

Explanatory.
EDITOR VISITOR:
The remarks made by the VISITOR of last week, in reference to accounts sent out by me seem to require some explanation. The inference that payments on account of the VISITOR must have been made, extending further back than those credited in the book in the office, is correct, as can be ascertained from the printed list, which was carefully prepared near the close of 1876. Down to the end of the latter year the time to which payment was made on account of any subscriber, was indicated by printing the number of the VISITOR to which payment was made immediately before or after the name of the person, and a similar course was observed in acknowledgments through the paper. Thus the number 676 so placed indicated that the paper was paid for to that number, which would reach to the end of 1875; in a similar manner the number 728 indicated that payment was made to the end of 1876, and so in regard to higher or lower numbers the number in every case accurately representing the time. At the commencement of 1877 this was changed to the present mode. In 1876 a book was prepared by a competent gentleman of this city, with the name of every subscriber inserted in alphabetical order, with his Post Office address and the amounts received credited, and the time plainly indicated to which payment was made.
In the winter of 1877, this book was placed in the hands of a competent young man, together with a file of VISITORS, and memorandum books, with instructions to credit every amount in its proper place. This was faithfully performed to the 2nd week in June, a few days before the great fire of 1877, which wrought such destruction in St. John, and threw business firms in many cases into great confusion.
Unhappily instead of taking the book to the Office, it was taken to my residence, and there remained till disturbed by the fire. This book the writer put in a bundle with other valuable books and papers, and carried them from the house on his own shoulders, to what he conceived a safe distance, whence they had to be removed again, but unfortunately in the confusion the parcel fell into the wrong hands, and was consumed by the rising flames.
Towards repairing the loss of this valuable book, the above printed list was of essential service, and it was supplemented by memorandum and such copies of the VISITOR as escaped the fire. But the payments credited in the new book prepared after the fire, rarely extend back beyond 1877, and in order therefore to ascertain the state of an account previous to that time resort must be had to the printed list already referred to, and which is now in my possession, and open to inspection by any person who wishes to examine it.
In regard to the accounts sent out by me for amounts claimed as due to May 1st, 1878, some apprehension was therefore felt that inaccuracies had occurred; but it was felt to be necessary, notwithstanding, to send out the accounts, accompanied as they are with an assurance that if the amount stated is not correct, it would be rectified as soon as I was informed of the same.
In view of the facts above alluded to, it is my opinion that not one subscriber to the CHRISTIAN VISITOR will be disposed to take advantage of mistakes occurring under such circumstances, but would respond as soon as possible with the amount judged by him really due, or with a statement showing that all dues had been paid to May 1st, 1878. The undersigned has never refused or hesitated to take the statement of subscribers, respecting the state of their accounts, believing that each would act honorably in the matter.
I may add that the present Proprietor and Editor is in no way responsible for the accounts sent out for amounts claimed as due previous to May 1st, 1878.
I thank the friends who have already responded, and must ask the kind consideration of subscribers who have received, or may yet receive an inaccurate statement as to amount claimed; and have to request such to communicate with me by card or letter, on the subject; and promise to give due attention to their representations.
I am, yours truly,
Geo. ARMSTRONG.
The London Missionary Conference.

One of the delegates to the conference writes: "There was a perfect agreement that the work to be done was to preach the gospel to every creature; and there was not a doubt or fear expressed in reference to the final triumph of the Spirit." A Scotch journalist, writing of the conference, delivers himself as follows: "In no one paper or speech did the faintest shadow of a doubt appear as to either the truth of Christianity or its ultimate triumph. . . . With a quiet, unfaltering confidence which was positively sublime in its strong simplicity, they talked of the conquest of the nations for Christ as if the achievement of that result was actually within sight."
A few copies of the published proceedings of this London Missionary Conference will soon be for sale at the rooms of the Missionary Union, in Tremont Temple, and those wishing to secure the volume may order it by postal card.
We shall endeavor to obtain a few volumes, and persons desiring it should send their orders to the VISITOR BOOK ROOM at once.
(For the Visitor.)
Effects of Open or Mixed Communion.
The practice and arguments in its favor, are calculated in a great measure to abolish the ordinance. While some come forward to partake respondent to an unscriptural invitation, others, and I think more consistent Christians, become disgusted at the idolatry, yea, emphatically idolatry, changing the proper use of Lord's Supper, into a sacrifice to the idol Good Feelings. And the consistent church member forsaking the unscriptural administration as a thing offered to an idol, is thus debarred from the right and privilege of obeying his Lord's command. This has been the experience of members of some Baptist churches, whose pastor, or officiating minister has not the backbone to say, God has not authorized me to invite, and I will not go beyond the authority of my Master.
