals to the sympathies, and not by the fever heat to which those sympathies may be raised. Whether a man's earnings are reckoned by the week, or the month, or the year; he can appropriate (say) a tenth part to works of benevolence, and sacredly consecrate that proportion, or any other proportion that conscience dictates, to the service of others. Should the week present no object worthy, in his judgment, of assistance, the benevolent fund would accumulate and would become replenished for larger drafts. In this way a man of limited means may be always ready for every good work; his readiness begets prompt action, and engenders cheerfulness in giving, which is highly pleasing to God; his promptitude enhances the value of his gifts, for it has passed into a proverb that "he gives twice who gives quickly." His cheerfulness spreads a genial glow of sunshine over duties which are sometimes overshadowed by lowering clouds of gloom; and his example becomes beneficially contagious in the highest degree.

If names of men, high in station and repute among their fellows can recommend a society, this society can boast of such adherents. The Duke of Argyll has accepted the office of President; one of the Vice-Presidents was Lord Cairnes, late Lord Chancellor of England; the Archbishop of York preached the annual sermon in Westminster Abbey last July; Professor Max Müller had come forth as an advocate of its principles; and Mr. Gladstone had again addressed a letter to the Secretary, wishing the committee all success in their labors.

Frederick, 7th July, 1899.

For the Christian Visitor.

DEAR BRO. BILL.—Our Charlotte County Missionary, Rev. James Irving, is now on the field, and has been labouring with unremitting diligence for upwards of a month. The Lord has been pleased to bless his labors to the conversion of souls. Brother Irving has spent his time principally with the people of Latag, Black Bay, and Mascaren. Prayer meetings have been established, a large Sabbath school organized, and library secured, and eight happy converts baptized upon profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus. We expect our missionary will soon visit Bocabec, Rolling Dam, Oak Bay and other places. Our many friends who are deeply interested in supplying the destitute parts of our country with the ministry of the word, will do well to forward an early date their quarterly subscriptions and donations to the Secretary of the Board. Bro. Irving is now laboring to some disadvantage for want of tracts, Bibles, &c., for gratuitous distribution. Who will give something into the treasury of the Lord, to supply this lack? Thousands of religious tracts might be distributed among persons who seldom hear a gospel sermon, if we only had a few dollars to purchase them.

St. George, July 12th, 1899.

J. A. STRADMAN, Sec.

For the Christian Visitor.

Worthy of Record and Imitation.
MR. EDITOR.—Having been honored by my Brethren with the privilege of obtaining subscriptions towards the erection of a suitable Monument to the memory of a late Pastor of one of our churches, and being eminently successful, you and your readers, will, I am sure, enjoy with myself, the perusal of the following notes:

St. John, N. B., July 12, 1899.
DEAR BROTHER.—In reply to yours of the 10th inst., I beg to say, that I will consider it a special honor, to aid in erecting a Monument to the memory of one, who lived within the light of God, with Truth for his creed, and Christ for his guide; and as the marble spire over the dust of one we love, points like a finger of faith, from star to star, and sign to sign, in the fleeting round of time, may it, in its silent eloquence, impress all who shall wander near, with the thoughts of "Life, Death, and Immortality." May it be to them, "thou shalt lie down with patriarchs of the infant world—with kings—the powerful of the earth—the wise and the good—fair forms and hoary ages, of ages past, and in one mighty sepulchre."

And may it perpetuate, to latest time, the name of one, around whom clusters so many pleasing recollections. Although the departed brother was a

stranger to me, yet it is enough to know that he was a man of God, and still lives in the affections of my brethren. I will, therefore, cheerfully contribute the sum of—dollars, towards this worthy object.
Believe me, yours, very unworthily, in Christ,
F. W. A.

Boston Correspondence.

July 9, 1899.

