

relieved of the burden of an Arts school so long on their hands. They can husband their present resources and establish a first class Theological School. The Convention Scheme will be reconstructed and the funds now appropriated for Education, will be given to support indigent hard-worked poorly paid pastors, and to the maintenance of missions generally. The strenuous endeavors of the past to endow a purely literary institution will cease and determine. So our denominational outlook is rather bright. It is very necessary for Baptists to fully appreciate the circumstances of the hour and to govern themselves accordingly.

For the Visitor.  
THE SUSTAINING POWER OF DIVINE GRACE.

BY E. A.

Some years ago I was called from my wonted duties to minister at the head of a rapidly-wasting consumptive. Travelling by water and by land, by night and by day, I arrived at my destination an hour before midnight, and clasped the hand of the sick one. When last I held her hand and said "Farewell," it was not without the foreboding that soon she would bid adieu to earth; but the hope was strong that proper care would restore the vigor and bloom of the past. But now hope had fled. Skillful treatment and the assiduous of friends proved unavailing. The disease had progressed surely, and death was inevitable.

For a few weeks I moved in and out of that sick-room, endeavoring to administer to the wants of the sufferer and gladden her closing hours. They were weeks long to be remembered. Without nature was beginning to take on a sombre hue, but within that quiet chamber there was heavenly light, and beauty whose influence all visitors felt. Christ was all in all to the fading invalid. If on one or two occasions clouds rose above her as Satan prompted to doubts of her acceptance with God, this state of mind never long continued; and when it passed away, the sunshine which succeeded seemed all the brighter and more joyous by contrast. "I would like to live," she said "and help those I love to fight life's battles; but God knoweth best, and to His will I bow." Beloved in the social circle and in the church, many of the young, bearing tokens of love, repaired to her side for parting words. To these, words of warning and cheer were given; and all departed with a more profound impression of the object of life and the reality of death. Such as knew nothing of the sustaining power of God's grace, to them it was a mystery how death could be met so calmly in the morn of life by one who had hoped to live and spend years in doing good. They could not understand how there could be composure of mind while death was near, when life was so delightful. "My Grace is sufficient for you," said her Lord, and so the dying Christian found it.

On the afternoon of the day the death-angel came, she was much of the time unconscious, and as evening drew on it became evident that the end was near. The days and nights of suffering and watching were over. The period of deep anxiety, with its alterations of hope and despair, now culminated in the worst anticipation. Around the bedside of the departing one were gathered the sorrowing friends. But joy was there. This scene is but the translation of a pilgrim to a sinless and sorrowless Home.

I held the thin white hand in mine till the heart rested from its throbbings. Fain would I follow the spirit now loosed from its earthly prison house,—follow it to behold the unfolding glories of another life. What disclosures are now being made to her? Into that realm death alone can lead us. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. That is enough now. We shall know the rest hereafter.

Let those who lack a firm belief in the religion of the Cross, go to such a bedside and have all doubts dispelled. The most confirmed in scepticism and infidelity will then meet an answerable argument whose force must change their views if not their life. We all need a sustaining power in sorrow and in death, and this is found alone in Grace Divine.

FROM MISS HAMMOND.

Miss Hammond in a recent communication refers to her pleasant visit to Birmingham on the occasion of the annual conference of the Canadian Baptist Tuloog-Mission.

but also by those of the Canadian mission, especially Mr. Timpany, with whom it will be remembered she journeyed from this country to Madras. Upon her return she reorganized the school at Chicaco on the principle that it is the duty of the missionary first to provide instruction for the converts to christianity and their families. She obtained a Christian teacher and had fairly entered upon her work when an outbreak of small pox in the town, which extended to certain residents on the compound, called for another temporary suspension. The attack proved to be a light one. No deaths occurred, and danger of contagion had so far passed that work was resumed in the middle of February with a good prospect of success.

Miss Hammond further expresses her gratitude to the Foreign Mission Boards, both ladies and gentlemen. She says: They have all treated me with the utmost kindness, consideration and faithfulness. In short they have been that, which has made me say to myself and to others, why are they so kind to me?

Mr. Everett's letters to me have been encouraging and his kind words have helped me more than once."

M. E. MARCH,

Sec. of the Central Board of N. B.

For the Visitor.