Those that are united and covenanted together in a Church, are not invited but commanded all to partake "all of it" that is, every individual member, and it is slighting the Redeemer to disobey.
ISAIAH S. WEBB.
New Jerusalem, Feb. 4, 1879.
(For the Christian Visitor.)
DEAR EDITOR:
I hope the recent appeal to the Home Mission Board in St. John to our churches in this Province through their Secretary, Rev. G. Armstrong, will be the means of arousing them to activity, and that at once. There is no time to lose in this matter. The interests of the Home Mission work demand a speedy response from all our Churches in this Province. The missionaries laboring in the Counties referred to in the appeal already mentioned, cannot live and labor without a support for themselves and families. And if the Churches do not come up soon and do their duty in reference to our mission work in this country, missionaries will have to abandon their much loved work in these destitute portions of the Province, and seek other fields of usefulness.
I ask the Churches of our denomination in this country if they are willing that such should be the case? It cannot be possible that churches blest with the means of grace, and with earthly blessings, can withhold from the cause of Christ the support which it claims from them in destitute places. I set that church down as a hopeless and a defunct body that can do so. There can not be any spiritual life, or hope of spiritual life in that community of Christians that can keep back those offerings of love and benevolence demanded of them by the Great Head of the Church.
God says "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house." What does he mean by this injunction to his people. Simply this, that the ministers of the sanctuary were robbed of that support which it was the duty of the people to give. They appropriated to their own interests that which belonged to God. And He said to the nations at large that they had robbed him, in withholding these tithes and offerings, which were for the benefit of his cause in the nation and for His glory. "Ye are," therefore "cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me even this whole nation." M. L. III. 8. 9. God would not bless the nation while it starved His priests, the ministers of the altar. The only course for them to obtain the Divine favor and blessing was to bring these tithes and offerings, all of them into his storehouse from which his ministers were to be supported while doing work for God. "And the promise is, I will pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." It is very evident that God blesses His church and people in the discharge of duty. "And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, since the people began to bring the offerings unto the house of the Lord, we, the priests, have had enough to eat, and have left plenty for the Lord hath blessed his people, and that which is left is this great store." II Chron. 31. 10. Now let all the people of God in connection with our churches in this Province come up with their tithes and replenish the exhausted treasury of the Home Mission Board in St. John, and God will

open the windows of Heaven upon them, and bless their soul and enlarge their coast. The missionaries will be encouraged. God's work will go on, and souls will be converted.
It is to be feared that many of our churches and people are laboring under a mistaken idea as regards their duty to outside interests. If they support the claims of their churches and pastors, it is all that is required of them. We grant that this matter should be attended too, most emphatically, but it generally receives the greatest attention, and is the best supported, when the people give to the support of the Gospel in destitute places, and to those enterprises which have for their chief object the extension of Messiah's kingdom, lying outside of their own communities, but which have claims upon them, notwithstanding.
Dear brethren, when you pray for the conversion of souls to God, and the spread of His kingdom on earth, remember that this is effected only by the preaching of the Gospel and the dissemination of truth. Men, and other subordinate agencies, are required to do this work; and they must be supported, and supported by you whom God has made depositories of his gold and silver. Now if you do not give, do not pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven," but if you must abound in prayer, "See that ye abound in the grace of benevolence also, (II Cor. 8. 7.) as the Lord prospers.
May God help pastors and all the churches to do their duty now.
T. M. MUNRO.
Personals.
Rev. Timothy Harley delivered a lecture on "Judas Maccabeus" in Savannah lately. The press say it was a literary treat.
Dr. Saries, the first and only pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for about thirty years, has tendered his resignation, much to the regret of the Church.
Brethren Kelly and Burditt, students of Newton, have been spending a short vacation in this city, the former supplying the Leinster St. Church, and the latter the Portland Mission. They are young men of promise who ought to be called back to the Provinces at the completion of their term of study.
The Rev. Thos. Todd has resigned the pastorate of the Moncton Church, to take effect in three months. This action leaves one of our best Churches pastorless, and one of our best pastors free to enter into new relationship. We hope the Church may be wisely directed in securing a pastor, and that our brother who for 30 years has been so successful in the pastorates of some of our most prominent churches may not be allowed to remain idle.
