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### THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE ACADEMY.

To many the provision and support of High Schools by taxation are exceedingly questionable. But granting their existence among us, there remains still as imperative a need for Academies under proper religious control as there ever was. The High School has a peculiar sphere which does not reach the domain in which an Academy does its best work. In a city or town, the High School takes up the work of the Common School, and pursues it for four or six years farther. Its students are almost all from its immediate vicinity, and quite youthful. It has a course of study marked out, and from that there can be no departure. For instance, if there are six grades in the High School, the scholar however bright, must needs spend six years in order to complete the course and then he can only take the prescribed studies. There is in this too much cast iron regulation to meet the wants of young people generally. Too much of life is spent in merely gaining an education, which only prepares one to matriculate at a College of average standing.

The Academy on the other hand is a school, which is wider in its scope. It draws its patronage from a Province or State. Young men and women who are well advanced toward manhood and womanhood, and whose thirst for knowledge has been excited, find it offering to them just the class of drill they need, and allowing them to take all the studies they are able to master. In it the teachers are not hampered with the requirements of a given grade. They are free to use the best text books, and to advance the scholar over two or three grades in a year, if he has the necessary capacity. This feature of the Academy especially commends it to the patronage of students, who have little means and great working power. Its course of study and methods are elastic. It has a many sided adaptation fitting it to meet all the reasonable demands of those who need studies preparatory to College, professional study, or commercial life. The Academy also supplies proper watchcare for those who have to leave their homes, and gives parents assurance that needful instruction of moral as well as mental faculties will ever be made prominent.

Such schools as these the country needs, and the denominations which are able to supply them and neglect the duty under the plea that the High School has superseded their necessity are simply deceived. In Massachusetts, and other States, where free schools have been longest in operation Academies are still needed and their patrons know how flimsy is the pretence that frightened Baptists in New Brunswick into selling their Seminary. We have forsaken the old paths marked out by Fred Miles, Dr. Tupper, Jarvis Hartt, Dr. Spurgeon, and others, and we shall show wisdom by enquiring for them, and walking therein. Our Old Seminary in its day was the most flourishing Academy in the Maritime Provinces, of any denomination. If it were reconstituted we are satisfied that it would not be long again until it took its place, the peer of the best. The N. B. Education Society is by meetings of its Board and Committee, putting forth considerable effort in this direction, and announcements of an important character will soon be made, which

we are sure will command the hearty support of the nearly 2000 Alumni of the Old Baptist Seminary, as well as of the denomination generally. We have come to the point, where we in N. B. must look on and see our sons and daughters drift off to the N. B. University, and Schools of other denominations, or we must supply Academic instruction and thus turn their thoughts toward Acadia or equip them for commercial life in our own Academy. We have lost much already, but it is not too late to retrieve to a great extent, our old position. Already the Presbyterians and F. C. Baptists are moving in this direction, and we cannot afford to have others preoccupy the ground when we have more money and more alumni than either, and only need the enthusiasm and pluck of other days, to inaugurate and sustain a school that will be a credit to us as a denomination and an honor to our country.

### COLPORTAGE.

An examination of the old files of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR shows that 30 years ago an efficient colportage work was carried on in this Province. Among our earliest recollections were the visits of Rev. A. Mutch at the parental home with a wagon or sleigh full of books. How eagerly we used to look over the bright volumes, and urge the purchase of a few of the choicest ones. The first editor of the VISITOR, Rev. E. D. Very was largely the originator of this work and for some years N. S. Demill Esq., and Hon. A. McL. Seely and others were generous supporters of it. But their mantle seems not to have fallen on their successors, for to-day we have not a single colporteur. The A. B. P. Society has lately inaugurated an efficient system of colportage in the Southern and Western States. In this they show great wisdom. If we are going to hold feeble churches and break new ground we will be obliged to resume more largely our old colportage work. We have a pretty good opportunity of knowing how much purely denominational literature is spread abroad in these Provinces, and we are sorry that it is so meagre in quantity. All our Home Missionaries ought to be supplied with denominational literature at least in the form of tracts and pamphlets for distribution. But almost nothing is given them for this purpose. We submit that some suitable proportion of the amount raised for Home Missions ought to be expended in the dissemination of such literature as would tend to foster a love for evangelical and distinctively Baptist truth. Such a literature to a partial extent is now furnished in the Dominion. If the Home Mission Society does not see its way clear to the entering upon this work then there should be a society called into being which would enter heartily upon the work of engaging suitable colporteurs and the supplying of them with a literature that would speak for Christ and Bible truth in the homes of those who are not otherwise reached. The importance of this work, and its adaptation to foster the growth of our principles should early give it an earnest and practical consideration. Colporteurs of Union Societies are abroad in the land, but our people must remember that they do not sell or give away a single Baptist book neither do they say (in order not to break faith with their Society) a single word in favor of the distinctive truth held by Baptists. How long will it take by these methods to make Baptists of all the world is not a very difficult question. Whilst we honor the zeal of others in pushing on their work, we cannot, as loyal followers of Jesus, but long for the promulgation of those truths which tend to make churches after the pattern of the apostolic age.

