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ACADIA COLLEGE AND HORTON ACADEMY MEMORIAL VOLUME.

The long looked for jubilee volume has made its appearance from the publishing house of Dawson Bros., Montreal. It contains the following memoranda:

ADDRESS BY THE REV. E. A. CRAWLEY, D.D.

The rise and Progress of Higher Education in Connection with the Baptist Denomination in the Maritime Provinces.

ADDRESS BY THE REV. J. M. CRAMP, D.D. Sketches of the Religious History of Acadia College and Horton Academy.

THE VAUGHAN PRIZE ESSAY, BY ALBERT COLDWELL, A.M.

History of Acadia College.

RECORDS OF STUDENTS AND GRADUATES OF ACADIA COLLEGE,

by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A.M., B. H. Eaton, Esq., A.M., Herbert C. Creed, A.M., Albert Coldwell, A.M.

LISTS OF GRADUATES OF ACADIA COLLEGE,

with several appendices of historical character.

The printer has done his work tolerably well and we have a valuable volume of 260 pages, which will answer most queries of an historical character concerning the rise and progress of Higher Education among the Baptists of Nova Scotia. We regret that some one had not been secured to supply a chapter concerning the same work in N. B. That however, remains to be added, and it will be found not unworthy of its kindred when its turn comes to be chronicled.

The subjects are all well presented though there is rather more repetition than otherwise would be allowable, owing to the different themes discussed overlapping each other. In the record of graduates there is a strange lack of data concerning some that might easily have been supplied, and a diffuseness of detail concerning others that indicates bias.

The Episcopalians began the work of Higher Education in these Maritime Provinces, but they drove the masses from their schools by their demand for subscription to the 39 Articles. Later on, the Presbyterians began an Academy at Pictou, which has never grown beyond a preparatory school. The Baptists began their work in 1828 and in addition to the names of the Old Fathers in the ministry, who warmly entered into the work, the names of Nutting, Ferguson and Judge Johnston stand out prominently. An Academy was opened in 1829 with Asabel Chapin as principal. He was succeeded by Dr. Pryor. Dalhousie College which in the mean time had been built, and partially endowed by Provincial funds was opened, and Dr. Crawley applied for a chair, but his application was rejected, and none but Presbyterians were appointed. In this juncture Baptists resolved to establish a College of their own, and action was taken with this end in view in 1838. In 1841, efforts were made to erect suitable college buildings, and largely through the untiring energy of Prof. Chipman, assisted by Dr. Crawley, the old College Edifice was erected by donations of material and work.

The providing of means to sustain an efficient college was a heavy tax on our fathers, and frequently the Managing Committee had to report a heavy debt. Revd's Bill, Pryor, Francis, Thompson, D. Freeman, Chase, Wallace and others had to do

agency work and plead the claims of the "Child of Providence." Sad reverses the College met in the drowning of Prof. Chipman, in the loss of a large amount of endowment in an American speculation, and in the retirement of Doctors Crawley and Pryor from the teaching staff. In 1857 Dr. Cramp was invited to the Presidency, and his coming proved to be the greatest blessing this "School of the Prophets" has ever had. Under his leadership, seconded by the able management of the finances by John Bars, Esq., the College entered upon an era of prosperity that has been continuous. Dr. Cramp continued in active service till 1869 when he resigned. He still lives near the college and is as wrapped up in all that pertains to its welfare as when with elastic step and keen mental energy he did the work of two instructors. Dr. Sawyer who succeeded Dr. Cramp as President, is to be congratulated upon his aggressive and yet wisely conservative management of the interest intrusted to him. He has surrounded himself with a most efficient corps of instructors and superintended the erection of spacious and elegant Collegiate and Academic Buildings. Acadia never was so well equipped and around her there never clustered warmer or brighter hopes. Provincial grants may be withdrawn, but the affection of the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces will never be withdrawn from a school for which they have prayed so long and sacrificed so much. No surrender! will be the rallying cry of our Baptist Israel all over these Provinces in view of the withdrawal of the help formerly given by the government to Higher Education.

The reading of this memorial volume cannot but inspire our people with worthy motives and incite them to benevolent acts in this critical hour of our Educational History.

RESIGNATION OF REV. DR. DAY.

