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NOTICE EXTRAORDINARY.

To our Pastors we address a word of exhortation. We want the *Visitor* to go into Every Baptist family, and it is only through your aid we can effect it. Its visits to your people will help you in your work. To effect our purpose we will supply the *Visitor* to the end of the year for \$1.00 to all new subscribers. Pastors, please make this offer known and send us all the new names you can. The ministers of other denominations are making vigorous efforts in support of their papers. We trust our pastors who know best the worth of our principles will help more than ever in their dissemination. If our ministers will work a little for their paper they can multiply its usefulness many fold. Some help us now and we hope all will henceforth make known our offer from the pulpit and urge it.

THE PULPIT AND THE PRESS.

In an age not very remote the preacher and the bible-savvy public thought and were almost the only educators of it. They have not become second in their influence to-day, but other elements are now recognized and are potent for shaping thought and action. The platform with its lecture course and varied entertainment, as well as the daily, weekly and monthly press are largely productions of the present age. That they occupy a portion of the time and place heretofore given the preacher and the bible is true, and it is no use for Christian men to stand aside and denounce them for this result. They are a part of the civilization of the day, and instead of anathematizing them we must bend our energies to control them in the interests of truth and righteousness. As a matter of fact they may be as they have been made in some instances, valuable auxiliaries in turning attention to the word of life and the instructions of the sacred desk.

To-day the newspaper is unrivalled as an educator, and the minister and Christian worker who gives effort to circulate a good religious paper is doing a good work that will tell in the interests of religious truth. The newspaper is a producer of thought. It shapes it, and as a man thinketh so is he. The minister or Christian worker who will take the time and trouble to enquire within the limits of a given church how many evangelical and denominational newspapers of his faith are taken, will be surprised to find how few the number is to what it should be and in many instances he will be more surprised to find how many sensational and trashy productions are being read.

These pernicious publications neutralize the teachings of the pulpit and prevent the success of the Christian worker to an extent which neither have fully estimated. No more valuable service can be rendered by a Christian minister than the frequent endorsement of some good religious newspaper, and an exhortation to the members of his congregation to take and read it.

Too great care cannot be exercised

in the selection of books for Sunday School libraries. They should convey instruction and entertainment in such a form as not to vitiate the taste, or weaken the morals of their readers. A minister may do much good in directing the reading of his congregation. The formation of literary or reading clubs by many churches have been found to be very useful and pleasant gatherings.

In other days, in these Provinces, more used to be done in colportage than now. The employment of suitable persons to engage in this work is to be desired. Tracts have a history that reaches into eternity, and until some organized methods are provided, the efficient pastor will do well to encourage his church to provide the means to supply him with a judicious selection of evangelical and denominational tracts for gratuitous circulation.

The pulpit and the press must not be allowed to drift into divorce. The latter is a valuable aid to the former, and he is the wise overseer who endeavors in every way to supplement his own ministrations with the effective aid of a suitable religious literature.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

We are pleased to see the change that is coming over our valued contemporary the *Messenger* in relation to the F. M. Board and the work entrusted to it. CONFIDENCE, it says in capital letters, is the present watchword. It should have been the watchword in the past and those who have attempted to destroy confidence instead of being encouraged should have been discouraged. While the Board has not been charged with all the barbarous conduct of the missionaries of the Scottish Church in Africa, it has had very grave charges made against it, and these have been published much to the detriment of confidence both in the Board and its missionary. Our contemporary makes however, a statement that will be news to the Board. In speaking of the Missionary Conference in India it says: "If the Board finds that it has erred in discouraging this annual meeting it should make haste to acknowledge it." Where the *Messenger* got its information it is not for us to say, but that it is untrue is certainly the fact. The Board never has discouraged our missionaries participating in this Conference. It has only discouraged its missionaries legislating upon matters that are outside their province, as for instance the union of the Home Boards, and the charging of the expenses of these Conferences to the Board. In fact upon more occasions than one the Board has urged our missionaries to form a Conference. That our missionaries have had prompt payment of salaries in advance, and salaries much larger than the average of our own pastors on the home field, will be found to be the case, and that the Board has always met the suggestions of our missionaries with gentlemanly and Christian courtesy will further appear, and that instead of restraining and hampering them they have been watched over with a kindly and provident eye. We much regret the publication of all that has appeared that tended to show a hard, unkind and unsympathetic treatment of those who represent us on the Foreign field. Their correspondence shows that these aspersions are not endorsed by them, and the effort to weaken confidence has failed and will meet with still greater discomfiture when accusers and accused are brought face to face. In the meantime, all we can say is that our missionaries are doing a good work, they enjoy the confidence of the Board and this confidence is mutual. The brethren of the churches need have no fear that their contributions are misappropriated. Christian men of undoubted character and responsibility manage these matters and they are ready when the proper time comes to show how they have discharged the trust committed to them. In the meantime, funds are much needed and efforts should be made to increase our work. Bro. Hutchinson and wife will probably sail for India about the last of August, and proceed at once to the relief of Miss Hammond at Chicacole.