McMaster Hall will be dedicated on the 18th inst. Senator McMaster will preside. Hon. Alexander Mackenzie will deliver an address. Rev. A. H. Munro will deliver a charge to the Faculty, and Dr. Castle will respond. Rev. J. Donovan will offer the prayer of dedication and in the evening Dr. Broadus will deliver an address in Jarvis St. Church.

A LATE number of Puck gives a capital cartoon, in which to the right is the Michigan sufferers by the great fire starving amidst the ruins of their old homes. Charity as a beautiful pleading female points to the sufferers and vainly seeks from Field, Bennett, Gould and Vanderbilt an offering, but they each exhibit cards in their hands, bearing the words: "Notoriety Fund \$100,000," and say "Can't do it Miss Charity. No advertising, no money! We give on strictly business principles." The can all give to the Garfield (Notoriety) Fund, but can't see the appeal of the needy poor.

THE St. John Co. ministers meeting was held in the Visitor Office Monday morning. Rev. E. Hickson, chairman; Rev. J. E. Hopper, clerk *pro tem*. Reports of Sabbath services and general church work of a cheering character were given by Revs. J. F. Bartlett, Hopper, Spencer, Corey, Hickson. Rev. J. F. Bartlett was appointed to read a paper next Monday morning at 10 o'clock on: "The causes of the arrest of the Reformation." This subject will then be open for discussion by those present. The ministers from the country are cordially invited to meet with us when possible.

THE Baptist Union meetings which begin on the 26th inst., promise to be of a most interesting character. We notice that Dr. McKenzie of Boston and Dr. McArthur of New York are among the speakers. It would be well for some Maritime Province brethren to attend. Ministers can get half fare tickets on the I. C. Ry. and by writing Rev. A. H. Munro, a certificate can be obtained granting the same favor on the Grand Trunk Railway.

WE direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Waterbury & Rising in another column. This firm has for some time been doing a good business on Union Street, and finding their trade largely increased, have bought out the establishment of J. E. Ballentine & Co., King Street, and will in future keep both stores open. They are thoroughly reliable young men, and well deserving of the liberal patronage they receive.

It is reported that D. L. Moody was immersed three years ago by Dr. Pentecost in Baltimore, and that his daughter was immersed one year ago by the same person. If this be true, why does not Mr. Moody have the courage of his convictions and avow his belief in immersion as the only proper baptism. He is known as a Congregationalist, but if he has renounced infant baptism for himself he ought to teach others to do likewise. Consistency is a jewel too rarely adorning even Christians.

ON our inside page we give this week, a sermon by that stalwart preacher, Rev. J. Denovan of Toronto, on: "Fishing for Men." It is worthy of perusal. Our Serial: "Jim the Parson," is having many readers. It will soon end but its place will be occupied by another of singular interest, beauty and moral force.

THE last Canadian Baptist contains a sermon on the death of President Garfield, by Rev. W. Stewart, D. D., from the text, Ps. 89:14. He shows such a providence turns out a blessing by calling forth sympathy, and prayer, by strengthening trust in God, and by being received as the discipline of a wise and loving Father. The sermon is worthy of the Editor.

Is a note just received from Bro. Boggs, we learn of his continued good health, and that the Brownson Seminary at Ramapatam, over which he presides, has nearly 300 students in attendance.

Geo. W. CHIPMAN, Esq., who has been Superintendent of the Tremont Temple Sunday School, since 1845, has resigned. He is one of the grand old hyrns in the denomination, and all our work for the Master has felt his generous touch.

If not too late we desire to congratulate our old friend Stevens, on the enlargement of his Times. The times are better in Moncton, and the Times indicate this in a way worthy of the increasing hum. May the hum and the Times continue to spread themselves.

THE Womans Baptist Missionary Society of Ontario, meets at Woodstock on the 28th inst. in its fifth annual session. Mrs. W. F. Armstrong is expected to be present.

