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Editorial Notes.

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Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the Co-Partnership heretofore existing between the members of the firm of Armstrong & Hopper, has been dissolved by mutual consent, and that the undersigned George Armstrong, has retired from the firm. The business hereafter will be carried on by J. E. Hopper, who will collect all debts due the said firm of Armstrong & Hopper and pay all the liabilities of the said firm.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, J. E. HOPPER.

Dated this 31st December, 1878.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS.—English and American Sunday School Books can now be supplied at the VISITOR Book Room at rates as low as elsewhere

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPERS can be furnished through the VISITOR Book Room as cheaply as they can be procured from the United States. See advertisement.

Rev. Geo. Armstrong's address is "P. O. Box 291, St. John, N. B.," and he requests all letters and papers directed accordingly.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., grandson of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, is an active member of the Y. M. C. A.

The General Baptist College, Chilwell, Eng., has recently made improvements in its edifice, and enlarged its campus, at a cost of some \$2,000.

Mr. Sankey, now in England engaged in evangelistic work, is meeting with much encouragement. The different denominations seem very heartily to unite with him.

A Baptist Quarterly is soon to be started in Cincinnati, under the editorial management of Dr. Baumes, formerly editor of the Journal & Messenger. It is the design of those having it in charge to make it first-class. If they do we hope it may have a generous patronage in Canada as well as the United States.

"The Act of Baptism" is the title of a new book brought out by the Publication Society, by Rev. Dr. Burrage, editor of Zion's Advocate, Portland, Me. It will give the history of the performance of the act of baptism in every age. We shall expect to find it an important contribution to ecclesiastical history in this particular. History as well as philology adds weight to Baptist practice in the act of baptism.

An old subscriber to the VISITOR, now in his 81st year, in renewing his own subscription, sends cash to pay for four others to whom he sends the paper as a gift. This brother's example is worthy of imitation. Some poor brethren have had to stop their papers, though very reluctant to do so. Three afflicted Baptist Ministers have written us lately, You must stop our paper, for we are unable to pay, but we know we shall be lost without it. We will send the VISITOR to these brethren for half price. Who will be happy giver for one year?

The Wesleyan evidently is ill at ease in reference to its sneers at Calvinism. In a short paragraph last week it refers to a statement in the New York Times setting forth that the United Presbyterian Church have made a "Statement," concerning its doctrinal Standards and submitted it for consideration. Well what if they have? They have not accepted of Arminianism, but they suggest how they propose to understand the standards.

We have aimed in vain to tell the Wesleyan we were not writing about high or low Calvinism, but simply Calvinism, and the Calvinism of the United Presbyterian Church as well as other phases of it among other religious bodies. The Wesleyan makes a statement that is so wide of the truth that it ought to correct it. It says speaking of United Presbyterianism that it holds "an empire equal to one third of the Presbyterianism of the world." If it will examine any reliable book of statistics it will see it was drawing on its imagination

rather than on facts. In the old and the new world the United Presbyterians are the smallest of the large Presbyterian bodies, and very far from being one third of the whole family. No important section of the Presbyterian family has renounced Calvinism. There is among them as among other Calvinists, those who would call themselves strict and others moderate Calvinists, but both shades of belief hold to unconditional decrees and final perseverance of the saints, and so would repel an Arminian name, for it carries with it belief in conditional decrees and falling away from grace.

"Theologues" who comes to the relief of the Wesleyan in its attack on Calvinism does not make out that Presbyterians or any considerable portion of them are Arminians. Calvinism in its varied forms has held and still holds, notwithstanding the growth of Arminianism in the rise of the Methodist body, a foremost place in every land where Christianity obtains. Why cannot the Wesleyan own it and say it is a fact, but I wish it were not so. From its standpoint it appears best that all the world should be Arminian, but a vast majority of the Christian world don't look at truth from the Wesleyan's standpoint.

Time Extended.

All persons indebted for their subscription to the VISITOR last year will please take notice that after February 15th, our books must be closed, and all who then have not paid their subscription will be charged invariably \$2.50. We must insist on this rule. Two dollars in advance, or during the year, is better than \$2.50 credit.

H. M. Board.

The N. B. Home Mission Board, Monday Evening, was well attended, and a considerable interest was manifested in the good work. The great drawback is want of money. Appropriations due our missionaries could not be forwarded. The committee on "Ways and Means" were instructed to engage Rev. I. Wallace, as general missionary agent, until the annual meeting of the society next summer. Strong hopes are entertained that Bro. Wallace will accept and that he will be able to replenish the Treasury, and render more efficient the work of the society.