DEAR BROTHER.—My impression is, that the last time I saw you at St. John—some two years since—I promised to write an occasional letter to the Visitor; but long protracted ill health, and then absence from home for months, at the South and West, has hitherto prevented me from fulfilling the voluntary engagement. You will, however, hardly regret this, as you have had other correspondents at, or near, the "hub," who have kept your readers well informed of passing events; especially such as were of general interest to the community at large.

This season, thus far, has been emphatically one of Conventions or large assemblies of people, convened for special purposes. First, was the National Sunday-School Convention at Newark, N. J., where, for three days, thousands of those interested in the religious instruction of the young, were in session; who by conference and prayer, sought to be educated for the great work committed to their hands. Such a scene of Christian union and love as prevailed, I doubt if it has before been witnessed on earth, since the days of the Apostles. Immediately following this Convention, came the annual meetings of our denomination; and as but three days and evenings were allowed to our three great National Societies—there was concentration, and condensation, in words and actions, which was refreshing to all present—except perhaps the very few who always are on hand ready to make long speeches on almost every subject that is introduced. After those meetings came the usual "May Anniversaries," which are now but a shadow of former times. They are still held in accordance with the customs that have existed for the past fifty years, but now reduced to a mere formal service of listening to the reports of the Executive Officers. Then came the great "Peace Jubilee," which it is not in the power of human language to describe, so as to convey a correct impression of its vastness and harmony, to the minds of those who were not present at some of the Concerts in the Coliseum. The next week was the annual Convention of all the Evangelical Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers, of the State of Massachusetts, with Pastors and other friends of this noble cause. Next week, (July 14th), the Annual International Convention of the Christian Associations of the United States and the Dominion of Canada, is to assemble at Portland, Maine. Thus you will see that for two months past, the Christian world around us has not been slumbering; but that earnest, warm-hearted disciples of the Saviour, "both men and women," have met together for counsel and prayer; and to devise the best ways and means for teaching "the gospel to every creature," in our own, as well as in heathen lands. Science and Commerce, Literature and Art, are making such rapid progress, as almost to bewilder those who note their onward movement; and while the Church of Christ needs no new weapons of warfare, with which to smite down the strongholds of sin, and to counteract the powers of darkness, yet an activity, and adaptation of means to ends, commensurate to the work to be performed, is demanded for the extension of the "Kingdom of God," such as when employed in the business affairs of life—spans a continent with a railroad, or lays the telegraphic cable beneath the waters of the Atlantic ocean.

Work, plan, give—this should be the purpose of every redeemed soul—according to "the ability which God giveth," not only as a duty, but as a high privilege; and we be to that professed disciple, who in this day of light and opportunities, shall be found unfaithful to the responsibilities resting upon him; and who shall, like the servant who received the one talent, refuse to accept the conditions of the loan, and become simply a stumbling block to those who "who would see Jesus."

The Anniversary Exercises of Newton Theological Institution took place on Wednesday of last week. The graduating class was one of the largest that ever went out from this institution; consisting of eighteen. There was a large attendance, and the exercises gave general satisfaction. It is proposed to increase the endowment fund by raising one hundred and fifty thousand dollars—additional to the present investment—as this will place the institution upon a sound pecuniary basis and provide for the liberal payment of a complete and able corps of instructors. The present Faculty stand high in their several departments, but they should receive more adequate compensation, and at the same time their exhausting labors should be diminished and other helpers appointed to unite with them.