GOD.

GERMAN Philosophy has said through Fichte, *God is God*. Schelling says that God is the eternal movement of the Universe. Hegel affirms that thought is God. How wise! "The world by wisdom knew not God," said the great apostle of the Gentiles. A Christian child taught by the Bible says: God is a Spirit eternal and unchangeable, full of wisdom, power, holiness, and love. He frames his prayer: Our Father which art in heaven &c. and trustingly tells him all the burden of his heart. Well has our Lord said: "Except ye become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Through the kindness of R. Sears, Esq., of Toronto, we learn that the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist College, Toronto, was held on the 12th inst. The Hon. William McMaster was appointed Chairman, Dr. Buchanan, Secretary, and Mr. D. E. Thompson, Treasurer. The Rev. Dr. Castle was unanimously elected President of the College, and Professor Torrence received an appointment to a Professorship. The securing of a third Professor was left in the hands of the Executive Committee, of which Dr. Castle is Chairman.

The Hon. Wm. McMaster, in addition to what he has already done for the College, announced that it was his intention to endow the President's chair. Mr. McMaster also presented an illuminated copy of the trust deed beautifully bound, and intended for use in the College library.

It affords us unfeigned pleasure to chronicle the facts above stated. Hon. Mr. McMaster has done a noble deed in setting apart a portion of his means to be used forever in training men to preach the gospel. We congratulate Dr. Castle on his appointment. He combines in just proportions the elements necessary to make a successful leader in this great work. His associate, Prof. Torrence, impressed us on our visit to Ontario last year, as a loyal Baptist and a competent educator. It is expected that the college will be opened for the reception of students next October.

THIS is what a London G. B. editor says:—

If an editor omits anything, he is lazy. If he speaks of things as they are, people get angry. If he glosses over or smooths down the rough points, he is bribed. If he calls things by their proper names, he is unfit for the position of an editor. If he does not furnish readers with jokes, he is an idiot; if he does, he is a rattle-head, lacking stability. If he condemns the wrong, he is a good fellow, but lacks discretion. If he lets wrongs and injustices go unmentioned, he is a coward. If he exposes a public man, he is doing it to gratify spite, is the tool of a clique, or belongs to the "outs." If he indulges in personalities, he is a blackguard; if he does not, his paper is dull and mispiled.

We are unprofitable servants. We are unworthy of the blessedness of the eternal life, but thanks be unto God He measures his gifts by his goodness and not by our deserts.

THE N. S. College bill received the three months hoist in the Legislative Council, and so the College grants are all this year, and Halifax University has had its days lengthened. The grant to a High School, viz., \$6000, will be given the Academy in Wolfville. A loss of \$1800 will have to be made up this year, beside a deficit over and above it on current expenses. This will tax heavily the benevolence of our people, but they have always been found equal to past emergencies, and will doubtless meet this one with that firmness and pluck which will keep Acadia in the van. If our Churches will only vigorously work the Convention Scheme we shall have what is needed. What say our pastors and deacons? The Convention year is drawing to a close. All who have not begun work should lose no more time.

The Rev. A. J. Wilcox, late pastor of Brussels Street Church, has settled as pastor of the Baptist Church, Norwich, Conn. We are glad to hear that he has so pleasantly located himself, and many here will join with us in wishing him and his great prosperity.

ONE of our exchanges speaks of bawky Baptists who make themselves

felt by giving trouble, and adds they give nothing else. We wonder what account they expect to render at the judgement.

WE learn from a communication from Bro. McDiarmid, of Port Hope, April 8, and published in the last *Canadian Baptist*, that Mr. Craig had received a cablegram from his son Rev. John Craig of Akida, India, announcing the death of Mrs. Craig on the 2nd inst.

We regret to hear through a correspondent in Nova Scotia that Mrs. Churchill of Bobbitt is seriously ill. We hope that our sister's health and life may be spared so that she may continue to labor on her very interesting and important field.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

For the Visitor.
LETTER FROM REV. J. B. WOODLAND.