The few brethren present in view of the pressing necessity for help, contributed \$65.00. Let there be a general response to the appeal of the Corresponding Secretary to be sent out next week.

Acadia College Museum.

Through the kindness of G. U. Hay Esq., of this city, the Museum of Acadia becomes the possessor of his valuable collection of Acadian Flora. It embraces some 600 specimens of flowering plants, mosses, lichens, and algae. Each specimen is properly mounted on card board, and all of a family are enclosed in stiff covers. Each plant is labelled with its botanic name, the place where found, and the date. The collection has cost Mr. Hay much valuable time, and for the purpose of study of Acadian Botany, is invaluable. It is perhaps the most complete collection ever made in the Provinces. When Acadia College was burnt, its large and varied Museum collection was totally destroyed. It is pleasing to see that her friends are rallying to her aid, and intend replacing in better form what was lost. Our notice of this gift would be incomplete, if we were not to mention the generous gift of John March, Esq., in supplying for Mr. Hay's collection an elegant Cabinet. We hope the thoughtfulness and generosity of these brethren will prompt many others to remember Acadia, with contributions of all that tends to interest and instruct. Who comes next.

News from the Churches.

SAINT JOHN, BRUSSELS ST. Interesting meetings are held every evening in the week except Saturday. A tender, earnest spirit prevails. Some are inquiring the way of life. One convert was baptized last Sabbath.

TEMPLE CHURCH. The Rev. W. P. Everett, pastor of this church, has assumed the pastorate of the congregation meeting in Zion's Church, a place of worship which was built and endowed by the late John Owens, Esq., of Portland, and which has been occupied for four years past by the Reformed Episcopal Church.

The Temple Baptist Church, of which Mr. Everett has been pastor since its organization, and which for two and a half years worshipped in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, have resolved to follow their pastor to the new

field of his labor, and have adopted Zion's Church as their future place of meeting, and therefore, on Sunday last, they assembled there at 11 A.M., and at 3 P.M.

The sermon of the morning was founded on Deut. xxxiii. 19: "They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness."

The theme of the discourse was: The obligation and work of the Christian Church.

This was viewed as two-fold, viz:

1. Missionary work; Calling men into the kingdom of God, where he manifests most fully his character and attributes, viz: Calvary.

2. Priestly work: including (a) the presenting of the body, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, (b) Prayer, especially, intercessory petitions for others; (c) almsgiving and kindly deeds toward our fellow men.

The congregations were quite large, and the Sabbath School had an attendance of more than 70 although the day was stormy.

We congratulate Bro. Everett on the auspicious circumstances, under which he enters the field of future operation.

The field is in closest proximity to that which the Temple Church had originally chose for occupation, and where providentially, through the kindness of the trustees of Zion's Church, a most commodious church edifice and parsonage, and a regular stipend of money towards the support of the pastor, will enable our brethren to labor efficiently and we trust successfully in winning souls to Christ, and in the development and edifications of Christians.

The location of Zion's Church is in the midst of territory where the population is regularly increasing and becoming dense, and therefore presents a promising field for cultivation.

THE CARLETON SUNDAY SCHOOL gave an entertainment last week, consisting of music and readings for the benefit of the school. The exercises were very enjoyable and the receipts satisfactory. The school is very prosperous under the superintendency of Bro. George U. Hay.

The ladies of the Portland church held last week a Fancy Sale and Supper. They were liberally patronized, and all enjoyed the occasion.

At the Carleton and Victoria County Quarterly Meeting, held at Jacksonville, Jan 2d, Rev. S. Burrill was appointed missionary to labor in said counties half of his time, at the rate of \$1.00 per day, the amount to be raised by those who are willing to contribute to so good a cause.

MAUGERVILLE. The church here is somewhat strengthened. Five have been added by baptism. More are received.

WENTWORTH, N. S. We learn, that as the result of a protracted meeting which has been held for some weeks past, in Wentworth, that several persons have been converted, and the pastor, Rev. T. B. Layton has had the privilege of baptizing five converts and expects that several more will ere long follow their example. Bro. Layton is much exhausted by his protracted labor and has no assistance except what was kindly afforded by Rev. G. F. Miles. On the 22d inst., the parishoners of Bro. Layton gave him a donation of \$34.00 cash, and \$29.00 in valuable articles.