There is some excitement here, in a small way, concerning the course of the Boston Tract Society. Some eleven years ago this Society, which was an incorporated organization, secured from its auxiliary relation to the American Tract Society, which it had, most happily sustained for thirty-three years. The ostensible reason given for this movement was, the question of slavery—but the real purpose on the part of the "leaders," was either to decentralize it, or to gain control of affairs, and in due time use it for a private publishing house. Before the "plans" were fully matured the war with the South broke out, and this led to a suspension of operations. Soon after the close of the war the project was resumed, which culminated in a definite proposal by the Executive Committee, at the annual meeting in May 1887, to transfer the whole concern to the Congregationalists. This was resisted; and after a most exciting discussion and a creditable exhibition of temper and trickery, a compromise was effected—by the small majority of ten votes—to refer the whole matter to a committee of twenty-five. A sub-committee of this general committee of twenty-five, endeavored to make an arrangement with the American Tract Society in New York, and did inveigle that Society into a trap which was designed to be its destruction in New England; but the trap would not spring at the bidding of this "sporting gentleman," and the whole matter—as was easily foreseen by all who knew the parties engaged in the operation—proved a complete failure; with the loss of thousands of dollars of funds which were given, and should have been used for nobler purposes. At the annual meeting in May last, the denomination plan was again brought forward and proved successful. But no sooner had the parties in question obtained the control of the Society, and all its property—which they said was one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, and which really is probably fifty thousand or more—than a quarrel arose among themselves as to the course to be pursued. The Executive Committee—all Congregationalists—as a first move, turned out of office all of their congregational employees, and then let out the business of the Society by contract to a private firm; and this was done in the most hasty and inconsiderate manner. This so aroused the indignation of high-toned Christian gentlemen, among our Congregational brethren—and who had never sympathized with their less scrupulous denominational associates—that at a special meeting held on Thursday last, the action of the Executive Committee was indirectly disapproved by a vote of ninety-four to seven—five of those seven votes being cast by the committee themselves. The business of the meeting, was the election of a Treasurer, and one of the disinterested employees, Mr. J. A. Stradman, as before stated, obtained four votes, while the

candidate of the committee received but seven. A committee of inquiry was then appointed to investigate matters, who are to report on Monday next. The desire of all parties, except a few who long for the spoils, is to get rid of this expensive, entirely useless and demoralized institution, in some way, and the sooner this is done the better, even for common decency. There has been so much said, and the public has been so completely deluded by interested parties regarding this Society, which, having the same name as the National Institution, made it easy to confound the two, and others carry on the deception, that it may not be unimportant that this very brief statement should reach the readers of the Visitor, Fraternally yours,
W. P. KEMP.

For the Christian Visitor.

DEAR BRO. BILL.—The Lord has graciously afforded us some tokens of his divine presence of late. In one section of my field of labor there has been quite a religious awakening among the people. It has been my privilege during the last few weeks to administer the ordinance of baptism to nine persons who could rejoice in their obedience to the commands of Christ. Pray for our dear brother that the work may still go on until a host may be added to the church of such as shall be saved.
Yours in Christ,
J. A. STRADMAN.

St. George, July 12th, 1899.

To the Editor of the Christian Visitor.

DEAR SIR.—I have to acknowledge the following subscriptions to the Baptist Tract Society, which, having been paid, constitute the givers members of the Society. I trust that many members of our churches will send in donations, and not wait for their ministers, who possess but few surplus dollars, and who, having most of the labor of distribution to perform, ought not to bear the additional burden of paying:

The Rev. W. T. Corey,	\$1.00
" D. Crandall,	1.00
" D. W. Crandall,	1.00
" W. A. Crandall,	1.00
" J. B. Fillmore,	2.00
" E. Kierstead,	1.00
" S. C. Moore,	1.00
" C. Sporden, D. D.,	1.00
" John Williams,	1.00
Mr. Ford Alward,	1.00
" F. C. Cline,	1.00
" William Hay,	1.00
" Benjamin Jones,	1.00

Yours faithfully,

TIMOTHY HARLEY.

REV. I. E. BILL.—Dear Sir.—The accompanying address was presented to the Rev. Calvin Goodspeed, at the regular session of Mayflower Lodge, No. 225, B. T., on Friday, 2nd July. The Rev. Bro. replied verbally, in an affecting and impressive manner, reciprocating the kind words and fraternal spirit of the address. Will you please insert the same in the Visitor.
P. G. FRASER, W. S.
Andover, Victoria, July 3, 1899.