## Church News.

GRAND BAY.—An enjoyable festival was held last Thursday, at Grand Bay for the benefit of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Hamm was chiefly instrumental in getting up the affair and it reflected great credit on all concerned. Rev. Mr. Bartlett is the pastor.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

HAVELOCK, K. Co.—Dear Editor, having just returned from my vacation, I thought I might send you a few items of interest. As to myself, finding health somewhat improved, but not so as to warrant my continuing pastor of this church, it being a large church, spreading over a large extent of country, and demanding a great amount of work, I have become persuaded that we require a man of more physical strength than I have, to perform the work, I have therefore given notice of my bidding them farewell in one month's time. I have entered upon my third year with this people, and had my health continued I verily believe it would have been spent as the past years have been, bearing the stamp of God's approval, but I meekly bow to the will of my Heavenly Father, who has said all things work together for good to them who love the Lord. I was rejoiced on my return to meet my dear Bro. Bluet who has been laboring for the church in special services the past few weeks. He is a great, big solid man of God, a plain, earnest, fearless preacher of the Word. He calls things by their names. His earnest appeals are having a blessed effect in reclaiming backsliders and in the conversion of sinners. Night after night the house of God is crowded with hearers. Sunday last was a blessed day. The morning service was truly great. We listened to a faithful and impressive sermon from these words: "Looking unto Jesus." He attacked everything that kept the sinner from seeking the Saviour. In the afternoon we gathered at the baptismal waters where it was my blessed privilege to baptize two happy converts, and still there are more to follow. In the evening hundreds came to the house of God, such a large gathering has never come together in this place, except at Association time. We listened to a splendid sermon after which there were a good many witnesses for the Master. Bro. Bluet has kindly consented to the wish of the church to remain over this week. We feel assured that much good will be done which may not be gathered until after days. For this we bless God as well as the present results. But, dear brother, I must not trespass upon your time as I expect to send you a few words next week to let you know how we are getting along.

Yours in love for Christ.

JOHN GAMMON.

SUSSEX.—Dear Bro. The right hand of fellowship into the Sussex Baptist Church was given to five on Sabbath evening. One by baptism. Four by letter. The cause here, though not as prosperous as we could wish, is in a far better state than it was one year ago. The interest in social meetings remains good and the Sabbath congregations are large for this place. The church is beginning to look toward the building of a vestry, certainly a thing needed in connection with every church building.

Fraternally,  
HERBERT FORBAY.

PORTLAND.—Rev. W. A. Corey baptized one last Sunday and one the Sunday preceding.

FAIRVILLE, N. B.—We are glad to learn that an increased religious interest is manifest in the devotional meetings of the church, and two have recently found peace in believing. The congregations are especially good for the place, and Pastor Bartlett is highly esteemed in the community.

BRUSSELS ST.—The children in the Sunday-school have caught the mania for giving parlor entertainments for the benefit of church and S. S. work. They have yielded much innocent amusement and no little revenue to good causes.

LEINSTER ST.—The Young People in this church held a Bazar and gave a supper last week. The proceeds were to pay for a piano. It was a pleasant affair and a financial success.

ROCKLAND, CAR. Co.—God has blessed our mission field of late. A few weeks ago Rev. H. J. Shaw and myself went to spend a few days with the people of Mapleton and Golden Ridge, a new settlement on the head waters of the Miramichi and Becagu-mick Rivers, containing about 20 families. We held sixteen meetings, baptized 9 believers and organized a prayer and conference meeting. A number of the brethren are anxious to have a church organized in the settlement, we feel wisdom is needed in these matters. We are now holding special meetings at Coldstream settlement, a branch of the Rockland church. Quite an interest has been manifested. A number are seeking religion. May the little one be multiplied an hundred fold.

A. H. HAYWARD.

MONCTON.—The new S. S. Rooms have been completed, and are now used for evening meetings and Sunday-school. They are a much needed addition to the appliances of the church for doing effective work.

NOVA SCOTIA.

MT. UNIACK MINES.—Dear Editor it was my privilege to baptize two persons last Lord's day at a beautiful lake near Mt. Uniack Mines—a man and his wife—both over 70 years of age. They were happy and courageous yielding obedience to the Saviour's command. On the previous Sabbath, I baptized one and gave the hand of fellowship to two both heads of families, and promising to be very useful members. The good cause here is in a prosperous state. About 60 families are gathered here from various parts of the Province and they are generally a sober and industrious class of people. Brother Ephraim Brymer, a native of your province superintends the Sabbath-school and is very active in Christian work and is highly esteemed. He has been lately elected a deacon for this branch of the Rawdon church.

Fraternally,  
ISA WALLACE.

Oct. 3rd 1881.

GREAT VILLAGE, N. S.—Rev. M. P. Freeman who was solicited by one of our churches to settle in N. B. has concluded to remain at his old post.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—Rev. C. Goodspeed, pastor of the First Baptist church spent last Sunday in St. John and preached for St. David's and St. Stephen Presbyterian churches. He left Monday for Yarmouth and our best wishes accompany him to his responsible post of duty.