MR. EDITOR.—Your article on Baptists and the Bible Societies, in last week's VISITOR, is both instructive and timely. Surely, it is quite time that Baptists the world over, should understand that their Mission to the inhabitants of the world, cannot be fully accomplished by an amalgamation with Pedobaptists, either in Bible translation, or any other Pedobaptist book Society. Nor yet, in trying to please Pedobaptists, by not fully proclaiming in the pulpit, and through the press, those Bible truths, pure and simple, which have always distinguished the Baptists from all other people. In these days, the cry for "union" of all Christians, coming from certain denominations, is so loud and pathetic, that some good sympathetic Baptists have already, for the sake of uniting with Pedobaptists in revival meetings, and Sunday-schools, agreed to preach and teach, only such doctrine, as will not be objectionable to their Pedobaptist brethren. How much better it would be for such brethren, (and indeed) for the church and the world, if, when they are solicited to say nothing and teach nothing of Baptist doctrine (viz.) Bible doctrine, they would fearlessly follow the example of Peter and John, who, when they were prosecuted for preaching all the counsel of God, and commanded not to speak any more in the name of Jesus; replied, "Whether it be right in the sight of God, to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye, for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard, Acts 4:19-20. Baptists will prosper only in proportion as they seek to please God. And they will please God only, in so far as they believe, and obey his word, relying wholly upon the Holy Spirit for success. It is refreshing to find our denominational organs standing firm by the Bible. They have nothing to fear so long as that is their practice.

Re S. MORTON.  
Millville, April 8th 1881.

Some of our pastors have taken hold of our dollar VISITOR offer, and have sent us names. We would like to have a list from every pastor. Brethren make a little effort and thereby help spread the Christian and Baptist influence of the VISITOR. To you we reasonably look for help in this matter. Shall we have it? We hope each pastor will answer.

## Church News.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

SPRINGFIELD.—Since my last communication I baptized 4 more at Kinnear Settlement and others were received for baptism, making in all 31. The work seemed to be widening on all sides and we would have been glad to have continued the meetings, but I had to return to Springfield, where I baptized 8 last Sabbath and others are expected.

Bro. James Herriot, of Havelock, wishes to say to his numerous friends that he is well. He was able to attend some of the revival meetings at Kinnear and rendered us valuable assistance.

W. T. CORY.

GERMAIN ST.—Already an increasing religious interest is seen in the devotional meetings of the church.

CARLETON.—The revival in this church still continues with unabated interest. A number more have been received for baptism and several have united lately by letter. Bro. Hickson as well as the church, after a long season of work without much manifest result, greatly rejoice in the present signal product of these labors. Surely the bread cast on the waters in past days is now appearing. It is ours to toil on in hope. God will give the increase.

UPPER GAGETOWN.—The friends of Rev. F. S. Todd, comprising the Church and congregation of Upper Gagetown and Burton met at the parsonage on the evening of the 11th of March and presented their pastor with a purse containing \$60, and other articles to the value of \$30—making in all \$90.

The cause of God in this community is enjoying a refreshing from the presence of our esteemed Brother, Rev. F. S. Todd. Four persons have recently professed conversion and been baptized and received into the Church.

We are looking forward with no small degree of pleasure to the next annual meeting of the Western N. B. Baptist Association with our Church in June, next.

ALMA.—Our hearts have been cheered of late by the manifested presence of the Lord, who has condescended to give us "a little reviving" (Ez. 9:8); and to show that he has not altogether forsaken us. Some of the members of the Church here have been much quickened and the interest in the things of religion seems to be on the increase. Last Lord's Day, the 2d inst., I had the privilege of administering the ordinance of baptism for the first time in New Brunswick, and I expect to have a like enjoyment again before long if the Lord will.

We were quite agreeably surprised the other evening to have a barrel of Graham flour rolled in to us, a present from our highly esteemed Bro. E. G. Clinch, Esq. A few days previously a party of young men and boys took possession of our wood-house and did not leave till all the wood was made ready for the stove. Our cordial thanks are hereby tendered to those parties and to all others who have shown us kindness in a similar way.

Wishing you much prosperity in your onerous work. I. J. SKINNER.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

NORTH SYDNEY.—The Lord is still manifesting his saving power among us. Our meetings are continuing with unabated interest. The attendance is large, and a spirit of deep solemnity pervades the congregation. We have had no excitement, but a quiet, deep and powerful work is making steady progress. Last Sabbath was a good day for the Baptist cause here. An immense congregation assembled to witness the ordinance of baptism. Eight believers were baptized into Christ, and thirteen received into the church, three by statement and two by letter. After conducting meetings alone for six weeks, Rev. F. A. Kidson came to my assistance, and has rendered invaluable aid. We are expecting to receive more shortly.

J. W. BANCROFT.

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Orders will be received by the author at the above rates and filled about June 1st, '81.

## News Summary.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

Messrs. Kirk & Daniel's mill, Long wharf, Portland, commenced work on Monday morning. A raft of logs arrived on Saturday afternoon.