ADDRESS OF MAYFLOWER LODGE, NO. 225, B. T., TO THE REV. CALVIN GOODSPEED, B. A.

Worthy Brother.—In view of your departure from this section of the Province, we, the officers and members of this Lodge, in session assembled, beg to convey to you, our fraternal appreciation of your conduct, both as a faithful minister of the Gospel, and as a member of our beloved Order.

Brother, there are occasions in the history of societies, as well as individuals, that language is incapable of adequately representing. Such was the affecting parting between the "Apostle to the Gentiles" and the church at Ephesus—"I sorrowing that they should see his face no more." We are admonished in the Scriptures, "that no man live for himself; how much is this responsibility intensified, when in the capacity of a servant of his Divine Master, he 'stands between the dead and the living'?" We believe in the discharge of that calling you have not unworthily imitated him, when it has been said with simple sublimity, "he went about doing good." As a Temperance man, your gentlemanly deportment, and unswerving allegiance to the cause of the irreproachable advocacy of the claims of our noble Order have placed you in an exalted position, in the hearts and affections of every true Templar in the country. As members of a moral institution, we deeply regret the apparent necessity of the step, and the consequent deprivation of your valuable assistance in this crusade of virtue against vice. Realizing the magnitude of the evil—social and moral—to be encountered here, and your eminent qualities of both mind and heart, for a laborer in the moral vineyard, we are constrained to regard your removal, as a serious hindrance to the cause of Truth and public morals. We are pleased to know that the denomination with which you are associated, have appreciated your attainments, and thought you worthy to preside over the Seminary at Fredericton. As the hand of that important nursery of the youth, we are assured, that you will not opportunist pass, to warn them against the vice of intemperance, and "the mocker, wine, which stings like an adder and biteth like a serpent." Finally, Brother, farewell! And when the days of your earthly pilgrimage are ended, and your mission accomplished, may your star set as sets the morning star, which goes forth in the brightness of Heaven. Respectfully submitted in F. B. & O.
P. G. FRASER, W. S.
Andover, Victoria, July 3, 1899.

WE enjoyed a deeply interesting baptismal service at Carleton the Sabbath preceding the Association. Mrs. I. E. Bill, Jun., who arrived with her husband from Glasgow by the steamship "Acadia," on Sabbath morning desired baptism that day. Accordingly the church was called together at the close of the morning service to hear her testimony for Jesus. She was a member of an Independent church in England for some four years, but from reading the New Testament, as she told us, she felt that it was her duty to be immersed. Her Christian experience, sustained by a letter of commendation from her pastor and church, being highly satisfactory, she was cordially received for baptism. Accordingly at 4 p. m., in the presence of a large and deeply affected audience, she was buried by the pastor, Rev. I. E. Bill, with Jesus Christ in baptism. In the evening she received the hand of fellowship and a cordial greeting to the table of the Lord. Thus, her first act in her new home among strangers, was an act of public consecration to the service of her God. "This is the love of God, that ye keep his commandments."

A note from Rev. Dr. Day informs us that the old vestry is removed to Milton, and is nicely fitted up. A Sabbath School was opened in it last Sabbath, and the way is preparing for a new church in that place. The new vestry in town is being pushed on rapidly towards completion, and will be a very fine building. The house for the lower section of the town will be commenced at once. Dr. Day expects to baptize four candidates next Sabbath. May the number of converts to the truth as it is in Jesus multiply in that favored town!

The Baptist Quarterly for July has a rich table of contents, which cannot do otherwise than deeply interest the intelligent reader. We have "Eternal view of Baptism"—"Gothro's Faith"—"Protestantism as a Fact and as a Force"—"Cramp's History"—"Royal and Revolutionary Spain"—"Ancient Baptists"—"Eccelesiastical Studies," &c.

These subjects are ably treated by men of master minds. The Quarterly must do great good. Every Baptist minister should strive to obtain this useful publication.