ARCADIA.—Rev. A. H. Lavers in supplying us some notes, speaks most appreciatively of the good work being done in Milton, by Bro. Gordon and his people, also of Bro. Clark and Dr. Day whom he hopes will not leave the Maritime Provinces. Bro. L. is too modest to speak of the labors in which he is abundant. In making a remittance for the Convention Report he says: "I fear you did not receive encouragement enough to insure the financial success of such a grand, good undertaking." We did not by about sixty dollars. That we lost in trying the experiment to find out if the 37,000 Baptists who did not go to Convention, wished to know what was said and done at it. We know now that the great majority of them do not, or at least their desire to know don't amount to 25 cents to pay for the Report.

Have something for the mind to feed upon—something to look forward to and live for, beside the round of daily labor or the counting of profit and loss. If we have not any talent for writing splendid works on political economy or social science, or the genius for creating a good story or a fine poem, the next best thing—and in fact almost as good a thing—is to possess an appreciation of these things. So have good books and good newspapers, and read them—if only in snatches—and talk about them at dinner-time or by the evening fire. Cultivate choice flowers and fruits, and help some poor neighbor to seeds and outtings. And always study household science, and take advantage of the new and helpful things that are every little while coming to light.

### JOB PRINTING.

Two new presses of the best make have just been added to the stock of the VISITOR Job Printing Office making five presses now running in the establishment. Orders for printing of all kinds can be speedily executed as we have steam power and a full staff of workmen. Your patronage is solicited.

We still have a number of Convention Reports on hand. Send in 25 cents and we will send you postpaid this complete report of the debate on the Foreign Mission question.

HOW LONG WILL SIN CONTINUE? Answer that question, and I answer the other—how long will punishment continue? The query is to raise in the first place is how long the punishment of sin may endure, but how long sin may end. We are agreed that if sin be eternal its punishment will be so. De Alford says: "From the fact that one sin hath never forgiveness, it is a fair inference that the sin itself eternal." Another writer calls the phrase, eternal sin, "one of the most deep reaching that the whole Scriptures contain. Alford says, 'It is the critical treatment of the Word in the original tongue that owe the restoration to popular use such deep phrases as these.' Eternal sin. This terrific Scriptural phrase was not in the old translation; it is the new. The doctrine is here taught as it is taught in the famous passage in the close of Revelation—that time will come when it will be claimed that he who is filthy shall filthy still, and that he who is holy shall be holy still; and that the character, under the fixed natural laws by which its final permanence attained, will drift into eternal sin eternal righteousness, with their consequences."—Joseph Cook.

GOD'S SEVERITY.—Here is eternal truth with which we would not part: God must hate sin, and forever sin's enemy. Because he the Lord of love, therefore, must be a consuming fire to evil; God against evil, but for us; if, then, sin, he must be against us; in sin we identify ourselves with evil therefore, we must endure the consuming fire. O brethren, in this age in which we live it is good to back on the first principles of everlasting truth. We have come to think that education may be maintained by mere laws of love instead of discipline, and that public punishment may be abolished. We say these things are contrary to the gospel; and here, doubtless, there is underlying truth: it is true there must be a severity in education which feeds itself, it is true that love and tenderness may do more than severity yet, under a system of mere love and tenderness, no character can acquire manliness or firmness. So as there is evil, so long will there be penalty; and woe to that man who attempts to contradict the eternal system of God; so long as the spirit of evil is in the world, so long human punishment remain to bear testimony that the God of the universe is a righteous God.—F. Roberts on.

A significant coincidence was served in the ceremony of administering the oath of office to President Arthur at Washington, on September 22nd. The open Bible was presented to the new President, that he might kiss it. As he did so, it was noticed that his lips touched Psalm 82: 1, "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed; deliver in Thy righteousness. Bow down Thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: for Thine strong rock for an habitation of defence to save me." When remember how difficult and delicate is the position to which the President is called in the providence of God the passage is singularly appropriate.

Mr. John Howard, of New York city, whose name stands prominently among writers upon the voice, believes that he has discovered several new laws of vocal action, which may eventually give a new direction to course of the leader. Mr. Howard has now been established in New York city for six years, and has the strongest tests and large experience with voices in all conceivable conditions. His success in restoring lost voices, and in strengthening and correcting weak ones, has been almost incredible until choirs of clergymen in nearly every village know and favorably name the "Howard Method."

LIVE IN PEACE! Fretting, worrying, fault-finding, borrowing trouble, giving away to temper and holding long, bitter grudges—all these things affect the liver, poison the blood, enlarge the spleen, carve ugly lines on the face, and shorten life! Try to be as wise as that little creature, the bee, who takes all the honey she can find and leaves the poison to herself.

Devote eight hours out of twenty-four to sleep. If a man is robbed of sleep by a wakeful brain he must take a nap sometime during the day. Even ten minutes of rest strengthens and refreshes, and is good "like a medicine." Child should be allowed to sleep until awake of their own free will.

Cultivate sunlight and fresh Wives "fade," not alone because of work and take no care of themselves but because they stay so slowly doors, and have no work or recreation that takes them out in the sunlight.