MR. EDITOR.—As a Baptist I feel a great interest in everything connected with our denomination. As a Christian I feel a great interest in everything connected with the cause of Christ, and especially, am I interested in the success of our Foreign Missions. I have read, and sometimes read with painful feelings, the controversy, which has been waged for several months past concerning our Foreign Mission matters, and I am compelled to believe that it all tends, and that without sufficient cause, to create distrust in the minds of the public and discouragement in the hearts of contributors. A large part of what has been written on this subject, besides being mischievous in its tendency, is quite unmeaning in its purpose. We all regret that any circumstances should have arisen which would induce or conscientiously compel such valuable workers as Brother and Sister Armstrong, to sever their connection with the Foreign Mission. We take it for granted, that they did so on conscientious ground, which is a well prized privilege the Baptist Church accords to everyone. At the same time we admire the dignified consistency of the Board—a body composed of some of the best men in the denomination—men whom the denomination has honored as conservators of our Mission interests—in steadfastly adhering to the policy and principles enunciated by the Convention, from whom they received the trust. The denomination does not expect the Board to be drawn into a newspaper wrangle simply to gratify somebody's fancy of "how things ought to be done." The policy is our own, the Board is not responsible for it—and if aught existed to impair our confidence in the measures of the Board for the carrying out of that policy—it ought to have been manfully debated, and corrected if necessary, at the Convention at Hillsboro last summer. If aught has occurred since, we expect the Board to render a full report, at the approaching session of the Convention at Yarmouth—which will be the proper time to require of them "an account of their stewardship."

Perhaps their methods have not been the best, if so then it remains for us to practically correct the error when we can do so—assembled in Convention—but it is certainly unwise to deal with suppositions, as if they were facts—create distrust and foster secession when we have no opportunity to correct mistakes even if such do exist.

The last letter of "R. M. K." in the *Christian Messenger*, cannot fail to produce one result—that is to injure a man doubtless innocent. People are already asking how did "R. M. K." come in possession of the knowledge of certain things placed in that letter, viz. Bro. Armstrong's private memorandum of expense sent to the Board. We do not suppose that "R. M. K." intended that it should be so. We don't suppose for a moment, that Bro. Armstrong is firing at the Board from behind the shelter of "R. M. K.," but that letter will and does, leave the impression on the public mind, that "R. M. K." is inspired by someone else beside the Spirit. We know Mr. Armstrong and we value him. We know the Board and we have confidence in their wisdom and integrity. Let us not do aught to injure either, until the matter comes properly before the denomination. If the real misunderstanding be, that which most of people suspect, a difference of opinion between the Board and missionaries about the establishment of a "Theological School" then it is time enough for the Board to act in that matter when they are authorized to do so. And time enough to authorize them, if best, when the convention meets. Loving our missions and deeply anxious for their success

I am yours &c.

J. B. Woodland.
P. E. I., April 20 1881.

For the Visitor.

THE NEW TESTAMENT REVISION.

SIR,—It was stated in my article, which appeared in your last, that there were grounds to believe that the revision of the New Testament as it left the hands of the revisors, was not entirely satisfactory to some of the number; and one who held an honored place in the company was specially mentioned as presumably holding views on some points not perfectly in harmony with those of the majority of his colleagues. No name accompanied the statement; and as some persons are doubtful as to the reference, I may properly, and perhaps ought to mention that I alluded to Dr. Angus, the respected Principal of Regent's Park College, and one of the best biblical scholars of the day. It is well known that shortly after the announcement of the completion of the work of the revisors, Dr. Angus delivered a public address in reference to the revision; and what was very unusual, and would generally be regarded as significant of views which he did not deem it advisable for the time very widely to divulge, he particularly requested that the address should not be published.

But this is not all. It was publicly announced, shortly afterwards, by a leading English Newspaper that Dr. Angus was engaged in writing a series of articles on Revision for the "Sunday Magazine," and that they would shortly appear. As I do not see that periodical, I am not prepared to say whether such articles have been published; if they have not, it is possibly due to considerations similar to those which led the Doctor to restrain the publication of his address. But in any case I think there is reasonable evidence that Dr. Angus would not be entirely satisfied with the Revision in some of its features.

I need scarcely say that in my former article I had no intention whatever to disparage in the slightest degree anything contained in a number of excellent articles which have lately appeared in the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR* in reference to the Revision. Those articles were as I understood then, designed more to convey information as to the Revision, than to commit the writer of them to an unqualified endorsement of the work in its entirety. If in this I was in error, I am under great obligations for the indulgence accorded me.

PHILMATHES.
Wolfeville, N. S. March 31st 1881.

[The lecture by Dr. Angus was not published as we understand it for one reason; whether it was the only one or not we cannot say, viz. that the Doctor prepared the lecture to deliver in different places with a view to gathering money by its delivery, for the College over which he presides. His articles are now appearing in the *Sunday Magazine*.]

P. E. I. CORRESPONDENCE.

I am in receipt of a very neat pamphlet called *The Missionary*, edited by the highly esteemed pastor of the church at Cavendish P. E. I. The pamphlet is very neat in appearance, full of interesting missionary intelligence, and contains short but very interesting sketches of the history of "Our Island churches." Rev. J. B. Woodland deserves credit for this neat work. We are sorry that he does not tell us whether it is intended to be a weekly, or a monthly, or how often we are to be greeted by its appearance, he has not even intimated what the subscription price is.