News from the Churches.
NEW BRUNSWICK.
Rev. H. B. Shaffner received on the 17th a donation from the second Springfield church, and presents his grateful thanks to the donors.
Brother J. W. S. Young reports five persons baptized at Avondale, and a donation of fuel sufficient for a year, of good quality, prepared ready for the stove. He suggests that this is a kind thing for the churches to do for their pastors, and we endorse the suggestion. Previous to this Brother Young received some \$35 from Bloomfield, and a similar sum from Long Settlement.
HOPEWELL.—Rev. A. Chipman baptized five persons last Sabbath, four others received, and a very hopeful religious interest beginning to manifest itself at the Hill. Our brother is abundant in labor, and faithful in proclaiming the truth. May his hands be strongly upheld.
LEINSTER ST.—The Ladies Social Union of this church will give, Thursday evening, March 6th, an "Old-time Tea-Meeting" in the auditorium of the new church edifice. The room is ready for the pews, and before they are placed in position the ladies avail themselves of this spacious and elegant room in which to give their entertainment. They never do anything in a half way style, and we anticipate a good old time.
UPPER PROVINCES.
Rev. A. H. Munro baptized two persons on the 9th inst., in the first Baptist church, Montreal.
ELSEWHERE.
The Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, is gathering in the fruits of a revival of more than usual magnitude. Evangelist Penn from Tennessee has been laboring with pastor Lofton for several weeks and thus far 150 converts are reported. Mr. Penn was formerly a lawyer of Texas.
The Hanson Place Sunday School of Brooklyn, gave in 1854, its first year, \$20.95 for benevolent purposes. Last year the contributions reached the handsome sum of \$1,350.54. The average for the twenty five years has been \$804.27 a year. The

Sunday School that can show a similar record is yet to be heard from. In 1868 the sum of \$1,965.70 was raised—the largest sum, so far as we know, ever given in a single year by any Baptist Sunday School.
Dr. Peddie is winning golden opinions in Chicago, and his congregations are increasing and his church is being strengthened.
From Iowa we learn two good things. The Dubuque Baptist church has, in Hibernian phrase, sent Allan Curr his resignation. It would have been better had they done so before. And then a good church, Marshallton, has secured a most excellent pastor in R. v. T. W. Powell. We present our congratulations in both cases.
There is now a Baptist church at Shechem, near the place where Christ had the conversation with the woman of Samaria. The congregation averages a hundred persons. Rev. E. D. Karey, the pastor, is a Syrian, and was educated in Great Britain.
We call the attention of our readers in search of good homes in the West, to the advertisement of Kansas Farms and Free Homes in another column, and advise all to send for a free copy of the "Homestead," a paper published in the interests of all desiring cheap homes in a good country.
Literary Notes.
HARPER'S MAGAZINE received, and for sale by J. & A. McMillan. It is sufficient commendation to say that it is equal to its former self.
Regretfully we part with the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY. We are in receipt of the farewell number. It deserved a better fate. We join in hoping that sometime it may have a resurrection.
THE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW for February gives us readable articles on "English and American painting at Paris." "Gas Stock," in which much information is communicated in reference to the Electric light. "The birth of the Commune." "The expression of Emotions on the Human Countenance," by Professor Calderwood, is suggestive and satisfactory. The closing article on "The Literary Movement in England, France and Germany," is valuable as usual. The REVIEW is improving.
No. 7 and 8 of the ATLAS SERIES, published by A. S. Barnes & Co., N. Y., have been placed upon our table. This series gives at a moderate price, articles of permanent value by eminent writers on both sides of the Atlantic. "Buried Millions" and "The Gold Room" are the titles of the two before us, and they are interesting discussions, of subjects of present interest. The former is 10cts, the latter 20cts.
Notice.
A meeting will be held in the Baptist Church, Sussex, to consider the advisability of reviving and reorganizing the St. John and Kings' Counties Quarterly Meeting. Commencing Wednesday, March 5th, at 7 o'clock, p. m. Organization to take place Thursday 6th, if advisable, at 10 o'clock, a. m., after the train arrives from St. John.
We hope the churches interested will send up representatives. Any parties coming will be kind enough to notify Rev. W. A. Corey, Sussex, as soon as possible.
Ear ache, tooth ache, head ache, neuralgia, and deafness can be instantly relieved and finally cured by Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. Get a bottle and read directions.
Payments.