DIGBY. Our correspondent writes that the pastor Rev. J. H. Saunders, is building solidly in the truth and is getting a strong grip upon the people.

DIGBY NECK. The pastorate of the Rev. J. C. Morse here, is the longest in the Province, dating from March, 1841. He has spent nearly five and a half years of Sabbaths with his people. His ministry has been continuously faithful, and present indications are promising. About eighty have been united with the Churches under his care during the past two years. The Lord has caused him to pass through deep waters of affliction. Three daughters and two promising sons have been taken from him within the last two and a half years, all of these in the flower of their age.

FREEMPORT, vacant since the removal of Rev. W. L. Parker to St. Mary's Bay, is now receiving a visit from Rev. L. M. Weeks of Bridgewater, who will possibly settle there.

WESTPORT has the faithful ministry of Rev. L. B. Gates.

WEYMOUTH is yet without a pastor, Rev. J. W. Bancroft having removed to Sydney, C. B. They do not propose to settle a man till spring.

HILLSBURG is under the care of a hard and efficient worker, Rev. J. H. Robbins.

He has lately had signs of Divine approval of his work.

On dit that the neighboring church, Clements, is about to lose its pastor, Rev. J. M. Parker, who is to assume the charge of the Pine Grove Church, made vacant by the death of his father.

TORONTO. Rev. Mr. Dyke baptized four into the fellowship of the College St. Church, and Rev. Dr. Castle four into fellowship of Jarvis St. Church, Sunday, before last.

Sunny Side.

Rev. M. P. Freeman is put where he ought to be on the sunny side by his friends at Great Village and DeBert River.

Rev. T. B. Layton makes grateful mention of the kindness of his church at Wentworth, N. S., in giving him a donation of \$65.00.

Rev. W. J. Stewart received from his people, St. George, N. B., a donation of \$67.00. This is the third remembrance of the kind he has had within a year.

Rev. W. W. Corey received the following donations recently: Salisbury \$100; Steeves Mountain \$40, and \$50 on a former occasion, making in all \$190.

Rev. C. Henderson has been the recipient of the following donations from Jacksonville Church \$37.00; from Jacksonville \$55.

Rev. H. B. Shaffner of Norton, N. B., has been kindly remembered by the people of his charge. They assembled in force and made him a donation for which he and all on the sunny side desire to express grateful thanks.

Mariners' Friend Association.

At the late meeting of the Mariners' Friend Association, Rev. Jas. Spencer, Chaplain, read the following report of his labor for the past year:

The year which has just closed, although fraught with innumerable mercies, has been one of anxiety and trial in connexion with the Mission; yet, when your chaplain has thought of the sad condition of those for whose good he is laboring, and heard the admonition, 'Be not weary in well doing,' and the promise appended thereto, he has been stimulated to continued labor.

The assurance which he occasionally receives from persons who profess to have derived benefit from his ministrations is also an additional incentive to renewed work.

Some 18 months since a seaman was graciously led to profess saving faith in the Redeemer; and it has been exceedingly gratifying to learn that he reads the Scriptures and has prayers in the fore-castle with his shipmates every night during the various voyages he makes.

Some time ago, after having handed a tract to a sailor and inviting him to the place where the public service was to be held, he inquired of your missionary if he were not here six years ago. On being answered in the affirmative, he said, 'I thought I knew you, I shall never forget the time when you asked to what port I was bound after all these voyages were ended; that word never left me and I think I am now bound to the port above.' Very recently while addressing a small company from the gracious words 'Come unto me and I will give you rest,' tears were observed rolling down the weather-beaten cheeks of a foreigner; after the service was ended, a pleasant conversation was had with him, and your chaplain felt assured that he was among those of whom the apostle says: 'Ye are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the saints.'

Although your missionary has not enjoyed the privilege of seeing large gatherings into the fold of the Great Shepherd from 'those who go down to the sea,' yet it is gratifying to believe that a few are graciously led to enter through Him who is the door of the sheep.

In reviewing his work your chaplain finds that the

Table with 2 columns: Item and Count. Number of sermons preached was 112, Prayer meetings held 150, Visits made to the sick with prayer 182, Made visits to ships with religious conversation 350, Funerals attended 120, Pages of religious reading distributed 30,000.

In conclusion your missionary would say that in all his ministrations he has been received in the most kindly manner, and has received the thanks of those to whom he declared the Word of Life.