Friday's Portland, Me. Press has the following: Prof. Howe, who came here from New Brunswick, taught a private school at Mr. Greenwood's at Munjoy, and tried to sell a grammar, lately took to drinking, and assaulted Miss Greenwood, who is a delicate girl retarding her recovery from heart disease thereby some six months. He was arrested on Wednesday night for the offense, brought before the Municipal Court Thursday and bound over in \$300. He will go to jail while his family will have to be supported by charity.

On Saturday, Simeon Jones, Esq., was nominated for the mayoralty, the nominators being Messrs. W. F. Harrison, and G. W. Burbridge.

Schooner "Sea Foam" has loaded here with 65 cords of fire wood for Rockland, Maine. The wood came from Long Beach; this is the second cargo from that point this spring.

Large quantities of hay and potatoes are constantly being shipped from Woodstock for the Boston market, and railway sleepers are in fair demand. Additional cars are asked for from the New Brunswick and Canada Railroad.

An unknown man while intoxicated, attempted to cross the railway bridge on the New Brunswick railway at Rockway, near Edmundston, on Saturday last. He fell from the bridge and was killed. An inquest has been held.

In the Sunbury County election on Wednesday last for a representative in the Local House, Mr. White defeated Taylor by a majority of 239.

Thomas Wark, who stabbed Lawson on Water St. some five months ago, has at length been committed for trial in the county court.

The Wood Point Quarries recommenced the season's work with 10 men. Messrs. Roberts are negotiating in New York for a propeller, to carry cargoes by steam from Wood Point and Mary's Point to Boston, New York and other U. S. ports.

The steamer Dominion arrived in port on Sunday evening, and after discharging her cargo Monday morning, the hands were kept busy stowing in freight for Yarmouth and Boston. The freight consists principally of 1,000 barrels of potatoes, consigned to Boston dealers.

Messrs. Ross & Southwood have closed a contract for fitting up six Allan Line steamers with freezers for carrying fish and meat across to Great Britain this spring. These gentlemen fitted up two steamers the past winter, with freezers, for a firm in Amherst for the same purpose.—*Chatham Star*.

The Soulanges is ready to take advantage of the open water, and left for the Washademoak Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

Four flat cars, have been transformed into quite respectable looking box cars, at the G. S. works, Carleton. Two passenger cars are about completed at Harvis & Co's foundry. The active running of the road appears to be postponed until the mode of connection with the great New England lines shall be determined.

The case of C. E. Clinch & Sons vs. Stephenson & Gibbon, was argued before Judge Weldon last week. Judgment was deferred until July. This is an important case involving about \$10,000, in which considerable public interest has been manifested.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

A large and influential meeting of business men and others took place at Bridgewater on Saturday, to consider certain matters relative to the Nictaux & Atlantic Railway. The following gentlemen were appointed a delegation to proceed to Halifax at once, and confer with the Government in the interests of the completion of this road: Andrew Gow, Robert Hunter, F. B. Wade, James Curll, W. N. Nelson.

The vacancy in the Nova Scotia Legislative Council, caused by the retirement of Hon. R. Mc. Cutler, has been filled by the appointment of Wm. H. Owen, Q. C. of Bridgewater.

The Canada Temperance Act became law in Digby Co., on the 6th. This is the first time the privileges have been enjoyed in N. S. They are yet confined to a very small area. Before long other counties will be favored with its protection. In all the counties where it has been petitioned for, it has been carried by large majorities. Its force against the liquor traffic is much greater than its enemies anticipated, as the attempts made to strangle it in its infancy prove. Senator Almon's puerile pleas in favor of wine bibbers, do not represent the common sense of Nova Scotians. Our temperance friends must not forget that the law makes nothing perfect. The gospel of temperance must yet be preached.

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

It is said that a company will erect a potato starch factory at Mount Stewart, when a sufficient number of acres are subscribed by the farmers. A meeting was held in the hall of that place, when a committee was appointed to take the names of those willing to subscribe, and report at another meeting to be held in a few days.

On Tuesday last, the 5th inst., Lieut. Governor Haviland assented to thirty-six bills and prorogued the Legislature. The representatives will not go to the polls, as was at first supposed.

On or about the first of April a horse trot came off at Summerside, which was attended by many farmers and others from the surrounding settlement. Among those in attendance was Thomas Barlow, of Northam. Barlow saw the trot, took a glass or two, and repaired to one of the numerous dens in which rum is sold on the sly. A few hours later he was taken out "drunk and incapable," and lying on his sleight in this condition he was driven out of the town. When the sleigh arrived at his home, his friends on going to lift him off, found that he was dead.—*Ch't Examiner*.