T. Brundage to Jan. '80, \$3.34; Rev. J. Spencer to Jan. '80, \$3; Caleb Heustis to Jan. '80, \$4; James McAlary to Feb. '79, \$1.50; F. Weeks to Jan. '80, \$3.34; Mrs. Cogswell to March '79, \$2.25; A. Kennedy to Jan. '80, \$2; Rev. J. G. Harvey to Jan. '80, \$2; W. S. N. Bridges to Jan. '80, \$3; W. Taylor to Jan. '80, \$2; J. Keith to Jan. '79, \$2; H. Todd to Jan. '80, \$2; E. Poole to Feb. '80, \$2; G. W. Dunham to March '79, \$2.50; J. Hetherington to Jan. '80, \$2; M. Yerxa to Jan. '80, \$2; J. Lawder to Jan. '80, \$3.50; J. D. Steeves to Jan. '80, \$2; Asa Jonah to Jan. '80, \$2; J. N. Gross to Jan. '79, \$2; Rev. Dr. Sawyer to July '79, \$2; A. H. Hayward to Jan. '80, \$2; G. Simpson to May '79, \$2; J. Bamford to Jan. '80, \$2; L. Wilbur to Jan. '80, \$2; Rev. J. W. S. Young to Jan. '79, \$1; C. Currie to May '79, \$2; J. Mann to March '79, 4.50.
ERRATA.—C. Christopher to July '79, \$1; C. Greason to May '79, \$2; U. Sparks to July '79, \$3; D. S. McGregor to Jan. '79, \$2.
If any mistakes or omissions occur please notify the office at once.
The editor of an agricultural paper says there is absolutely no cure for hog cholera but that Sheridan's Condition Powder given occasionally will certainly prevent it. Be sure to get Sheridan's. The other kinds in large packs are trash.
Marriages.
No charge is made for the usual announcement of marriages or deaths. Obituary notices, however, exceeding twenty lines will be charged at the rate of 50 cents for each additional ten lines, counting ten words to a line. The money should be sent with the notice. Those who ask their pastor to prepare such notices and send them for publication, should be careful to furnish him with the money to be forwarded with the same to our office. No poetry to be inserted.
THOMPSON-ATKINSON.—At the Baptist Parsonage, Sackville, on the 18th inst., by Rev. G. E. Good, William C. Thompson to Amelia E. Atkinson, both of Sackville.
LAWRENCE-CLERKE.—In this city on the 20th inst., by Rev. A. J. Wilcox, Dr. Ambrose Lawrence, of Boston, to Charlotte F. Clerke, daughter of Mr. Charles Clerke.
WILBUR-BENNETT.—On February 13th, by Rev. S. M. Lewis, at the Residence of Othello Tingley, California, Wellington Wilbur, to Sarah J. Bennett, all of Hopewell.
Deaths.
KILLAM.—At Petitcodiac, on the 12th inst., of consumption, Joseph Killam, aged 69 years.
CARR.—At Sussex, on the 11th of consumption, Jane, beloved daughter of Henry Cripps, aged 5 years.—A consistent and faithful member of the Sussex Baptist Church. She has left a large circle of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Testimonial from Capt. Joshua Harper.
SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 13th, 1877.
J. H. ROBINSON, Esq., St. John, N. B.
Dear Sir:—Early in October last I took a severe cold which settled on my lungs. After having a bad cough for about six weeks, I had a severe attack of bleeding from the lungs, while on a voyage from Queenstown to Dover. I had daily spells of bleeding for some days, until I lost about two gallons of blood, and was so weak as to be scarcely able to stand. I put back to Queenstown, where I received such medical assistance as enabled me to get home.
I saw an advertisement of your *Phosphorized Cod Liver Oil Emulsion* in a paper. I immediately sent and got a half dozen bottles, after taking which I feel myself a well man again. My weight, which was reduced to 120 pounds, is now up to my usual standard of 150 pounds. Seeing what it has done for me, I can confidently recommend it to others afflicted with lung disease.
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While I was taking it at last, a person came in who had left her situation to get into the Hospital, being so weak she could not work. I said, I will send you to a place where you will get seven dollars a month, take two bottles of HANINGTON'S QUININE WINE AND IRON with you, and if you are not able to earn the seven dollars I will pay you for the medicine. At the end of the month she was quite smart, and is still filling the situation. I send you these few lines for the benefit of society (if you trouble to publish it), as there are so many sick at present. It would greatly benefit persons after *Sickness or Diphtheria*, and would most certainly prevent sickness by strengthening and building up the system.
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