Lawrence, a Visitor from the West, is the singular title of a little book issued by the National Temperance and Publication House, 119 William Street, New York.

Obituary.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Sister Margaret Whiteside, the beloved wife of Deacon Thos. Bridges, of Sheffield, Sunbury County. The deceased was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in the year 1799, and was there highly and respectfully connected, being closely related to James W. Whiteside, Esq., the celebrated Irish barrister. Our sister came to New Brunswick in the year 1820, and was then connected with the Presbyterian body, having from her youth been strictly trained in the faith of that denomination. About the year 1824 she experienced a change in her religious belief, and was baptized at Canning, Q. C., by Father Elijah Estabrooks, and united with the Baptist Church in that place, since then Sister Bridges ever maintained a consistent membership, and "adorned the doctrine of God her Saviour in all things." Seldom was her seat vacant in the house of God on the Sabbath, or in the conference of the church, until ill-health prevented her attendance. Her house was ever a home for the servants of God, and especially for the ministers of the denomination to which she belonged. In her last hours her faith in God was strong; she avowed her love to Jesus, and stated that He was precious to her. Thus she died on Saturday, the 3rd July, calmly trusting in her Saviour, at the advanced age of seventy years. On the following Monday her remains were conveyed to their resting place at Lakeville, Oak Point, followed by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The occasion was improved by the Rev. Wm. Strong. The deceased left a sorrowing husband, three sons, an adopted daughter, and a large circle of friends to deplore their loss.

Vital spark of heavenly flame,
Quilt, O quilt, this mortal frame;
Trembling, hoping, lingering, flying—
O! the pain, the bliss of dying!
Cease, fond nature—cease thy strife,
And let me languish into life!
Hark! they whisper; angels say,
"Sister spirit come away."
What is this absorbs me quite,
Steals my senses, shuts my sight,
Drowns my spirits, draws my breath?
Tell me, my soul, can this be death?
The world recedes, it disappears!
Heaven opens on my eyes! I ears
With sounds seraphic ring!
Lend, lend your wings! I mount, I fly!
"O grave, where is thy victory!"
"O death, where is thy sting?"

We call special attention to the notice of the Baptist Seminary in our advertising columns. It will be seen that the Junior Department opens on the 22nd inst. The addition of Miss Fowler to the previous staff of teachers, as instructress in the Fine Arts, ought to enhance the popularity of the Female Department and secure for it a large support.

Our esteemed brother, now placed at the head of this Seminary of learning, deeply feels his dependence upon the God of all grace for success. We trust therefore that the ministry and churches of the denomination will not only heartily co-operate with him in financial support and in increasing the number of pupils, but that they will unitedly and earnestly pray that Jehovah may crown all his efforts with his rich blessing.

The Association at Jemseg, voted an address of congratulation to his Excellency, Governor Wilnot. This will probably appear in the Visitor in due time.

BAPTIST OF AN EPISCOPAL MINISTER.—The Chicago Standard contains an account of a sermon preached in the Second Baptist church of that city by the Rev. H. W. Woods, "late Rector of St. Mark's Church," which was followed by the baptism of the preacher. The principal points of the sermon were: 1. Faith an essential antecedent of baptism. 2. Immersion, the only mode of baptism. 3. The evils ensuing from a change of the ordinances, in its subjects and mode. The speaker stated that "it was these considerations that led him, after careful study and prayer to renounce his former ecclesiastical relations, and to form new ones more in accordance with the spirit and teaching of God's word, and more in harmony with the facts of church history." Mr. Woods brought testimonies of Christian and ministerial character from the vestry of his late church.

For the Christian Visitor.

Meeting of Education Society, Z. G. Gabel, Esq., President, in the Chair. The Report of the education Committee was read by Rev. W. S. McKenzie, M. A., and its adoption moved by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, M. A., seconded by Rev. Timothy Harley, and passed unanimously. The President made statement of financial account.