Mayor Dawson has received Mr. Gilbert Murdoch's report on, and plans of water works for the city of Charlottetown. The report is a document of one hundred and thirty-four pages. It is said by those who perused it, to be a very able, and clearly shows that Charlottetown, with its present insufficient and polluted water supply, is physically in a dangerous position. It is the intention of the corporation to publish the report in pamphlet form, for the information of the citizens. The plans which accompany the report, show, firstly, the position of the water-works as they are to be laid in the city, with stop cocks and fire hydrant, and secondly, the four different sources from which a supply of water may be obtained, viz., Winter River, Curtis Dam, Gates Brook and Artesian wells—the last of which, however, he strongly condemns.—*Ch't Examiner*.

We have been informed that the house of Mr. Edward Clark, of Wilmot Valley, was on Wednesday evening last reduced to ashes. The fire originated from some defect in the flue, and for want of water nothing could be done to stay the flames, though the neighbors had gathered in force.

### UPPER PROVINCES.

The Canada Pacific Syndicate will commence work at an early date. They have already purchased half a million feet of lumber at Minneapolis and will shortly engage one thousand spans of horses and drivers to proceed to the North-West. A large number of navies from Europe will, it is expected, arrive out very shortly.

The Hebrew citizens of Toronto are preparing for the celebration of the Passover by importing large quantities of matzot, or unleavened bread, from New York. It is not made in Canada and a duty of 20 per cent, is imposed on the imported article. This is considered unjust by the Jewish importers, who claim that it is a necessity in connexion with the proper religious observance of the Passover.

It is reported that young cattle are dying on the St. Lawrence from a disease known as "blackfoot."

Freight room has been taken in Montreal for 10,000 head of cattle to be sent to Great Britain in May and June.

The St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway have purchased 1,000 tons of steel rails, which will be laid at an early date.

The Toronto licensed victuallers intend to assist their Hamilton friends in fighting the Scott Act. The President has just returned from Hamilton and says that the act will be defeated by 1,000 majority.

It is understood that the next issue of Government bank notes, in July, will be from Ottawa instead of Montreal.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

At four o'clock Thursday morning, a house standing on the bank of the Missouri River, near Parkville, occupied by a woman named Cardell and three children, was swept into the stream by the current. After floating down seven miles, the house was discovered by two hunters, who put out in a skiff, cut a hole in the roof and rescued the terrified inmates.

The new Czar has had one of his cousins arrested already on a charge of inciting to revolution.

At the trial of the Nihilists, at St. Petersburg, on Saturday, Assistant Prosecutor Muraviev strongly denounced the revolutionary doctrines and deeds avowed by the accused, demanding the severest penalty for all alike, and concluded by declaring that the fidelity of the people to the Imperial throne was unshaken, and that the efforts of the terrorist party in this direction had proved absolutely abortive. The prisoners listened unmoved. Jelaboff and Kibitschitsch took notes. At 5.30 in the afternoon recess was taken until 7 o'clock when the counsel for the defence spoke two hours. About 9 o'clock Jelaboff rose to speak in his own behalf. He was several times interrupted by the presiding judge. When Jelaboff finished the court asked the accused if they had any further defence to urge; they replied in the negative. The court retired on consultation and returned at 12.30 a.m. next morning. Twenty-four questions formulated for determination concerning the prisoner's guilt were then read. The Court again retired to consider a verdict. After three hours of deliberation they returned at 6.20 a.m., with a verdict of guilty against all, and the sentence was pronounced. Sophie Pleofsky's sentence will be submitted to the Czar for confirmation because she is of noble birth.

Brigands near Salonica, Constantinople, have captured an Englishman and demand £15,000 ransom for him. The man is Mr. Suter, manager of the Opmelia mines, near Mount Athos.

The Bey of Tunis has invoked the protection of the Porte against France.

A despatch from Chios to the Times says a medical commission is now sitting to consider the expediency of covering the rubbish in the fortresses with earth, as there is no hope of saving any lives, and the disinfectant of the dead might produce an epidemic. It is believed that throughout the Island, which contained 70,000 inhabitants, six or seven thousand were killed, and a quarter of the survivors were wounded. French, British, United States and Austrian gun vessels in the harbor are doing all in their power to assist the authorities in the work of relief. Only 10 inhabitants of Chios were killed, but many houses are in ruins, and 30,000 people are without shelter.

Prince Pierre Napoleon died at Versailles, on Friday, of gout.

The Princess of Wales has departed from St. Petersburg for home. The Duchess of Edinburgh will remain there for a few days longer.

Parnell speaking at Birmingham, Saturday, said he would consult his colleagues and give the Land League's view of the Land Bill in a speech at Cork on Sunday. Though the bill fell far short of their programme, namely the abolition of landlordism, he would, he said, welcome amelioration of the lot of tenant farmers.

The Times confirms the report that Lord Carlington will succeed the Duke of Argyll.

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