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THE VISITOR FOR 1882.

In January 1848, the CHRISTIAN VISITOR was established by Rev. E. D. Very, who remained its Editor till his lamented death in June 1852. The Rev. I. E. Bill then became Editor of the paper, and with editorial help from different brethren, held the position till 1876, when Rev. George Armstrong became Editor. The present Editor entered upon his duties in May 1878, and so is closing the fourth year of editorial cares, which are not few, and from an experience of which he can say in many respects are not to be coveted. The VISITOR now closing its 34th volume, has done much for the cause of religion, morality and good government. Its record is in the hearts of many whose lives it has moulded for good.

We have endeavored to make the paper subservient to the interest of true Christianity, vital godliness, and human good. The faith of Baptists has been maintained, and illustrated in the spirit and letter of our motto: "Hold fast the form of sound words." We have not the vanity to hope that all have been pleased. It was not possible for the Lord to do this, but for the loyalty of our purpose to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, we put in the strongest of claims, and shall hold the VISITOR true to the mission for which it was started. To build up the interests of Christ's Kingdom, at home and abroad, to provide a medium for the communication of religious intelligence among our churches, to encourage all to work for the uplifting of man in moral and religious life, as well as the dissemination of general knowledge the VISITOR continues to exist, and seeks the continued help of its friends in widening its mission.

The Editor has engaged for the coming year, some of the best writers in the Dominion, and is gratified to inform his patrons that the VISITOR is to be for 1882, still more worthy of their patronage.

A new Serial of special interest will enliven the VISITOR the present year.

We also have arranged to have Spurgeon's Sermons appear more frequently, as we find the demand for them is increasing.

The general news of the week is to be given much more fully, than in former years, not by enlarging the space, but by having it rewritten and condensed, so that every event of importance occurring in the world will be given in the VISITOR each week. This will make the paper especially desirable for those who take only one paper.

A WORD TO OUR BRETHREN OF THE CHURCHES.—We crave your continued help, and in view of the importance of the VISITOR, to the well being of our churches, we ask you to get us each an additional subscriber, and for this additional subscriber with the subscription \$2.00, we will send you either of our Sunday-school Papers, one year post paid, or give you a book present post paid. We have been to great expense in establishing the VISITOR publishing business on a firm basis, and it will be pleasing to you to know that never before have we received so many subscribers in the same time, as the last three months. Let the work go on. Our best thanks are due for all kind words of encouragement and help, and we shall try to make all our papers, more worthy of the patronage accorded them.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

This phrase in the New Testament has different meanings. Sometimes it refers to the home of the redeemed: "Many shall come from the east and from the West—and sit down in the Kingdom of God." Sometimes it refers to the Empire of Christ, in the hearts of his people collectively: "The Kingdom of God is not meat or drink, but righteousness, and peace, and

joy, in the Holy Ghost." In other places it means the Empire which Christ has established in the heart of an individual Christian. For instance, Jesus said to the Pharisees: "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation—it is within you." These three meanings are related in an ascending series. The one includes the other, just as a County is included in a Province, and a Province in a Dominion. He who has the Kingdom of God within him, is a part of the other two.

The great concern of man should be, to be a subject of the Kingdom. It should be made the goal of life's aim. Other things such as riches and honors, have been sought, exclusively by some, and too late they have mourned their folly. Wolsey, Henry the eighth's, Lord Chancellor is made to say: "Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my King, he would not in mine age, have left me naked to mine enemies." Many have practiced the same folly, and reaped similar results.

We hear much in this day about policies of protection and free trade. Great efforts are put forth to effect political ends. Mammoth meetings, monster pic-nics, magnificent receptions are accorded political leaders. The press is subsidized, and where this cannot be affected, it is created, and no stone is left unturned, that victory may be secured. This may all be well enough, providing the agitators have first secured the citizenship from above; but it seems terribly out of place that these efforts should be made in disregard of the Savior's injunction: "Seek first the Kingdom of God." Duty demands that divine orders be not reversed.