This indefatigable pastor and worker for all our denominational interests has tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the first Yarmouth Baptist Church after thirteen years of service. At the invitation of this church Dr. Day left the practice of medicine in this city in December 1867, and after supplying the church 3 months, received a unanimous call and accepted it in May 1868. The first year of his pastorate resulted in the reception of 52 members. Each year has witnessed indications of the divine blessing. Some 260 in all having been added to the Church during his pastorate making an average per year of 20 persons. During that time two new churches have been formed from the old one, two new meeting houses have been built, and a large organ and new vestry provided for the mother church. He says: "During my pastorate I have preached in Yarmouth more than 1200 sermons and attended more than that number of devotional meetings. I have buried nearly 200 persons and married 274."

Dr. Day has not only done a great work for Yarmouth but his labor in connection with Home Missions and the Convention Scheme is among the best work of his life. Largely to him the denomination is indebted for the unification of its work. He found several Home Mission Societies and worked till now there is one whose animating spirit has to a great degree been himself. As a member of the Finance Committee of the Denomination he has persistently pushed its claims, and judiciously urged all the objects of the scheme. In this connection we wish (and we are not singular in the desire) that Dr. Day could be induced to devote some time to the presentation of this scheme, and we hope that the fact of his being a member of the Finance Committee will not deter the remainder of the committee, or cause him to shrink from the appointment. We know of no one who could with more propriety undertake the work, or who would be more likely to receive a cordial reception from our churches and people everywhere.

Dr. Day's address for the present will be Yarmouth, N. S.

ACADIA ANNIVERSARY.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors Monday evening May 29th. Public examinations of the Academy and Seminary will be held Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon, Public Rhetorical Exercises of the two Institutions will be held Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Schurman will deliver a lecture on Carlyle under the auspices of the Alumni Society Wednesday evening. The Anniversary Exercises proper will be held Thursday morning June 2nd, and the Alumni Dinner will be given in Acadia Hall at the close. The Music for the Anniversary will be furnished by a choir from this city under the direction of Miss Prudie Hartt. On the evening of Thursday a concert will be given by the same choir.

It is exceedingly desirable to have a good attendance. The Steamer Empress will leave this city Wednesday morning June 1st at 8 o'clock connecting with Railway at Annapolis by which those desiring to attend the Anniversary will reach Wolfville in time for Dr. Schurman's lecture Wednesday evening. They can return again Saturday. The fare for return will be about \$5.00.

THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The "May meetings" of the Baptists are held in April. The Union began its annual session in Bloomsbury Chapel April 25. The attendance was not large. Dr. Trestrail the retiring President in a few words introduced his successor in office, the Rev. Henry Dowson, a "strict" Baptist. If we remember correctly this is the first time that a "strict" or as we should say a regular Baptist has filled the Presidents chair. After a deputation from the Baptist Union of Scotland was received, the President announced the theme of his inaugural address to be: "Our Union in connection with the first principles of Divine truth." On motion of Dr. Landells the Rev. J. J. Brown was chosen Vice President. The Union is growing in favor with our churches. More accurate statistics are being gathered, and its financial operations are in a healthier state. We shall have something to say about the anniversary meetings of the Bible Translation Society, Tebania Mission, Missionary Society and other of our brethren's benevolent works next week.

There is a rumor that Dr. Welton is to be offered a chair in the Toronto Baptist College. He will meet the demand for a competent Hebrew Professor, but what will the Governors of Acadia have to say about it. We ought to strengthen our Theological Department if we continue it, otherwise it would be the next best thing to put one or two of our best men into the Toronto College and seek there our Theological training so far as a full course is concerned. It is unfair to Dr. Welton and his venerable associate to think of carrying on the Department without reinforcing the staff and making permanent provision for support. We must advance in some direction.

Rev. Dr. Crawford, President of Prairie College, Manitoba intends, (D. V.), attending our next Maritime Convention at Yarmouth. He is engaged in a somewhat novel work, viz., the maintenance of a college by the work of its students. He reports considerable success, and thinks that possibly some Maritime Province Baptists might be disposed to help their brethren in the Prairie Province to secure a training for their sons and daughters and especially for the ministry.

The Associational Blank Letters have been mailed to all the Churches. Let the Pastor and Clerk begin early to gather accurate and full statistics. Our deficiency in this respect in the past has been great. Short and pertinent letters are what are needed, fewer sentences meaning nothing, less stereotyped expressions and more correct and full statistics. Brethren see to this and save much valuable time besides furnishing data to make satisfactory minutes.

It is reported that Rev. Alexander McLaren, D. D. of Manchester, is dangerously sick. We trust he may be restored to the Church of Christ. He is one of the most distinguished of living preachers. He is an old student of Regent's Park College, and it was the desire of the founders of the Lecturship in connection with Crozier Seminary to have him deliver the course next year.