Rev. J. E. Hopper, moved, seconded by Rev. I. E. Bill.—That inasmuch as the whole amount of the Seminary debt has been subscribed, that we direct our collectors to collect forthwith, and pay into the hands of the President, Z. G. Gabel, Esq., St. John.

Adjourned to give place to the Association.

RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

Jemseg, June 9, 1899.

The Officers and Teachers of the Pitt St. Baptist Sabbath School, through the medium of the Visitor, desire to return their sincere thanks to Mr. Thomas Currie for the interest he has always taken in the welfare of the School, and for the able and energetic manner in which he conducted the singing on Tuesday evening the 8th inst.; and also to the many friends who so kindly assisted him on that occasion, by which the handsome sum of \$24.00 was realized.
W. M. LEWIS, Superintendent.

Secular Department.

A Brief Review of the News of the Week.

THE CROPS.
We were delighted during our late visit to the country to observe the indications of abundant crops. Upward grass was probably never better than it is this year, and so forward is the crop that farmers will have to commence cutting in the course of ten days or a fortnight at most. The interval grass is also very promising, and the corn and grain of all sorts are looking more than usually well. It should be supposed from the lay of the land and quality of the soil that Jemseg is well adapted to the growth of fruit, but comparatively little is done in this department. If the grass fields were less prolific, more attention would be given to the cultivation of fruit.

Strawberries were shown as coming down the boat that grew in the garden of G. Bailey, Esq., of Newcastle, equal in size and flavor to any that we have ever seen from the American market. Mr. Bailey informed us that the yield from the vines is enormous. Why not cultivate more extensively this delicious fruit? Friend Bailey showed us some potatoes that he had grown this year in sawdust alone. They were about the size of a hen's egg. He says the field from which these were taken promises a fair yield. Who after this will despise sawdust?

Reports of the crops from all sections of the Province are highly encouraging. The up-river districts, especially, never looked more promising.

A violent thunder storm passed over Scotch town on Saturday, the 10th inst. The claps came with such majestic power that many of the houses trembled to their very foundation. The lightning flashed forth as if charged with boiling brass, and instantly died, with a bolt from the opening cloud and instantly died. This, so far as we know, is the only injury done; but the alarm was terrible.

The News here that a strange four-footed creature has been caught recently in a bear trap, in the County of Charlotte, fifteen feet in length. No animal of the kind has been seen before, in that locality at least, and it is their intention to have the skin stuffed and put on exhibition.

Burglars, it is said, are prowling at night about the streets of the city. The occupants of the houses, stores, and the houses of public places, should be on their guard, and their windows and doors be thoroughly fastened.

ed, and the police force should keep a sharp lookout for the scoundrels.

The arrangements made between Mr. Grant for the Eastern Extension contracts, and the Local Government secure to the latter \$250,000, which, of course, is less than the amount for which the Province is liable.—News.

LIGHTS ON THE RIVER.—The Marine Department has completed the erection of three Light Houses on the River St. John, and expect within a fortnight to have all of them up and ready for use.—Id.

SEVERAL ACCIDENTS.—Early yesterday morning a young man named Robert Odell, a carpenter, whilst at work upon the new building in course of erection on Brussels Street, opposite the Baptist Church, fell from the beams of the second story, and striking on the lower strings, seriously fractured his elbow and knee. The bone of the former is badly shattered, and the cap of the latter split. The unfortunate sufferer was taken to his home on St. James' Street, and is at present under the medical care of Dr. Earle.—News.

THE SOUVENIR CASE.—The examination of Mr. S. J. Scott on his application for discharge from custody in twelve different cases, in accordance with the terms of the Insolvent Commission, took place Monday, A. L. Palmer, Esq., Q. C., appeared for the applicant, and H. Crawford, Esq., of the firm of Crawford and Pugsley, for two of the creditors. The applications were successful in eleven of the cases. In that of Frith et al. vs. Scott, discharge was refused.—News.

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