And a concern of almost equal moment is that each one should seek to be a wealthy subject of the Kingdom. Christianity recognizes the differences made by wealth in this world. It does not favor communism or agrarian outrage. Jesus preached his gospel to the poor, and a rich man of Arimathea assisted in his burial. The rich and poor will be distinctions in the human family till that world is reached, where all are Kings and Priests unto God.

In the spiritual realm in this world there are differences. Some seem ever to be in the valley of Baca, and in Doubting Castle. God has, however, made provision for a rich Christian experience. All ought to advance to the rejoicing point. The prodigal clothed, feasted, and adorned, could not but rejoice in his father's home. The saved sinner, clad in the righteousness of Christ, feeding on His word, and adorned by His grace, ought to make the years of his earthly pilgrimage resound with songs of rejoicing. God is more honored in hallowed joy, than in bitter tears. Rejoice in the Lord ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

THE CANADIAN RECORD ENLARGED.

—The January number of this popular religious, missionary and Sabbath-school monthly, will be enlarged to ten pages. All the friends of Foreign Missions, the teachers and members of adult classes, in our Sunday schools, and the people generally, who desire healthful reading at a small price, ought to have this inspiring little paper. Send for sample copies gratis. Get up clubs of five and more, at the reduced rate of 30 cents. Send money in registered letter or post office order, with the names. In Nova Scotia if more convenient remit to Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., Annapolis, otherwise to Rev. J. E. Hopper, St. John. No pains will be spared by Editors or Publisher, to make this monthly really first class. Send us 50 cents and try it for one year.

Rev. Mr. COULTS presents a strong plea in the Canadian Baptist in favor of a missionary for the North West Territory. In these Maritime Provinces something ought to be done for the Great North West. This matter should be considered by the Home Mission Board and Convention, and some action taken this year. A hundred dollars spent now

will accomplish more than a thousand a score of years hence.

THE Canadian Baptist has a Maritime Province correspondent, who correctly estimates the Educational difficulty, which has ruffled the peace of certain brethren recently. He says it is simply a misunderstanding—that the N. B. brethren are about to resuscitate their Seminary as a feeder to Acadia College and not as a rival. Is it possible for our brethren to see this, or are they determined to misrepresent their brethren? We want to help Acadia in a way that is practical and effective. Some however who are connected with the system of Provincial Education, which in this Province embraces a Provincial University have no words of warning to utter when our young men go to it, but their cries are long and loud, if anyone should seek through a Baptist Seminary, to divert this tide of students to Acadia. Truly: "Consistency thou art a jewel." Why do some on one side of the Bay of Fundy, talk up State Education, and on the other side Denominational. We wish to whisper loud in the ears of our educational authorities, that the only hope of saving N. B. to Acadia College, lies in the securing of a Seminary in this Province, which will gather in Baptist boys, and educate them in the line of Acadia Matriculation. If this be not done, the irresistible current of present events will land most N. B. Baptists, who get an education in the N. B. University. This we don't want to see, but we are amazed that some who ought to see the trend of things, do not, and are satisfied with Acadia educating on an average, one and one half N. B. students a year.

THE most of the U. S. Baptist newspapers which noticed the death of Dr. Cramp, did so in from two to three lines, and some of them in that space managed to make a mistake. This reminds us of a statement of "the great-wide-awake" newspaper, which in refusing to exchange with a Canadian paper said: "That papers published so far from the great centres, were of no use." The denominational press of our neighbors might have gleaned a few facts from us, concerning a man who was the peer of their best. But we are reminded again that all the narrowness and ignorance of the outside world is not, as U. S. papers would sometimes have us believe, in England alone.

As it has been asserted that the phonographer who made our Convention Report was influenced to make it favorable to certain parties, we deem it but just to the gentleman as a professional reporter, and to ourselves to publish the following statement:

I hereby certify, that I made the Phonographic Report of the Yarmouth Baptist Convention, as a professional reporter, without any dictation from the Editor of the VISITOR or any other party.