REV. E. M. SAUNDERS has resigned the pastorate of Granville St. church, Halifax, after a service of over thirteen years. The Messenger in referring to this resignation says: "Our relations have been most cordial and happy, and we much regret that they should be disturbed."

WILLIAM BUCKNELL of Philadelphia, has offered Lewisburg \$50,000 on certain conditions, among which are these, that the Trustees raise before November next a similar sum. Would that Acadia had now such a man to step to the front and inspire her sons.

REV. DR. LORIMER has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church Chicago, and accepted that of the Michigan Avenue. Now we shall hope to hear of prosperity in that church which hitherto has had such a checkered history.

MR. SPURGEON has at last been prevailed upon to seek a change of scene, and he will, for the benefit of his health, take a trip up the Nile, accompanied by one or two of the deacons of the Tabernacle.

THE Rev. F. J. Bartlett, a graduate of Tufts College and pastor of the Universalists church in Chicopee, Mass., has recently become a Baptist and entered Newton Theological Seminary.

REV. MR. GIFFORD pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist Church avows his belief that the contribution box is as sacred as the cup of the Lord's Supper. Loving and giving are inseparable.

REV. DR. DALE, the author of three volumes on Baptism, died recently, aged 69 years.

DR. DAWSON is now delivering the Crozier Lectures on Monastic and Agnostic Speculations.

REV. W. F. ARMSTRONG is in New England showing his stereopticon views.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK. GERMAIN ST.—Rev. W. M. Weeks baptized 8 candidates on Sunday.

ZION CHURCH.—Rev. W. P. Everett, pastor of Zion Church, baptized one candidate, in Germain Street Church baptistery, on Sabbath last.

HARVEY.—The Church is now repairing their Meeting House, and at present are worshipping in the Methodist Chapel.

ST. STEPHEN.—Rev. Thos. Todd closed his labors in St. Stephen, last week, and removed to Woodstock. Bro. Todd has a fine farm adjoining that growing town and he intends erecting a suitable residence, and while retiring from the duties of the active pastorate he will, nevertheless, preach as opportunity may offer. Bro. Todd has been very successful in the ministry, and doubtless many years of usefulness yet remain to him.

CALEDONIA.—The little Baptist Church in Caledonia has been passing under a cloud for years. Wandering and declensions have been her sad experience. During the winter and spring, some of her members have been earnestly praying and pleading for mercy. A rent has been made in the thick cloud, and in the midst of wrath, God has remembered mercy and light is appearing. There is a much better state of feeling in the church. Some have professed their faith in the Lord Jesus—four have been buried with Christ in baptism and united with the Church. Others are saying pray for us, may God in his mercy bless them abundantly.

T. A. B.

ROCKLAND.—I have recently made a visit to Beaufort a new settlement on the head waters of the Miramichi

River situated about 25 miles from Hartland, it contains about 21 families, quite a number of them from St. John. We found some praying ones who were looking anxiously for a visit from some of God's servants. We held a few meetings with them; the brethren and sisters were much revived. On the 10th inst. we gathered at the beautiful waters of the south branch of Miramichi River where we administered the ordinance of Christian baptism to 2 believers, one, the head of a family whose faithful wife had long prayed for his conversion, who at length was led to rejoice in seeing her prayers answered. We found some few baptist who want a Church organized in that place; we have deferred the matter until June, in the meantime a Sabbath School and prayer meeting has been organized. It is anticipated that this settlement will extend until it connects with Tobique River settlement, as the land is said to be of an excellent quality all the way through.

Yours truly, A. H. HAYWARD.

WELDFORD, KENT CO.—I have returned home from N. S. to remain. Have had some seasons of refreshing during my stay there; have been visiting some of the brethren, and preached for several of them. Spent two Sabbaths at Dawson's Settlement, had a very good time (with the exception that Bro. Hopper was sick part of the time). The church was somewhat revived, and some good impressions were made. I spent yesterday here and enjoyed a very good time trying to preach Christ to the people. Weldford is an acquiring little place, the Baptist church is small but is struggling on.—S. SMITH.