With all the good qualities of the pamphlet it is not faultless. It is not my aim to fault-find, but rather to correct an error, which must have been entirely unintentional on the part of our esteemed brother. I understand that there is now a work being compiled on the rise and progress of the Baptist churches in these Provinces, and particularly for this reason I call attention to the following which I clip from *The Missionary*.

"CHARLOTTETOWN.—The Baptist Church at Charlottetown was organized in 1836, with 9 members. Of its early history we are not in a position to speak. For many years it enjoyed the faithful pastoral care of the late Rev. John Davis. Afterwards of Rev. Mr. Haynes of England. In 1876, Rev. D. G. McDonald was called to the pastorate, and the Lord has blessed his labors in Charlottetown. At his coming the Church numbered 61 members. During his ministry, 200 names have been added to the roll, which records a present membership of 221. Rev. Herbert Poshay filled the pastorate for one year, from May 1st, 1879, during the absence of Bro. McDonald. His ability as a preacher and a pastor won the interest of many outside. Just before retiring he baptized 20, the fruits of a series of meetings in which he was assisted by Rev. W. B. Hinson. This Church has lately completed a handsome place of worship. It is built of brick and cost with grounds about \$20,000. Bro. McDonald has baptized fourteen lately and is cheered with encouraging indications."

Where Bro. Woodland obtained the above information I do not know, but in some particulars it is incorrect and shows the necessity of obtaining information from reliable sources.

I mean only to refer to the of the Charlottetown Church 1874. About the middle of that year Rev. W. B. took charge of the church, then had a membership of 100. In July of the same year the church reported 7 additions by baptism. On the following 15th of March of 1875, Bro. Haynes resigned the pastorate, church immediately after a during which 25 were added, 8 by letter, and 3 by mission 1, by death 3, leaving of 98; being a net increase of 9 years. In 1876 Rev. D. G. McDonald, as stated by *The Missionary* was called to the pastorate, and in the month of May, 1876, he was installed with a membership of 61, but instead of the church increasing 221 at the date of Bro. McDonald's writing, January 1st, 1881, I believe exceed two hundred. We thank God for even so much.

With reference to Bro. H. Poshay among us there also is a slight error. Only 30 additions reported by the *Missionary* fruit of Bro. P's pastorate, while the church records show an of 25 by baptism, 7 by letter, restoration.

After obtaining the above facts from a private record, carefully compared them with those as reported by the church Association of each respective, and find they agree exactly, the reader will notice by referring to the statistics and extracts contained in the printed *Missionary* the years from 1874 to 1880 be conclusive.

I am sure Bro. Woodland in this friendly criticism only spirit in which it is written, ren Haynes and Poshay, away from the Island, but no acquainted with Bro. Woodland Christian character will for ment suspect him of puffing, at the expense of absent brethren.

I may state that Bro. Haynes for some years past been prosperous church, at the Stafford, England, where he enjoying the presence of the Lord is much loved by his people zeal and piety deserve.

Your readers are already acquainted with the prosperity of Bro. in his labors at Sussex, N. I. the measure of prosperity by both these brethren in the ter's vineyard; it has always their humble desire to attain the God of Zion all the glory.

Yours very truly,
Savona
Charlottetown, April 12, 1881.

HOME MISSIONS.

The H. M. Board met in monthly session the 11th inst. vestry of the 1st Baptist Yarmouth.

Receipts of the month Col: by Rev. M. Normany, mission, \$4.02; A. W. Jordan, \$1.55; Convention Funds, N. S. Convention Funds, P. E. I., \$35.

Reports were read from Barsa, Wallace, Fletcher, Mutch and Hughes.

Voted.

1. A mission of 3 months F. M. Young, to Back Bay, Ness and Bethel, Churches, N. S.
2. A grant of \$20 to W. Church, Hants Co. for 6 months Jan 1, '81.
3. A grant of \$10 to Elie from Feb. to Oct., '81.
4. Continue the grant of quarter to Maitland, etc., for next quarter.

A. C.

Hebron, April 14, '81.

ADDRESS TO PASTOR J. A. C.

DEAR BROTHER.—We have with deep regret that you of leaving the Island to enter field of labor in the neighboring vine. We take this opportunity conveying to you an expression of esteem and Christian love your brethren in the ministry Island, entertain for you. We us to contemplate the your removal from our personal Association fellowship, and matter were left to a vote of tist Pastors on the Island, dear brother, of our hearty retain you among us. But nize the great truth that the vineyard has a right to laborers to any part of his where he needs them, and the direction of his Providence. We cannot, however, depart without placing our testimony to your faithfulness and your untiring the Lord's work, your