W. C. EVERETT.

We are sometimes asked as to the character of the advertisements we publish. We have to say that we endeavor to admit only those that are apparently reliable. We reject all spirituous liquor and gambling &c. advertisements. As to patent medicines we do not endorse or censure any of them. They all have their friends and our patrons must judge for themselves.

Rev. J. R. MASON, D. D. of Fryeburg, Me., has spent two Sundays with the Union St., Congregational church, and has received a unanimous call to the pastorate. This is a worthy church, and we hear the best of reports concerning Dr. Mason.

BEAUTIFUL Calender Book Marks with the S. S. Lessons for 1882 for sale at VISITOR Book Store for 5 cents each.

For the Visitor.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT ACADIA.

It scarcely ever storms upon any public day, in connection with our Institutions at Wolfville; but last

Thursday brought with it the most disagreeable weather imaginable. Notwithstanding this, a good audience assembled in College Hall, in the afternoon, to hear the closing exercises of the Academy and Seminary. Of the character of these exercises the reader may judge, when we say that the expectations excited by the following excellent programme were fully realized.

- PROGRAMME. Piano Duett—Overture to Martha Floton. Misses Ruhland and Masters. Essay—Ill blows the wind that profits Nobody. H. H. Hall. Recitation—Marguerite Whittier. Miss Eva Andrews. Piano Solo—Song without words Mendelssohn. Miss Bessie J. Robbins. Essay—Decisive Battlefields. Miss Ida Jones. Reading—The Old Man at School. Oliver Miller. Piano Solo—Ful Elise Beethoven. Miss Ida McLellan. Essay—Education Gordon Locke. Reading—"Jane Conquest." Miss Bessie J. Robbins. Piano Solo—Polaucia Weber. Recitation—After the Burial. Holmes. W. V. Davies. Essay—Well Begun is Half Done. Miss Emma Leck. Vocal Duette—I would that my Love Mendelssohn. Misses Robbins and Clinch. Recitation—French. Austin DeBlois. Recitation—Little Goldenhair. Miss Helen Read. Piano Solo—Military Polonaise Chopin. Miss Alice Hamilton.

As the day advanced, the storm increased, and the Juniors were agreeably surprised when in the evening a large audience assembled at their Rhetorical Exhibition. The following was the

- PROGRAMME. Prayer. Adam Smith's Influence on the Modern Industrial World. T. Sherman Rogers, Amherst. Republicanism in France and in the United States. D. Spurgeon Whitman, New Albany. The Influence of the Thinker on his Age. J. Wallace Corey, Cole's Island, N. B. Nihilism in Russia. Joseph S. Lockhart,* Lockhartville. Music. The Augustan Age. Clarence W. Bradshaw, Centreville, P. E. I. Art in Relation to Strength. Barclay E. L. Tremaine,* Halifax. The Uses of Biography. Charles W. Williams, Wolfville. Music. Alexander at Arbela. Herbert R. Weston, Wolfville. The Crusades. A. Lewis Powell,* Amherst. Gladstone and Beaconsfield. C. Osborne Tupper, Amherst. Music. Venice. William C. Goucher, Truro. Tennyson's Ideals. O. C. S. Wallace, New Canada. Music. National Anthem.

*Excused. In dealing with their subjects, the young men fully sustained the reputation, earned by former classes. The music was furnished by a select choir of young ladies and gentlemen from the Institutions, under the direction of Miss Flora Harding. After the exercises of the class, several of the Governors of the College, and other gentlemen present made appropriate and interesting addresses.

IN GENERAL.

The next term opens, Thursday, Jan. 5. The work accomplished in all departments, during the past season, has been very satisfactory. The attendance at the Seminary, when compared with that of last year shows a most encouraging increase. Dr. Schurman is at Cambridge. He is spending his vacation in reading, making use of the Harvard University Library.

Church News.