Rev. Mr. Spencer was requested to continue his labors during the current year.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON RECORD AND BOOK MARK, whilst very convenient for teachers and scholars in all Sunday Schools, is just what those Schools need who are unable to supply themselves with Lesson Papers because of the expense. They contain the subject of the Lesson, the place where found, the golden text, and verses to be committed to memory for the entire year 1879. We supply them for 75 cents a hundred. No School should now fail to use the International Lessons, because of the expense to introduce them. Send in your orders to the VISITOR Book Room. 3m

On a tombstone of Stirling Castle, about thirty miles northwest of Edinburgh, Scotland, is the following epitaph:

"Our life is but a winter day; Some only breakfast and away; Others to a dinner stay, And are full fed. The oldest man but sleeps And goes to bed. Large is his expense That lingers out the day; He that goes soonest Has the least to pay."

Letter from Miss Hammond.

S. S. HIMALAYA, Dec. 10th, 1878.

MY DEAR MRS. MARCH: My long voyage is drawing to a close. This afternoon will take me to what I hope may be my home for some years at least. With a thankful heart I write thus, for I have been brought in safely.

We sailed from Southampton on the 31st of October in the Nepaul which was all that could be desired. The dreaded Bay of Biscay had on his best behaviour for us, though still sufficiently rough to disturb us considerably.

The following Monday evening we anchored at Gibraltar, the grand old rock, which is three miles long, loomed up before us to the height of fourteen hundred feet. Somewhere within its depths are kept the necessary stores for seven years, so it never could be reduced by famine.

The setting sun was touching everything with beauty; when he had wholly disappeared and the mountain lay in the alternate light and shade of the moon, I thought it one of the finest scenes I had ever looked upon.

Early in the morning of the following Friday, we arrived at Malta, passed closely to the small bay wherein Paul is supposed to have been shipwrecked. We went on shore but the beggars and the heat somewhat detracted from the pleasure. The officers' quarters were ornamented with beautiful gardens, which looked refreshingly cool.

The next Tuesday we touched at Port Said, where was a miscellaneous crowd of strangely dressed people. The Turkish women moved about with a covering drawn closely over their heads, and the lower part of their faces hidden by black veils. The little girls would draw near and look at us curiously; we could tell by the reflection in their eyes that a smile was on their lips. I wished very much to speak to them, but of course could not.

Then we entered the Canal which is eighty-six miles long, but not sufficiently wide for one steamer to pass another in motion; one must draw up at the side. We were in it two days and a night, and the heat was very great. Wednesday evening found us at Suez, where Arabs and donkeys abounded. The latter are for the convenience of passengers, if any wish to ride into the town, which is three miles away. If the traveller is not a good equestrian he may unexpectedly be tumbled to the ground; for to do this cleverly is an important part of the animal's training. The pay must be strictly in advance and many will not remount, so the donkey is immediately placed at the disposal of another. It was really amusing to hear some of their names. There was the Archbishop of London, Lord Beaconsfield, Earl Salisbury, and many others of equal celebrity. None of us, however, indulged in a ride.

I suppose we passed the place where the passage of the Israelites occurred. Two places were indicated; one several miles up the Canal and the other some distance this side. Different opinions are held by various writers. The land all about us was historic; it has been trodden again and again by God's ancient people. Mr. King, Miss Russell and myself had a Bible lesson every day I was not sea sick. We studied the history of Abraham; it was more interesting than ever before to me. At one time we saw on shore a caravan of Arabs with their camels. I presume they looked precisely the same as they did centuries ago; no change, no progression. We often saw the poor creatures repeating their prayers with their faces towards Mecca. I cannot tell you how much I pitied them.

Coming down the Red Sea, Mount Sinai was seen in the distance. A feeling of awe stole over me as I thought God had once stood upon it, but he is nearer to me in spirit every day. We touched at Aden but none of us went on shore.

Arrived at Point de Galle, on Thursday the 28th, and remained till Sunday morning. I was ashore twice. Ceylon is certainly one of the loveliest places I have ever seen. The grass is of a rich soft green, and the beautiful trees afford a refreshing shade. The cocoanut and palm raises its graceful head high above the others, and the odor from cinnamon groves and other spices are borne on every wave of air. I no longer wonder at the line in Bishop Heber's beautiful hymn. The faces of many of the natives were bright and intelligent, but human degradation was everywhere visible. We anchored at Madras, 3rd December, but no one was allowed to go on shore till the 5th, owing to the surf, which was very dangerous. This season is unusual, the monsoon is late and