P. E. ISLAND.

TRURO.—The new Baptist church in Albany was dedicated on the 27th ult. Rev. Wm. Bradshaw, A. B. preached, at 11 a.m., an eloquent and appropriate sermon from the 84 Ps. 1 verse: in the evening the pastor preached from John 4: 24. Collections during the day amounted to \$35.00. The debt on our mission house of \$180.00 has been wiped out. Financially the church is doing nobly. We have three good meeting houses a comfortable parsonage all free of debt. We are holding special services in the new church in Albany and are looking and praying for spiritual prosperity. Death has invaded our ranks and removed two of our most zealous members Bro. and Sister Howatt. Both died of consumption on the same day and were carried to the grave at the same time. Bro. Lavers preached in Bedouque and Summerside last Sabbath. We hope he may be induced to remain on the Island where there are so many fields destitute of pastors. Truly yours, E. B. C.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

WOODSTOCK.—The Albert St. Baptist Church have recently held a successful Bazaar and secured enough to

pay for carpeting their new church edifice.

UPPER PROVINCES.

A new Baptist meeting house was dedicated at Welland last Sabbath.

The 2nd Cramake Church, under pastor Ainsworth, is enjoying a graceful revival.

A baptism at Lakefield, and one at Collingwood are reported in the last Baptist.

Rev. E. D. Sherman has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Delta, Farmersville, and Phillipsville churches.

The 5th anniversary of the W. M. A. S. of Paris, was celebrated on the 5th inst., by presenting a farewell address to Bro. and sister McLaurin, missionaries, who are about to sail for India.

Correspondence.

LETTER FROM MRS. CHURCHILL.

THE following letter, received by Mrs. March, though not intended for publication, will, nevertheless, be eagerly read by all lovers of our mission work, as it reveals very tenderly the peculiar trials of our sister in her far off heathen home. Let prayers and contributions be freely given to sustain her in this work which Jesus dignified with his self-sacrificing toil.

Bobbilly, Oct. 17th, 1881.

MY DEAR MRS. MARCH.—I was going to write, the Lord has dealt hard with us, since I last wrote you, but are not all His dealings with us in love and mercy, though we may not be able to understand them thus? We must believe they are, and wait till by and bye to understand them.

Dear little Willie, my precious, noble boy, will never send another kiss to "Aunt May," the sweet little lips that kissed the paper the last time I wrote, are cold and stiff, and silent forever.

O my dear sister, I cannot tell you how this terrible sorrow pressed upon me, and has ever since that dreadful night, Sep. 10th. It seems sometimes as if it would crush my life out, and I should only get rest in the grave. Dear sister, pray for me, I can't seem to get hold of the Lord as I ought to, and as I want to. I cannot feel as if it was He who did it, or if it was, I cannot feel that He did it in love, and that now he pities me and sympathizes with me in my sorrow as I want to. Mr. C. and I have been very ill ever since Willie was taken, and only just getting around again, and we are so weak.

I must tell you a little experience I have had, to show how differently the Lord deals with us sometimes from what we expect. Seven weeks ago last Friday morning, I awoke early, and the first thought was, "another day to work for Jesus," &c. I prayed, that He would give me something special to do, and I felt he was going to. I had a feeling that I was sure He had something special for me to do for him. The thought came of some work that I always dread very much, and I was going to say, "O not that Lord," but I said, "yes, even that, for thou givest it to me to do, Thou give the strength to do it." I was dressing when some one came to the window and called me to come quickly, one of my Zenna women was very ill. I hurried, getting out such medicine and instruments as I thought I might need, and hastened to her house, only to find her lying cold and dead on the floor of her room, and a new born infant beside her. The shock to my nerves and feelings was terrible, and as there was nothing for me to do, I came home again. And as I was starting for school, saw them bringing the body on a cart, covered with a mat, and the husband's father walking before it with a pot of smoking coals to set fire to the funeral pyre.

In the afternoon Soyannah and I went out and visited some Brahmin women, and tried to use this sudden event to get them to think of something beside their rice and jewels. That night I had a little fever, but attended to my work the next day as usual, still looking for this special work which I could not but believe the Lord had for me to do for him. On Sunday morning while at Sunday school, I took fever, came home and had a very bad attack indeed, and was sick most all the week. Mr. C. was away at Chicacole, and very ill at the same time. The next Monday, I went to school again, that day my housekeeper took fever, so I was shut up to stay at home, and that night my children took fever. Willie was worse on Wednesday. That night Mr. C. got home and received a joyful welcome from us all. On Friday he was worse again, and on Saturday night at 11 o'clock, the darling died. On Sunday Mr. C. had to work all the forenoon in getting his coffin made.

O, it was so hard for him, with sorrow in his heart, and it was much for him in his weak state, by time they lowered the coffin into grave he was so ill he had to come the house and go to bed. That we both took fever again, and were not able to wait on each other. helpers did all they could for us, at last wrote for Mr. Sanford, for feared there would be other needed. By the time Mr. San got here we were a little better, he remained a few days, and about an after he left Miss Hammond came. No two people were ever more come anywhere, than this brother sister in Bobbilly. In a few days C. took worse, and I was so than to have Miss H. with me. When got a little better I took worse, suffered excruciating pains in my for over a week could do nothing lay on my bed or chair, for every move aggravated the pain. We became a little better our sister thought she must go back to her and we sorrowfully let her go.

Thus you see seven weeks has passed, my dear sister, and I think have found out the special work Lord had for me. Neither to sow grain or to reap, but to sorrow suffer, and shall I murmur? He knows best. "Choose Thou father for me," I shall still say.

Truly yours, A. W. SAWYER.

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DEAR EDITOR,—Your readers have no doubt, will be pleased learn that the Governors of the College, at their meeting this week, view of the fact that several individuals had expressed a willingness subscribe to a Professorship in Theological Department, to be named in honor of Rev. Charles Tupper, D., voted to accept these subscriptions subject to the condition mentioned, and directed their treasurer open an account with the Rev. Charles Tupper Professorship, credit to it all moneys paid in this object, and to keep the amount invested under its appropriate designation. The sum necessary to fund the Professorship is \$20,000. I understand that the pledges already taken with some donations received last June, amount to one fifth of a sum. Here is a definite and worthy object set before the churches. The founding of such a Professorship would be a most fitting expression of our respect and affection for one who for half a century of active service was foremost in all departments of our denominational work. We should we not expect a spontaneous expression of feeling that will promote the immediate completion of the Professorship.

The report of the financial agent encouraging. He informs us that interest in the various denomination objects increases just in proportion knowledge concerning them extends. The churches are accepting "the Convention plan," and there is a reasonable prospect of a large increase the annual contributions. But we are weak at one point. The old habit of the churches to make their collection a short time before the meeting of Associations leaves the treasurers the Boards without supplies for eight or nine months of the year. The practice is attended with many serious evils. We cannot have much success until the churches distribute the contributions more evenly through the year. The autumn and the early part of the winter are clearly a better time for gathering money for the various public objects than May or June. The financial agent is laboring to introduce a better method of collecting funds. If he succeeds in this, he will accomplish a great good.

The financial responsibilities of the Board were patiently considered, and vigorous efforts will be made during the remainder of the Convention year to increase the income of the College. A committee, appointed for the purpose, presented an appropriate expression of feeling on the part of the members of the Board in view of the death of Rev. Dr. Cramp, which was inserted in the records.

As some of the committee appointed to nominate a Professor for the Science department were not present the appointment was deferred till the meeting in June, and the executive committee were directed to make provision for instruction in that department for the next term.

In closing, I may add that the prospect is hopeful for all the departments here for the session which will open on the 5th of January.

Truly yours, A. W. SAWYER.

Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 17, 1881.

THE ROAD TO TELUGU LAND.

SOUTHWARD, HO!

Lord Mayor's day—Nov. 9th—London, is one of unusual excitement. To-day the Lord Mayor's show, that August procession inaugurated of old, holds possession of the city, and for it the streets must be cleared of all traffic,—no easy task in such a city. When the narrowness of the main thoroughfares, the