BRUSSET ST.—At a recent meeting this church appointed two deacons, viz., James Dumaresq and E. W. Elliott. The church edifice has been for several weeks undergoing repairs, and by a recent resolution it has been decided to make quite extensive alterations inside and out. Already a transept in the rear has been erected for the accommodation of the choir and pipe organ. It is arched to the ceiling of the main edifice. The galleries are to be partially cut off, the ceiling and walls frescoed and the entire interior of the building painted. The vestibule is to be made new and the outside of the building re-painted. The iron fence is to be renewed and painted and the lot put in neat appearance. A new speaker's platform has been built with baptistery beneath, and a suitable pulpit and chairs are to be procured. The organ is now undergoing extensive repairs by a competent gentleman brought here for the purpose, and his verdict is, that the instrument, which is of English manufacture, is a good one. It is hoped that these repairs will be completed by the first of June. The congregation now worships in the vestry, and though uncomfortably crowded, yet forgets not the old church and her past history of usefulness.

TRURO.—Rev. J. E. Goucher baptized 4 converts Sabbath before last and others are expected to follow their Lord soon in obedience to his command.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Since last writing we have enjoyed continued tokens of the Lord's favor. We have administered the ordinance of baptism twice since last reported. On Sabbath morning the 17th of April, two young converts followed their Master in baptism. Last Sabbath eight more happy believers were buried with Christ in baptism. The church is much revived and strengthened by the addition to her numbers. Twenty-six have been added by baptism besides six others.

J. W. BANCROFT.

HANTSPOUR.—The Ministerial Conference of Kings and Hants Counties met here on 3rd inst. Rev. Dr. Sawyer gave a lecture upon "Congregationalism in New England" and Dr. Welton one upon "The Guarantees of a successful Ministry." Both papers were enjoyed by all present. They were discussed by Rev. D. Freeman, Isaiah Wallace, E. Whitman, F. Beattie and others. Recent additions to churches were reported: Summerville 18; Hantsport 4, Windsor 5. Rev. F. Beattie preached acceptably in the evening.

P. E. ISLAND.

NORTH RIVER.—We are having abundant evidence that "The Lord of hosts is with us." Yesterday seventeen received the right hand of fellowship with the church; fourteen of whom were baptized in the morning, into the likeness of Christ's death, in the presence of a large and respectful gathering of people. Encouragement comes from every quarter that more are on the way.

C. C. BURGESS.

UPPER PROVINCES.

From the Canadian Baptist we note the following baptisms:—2nd Dorchester, 1; Whitevale, 1; Bureau, 2; Parkhill and McGillivray, 5;

Eversdale, 2; Binbrook and Caledonia, 2; Lindsay, 11; 2nd Lobo, 1; Rockland, 1; Ottawa, 41;

Correspondence.

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

For the Visitor.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND NO. 10.

YORK TOWN, SURREY, ENGLAND.

April 21, 1881.

DEATH OF LORD BEACONSFIELD.

The Earl of Beaconsfield died at his London residence in Curzon street, on Tuesday morning, April 19th, at half past four o'clock.

Men of all classes and all creeds will agree that one of the greatest political leaders of his generation passed away. Over his bitter political antipathy and party difference will be forgotten; and his opponents less than his adherents will lay tribute to their admiration to the genius of the great conservative statesman.

There is some doubt about the date and place of the birth of Benjamin D'Israeli, Earl of Beaconsfield. It is generally supposed the event occurred on December 21st, 1804, Bloomsbury Square, London, though there are rival claims to the honor. He will thus have died in the 77th year of his age. He was the son of Isaac D'Israeli, well known as an author; his mother was Maria, sister of George Basevi, a Jewish architect of Brighton. There were four children of which the late Earl was second. His brother Ralph is the only survivor. The family were among the aristocratic of the earth, and of no Jewish descent. Lord Beaconsfield has described his grandfather as an Italian resident from one of the Hebrew families whom the Inquisition forced to emigrate from the Spanish Peninsula, at the end of the fifteenth century; and who found refuge in the more tolerant territory of the Venetian Republic. Here, appears, they gave up the "Gothic" surname, and grateful to the God Jacob, who had sustained them through unprecedented trials, guarded them through unheard-of perils, they assumed the name of D'Israeli, a name never borne before or since by any other family; in order that their race might be forever recognized. In the process of time Isaac was exchanged for England, which began early in the eighteenth century to cherish the justice and liberty which she became known among the nations. Such were the attractions offered in this country that many Jews were induced to settle in it.

In 1784 when eighteen years of age, the grandfather of the late Earl, Benjamin D'Israeli the first, came from Venice to this country, and entered upon a commercial career. He married, and Isaac, father of Earl Beaconsfield, was born in 1766. Benjamin, the grandfather, had not been very strict Jew and his son Isaac completed the work of gradual alienation from the Jewish faith; for in 1817 being fined in a heavy amount by the Synagogue for neglect of duty, he defied the authorities and quitted the communion. He looked upon the faith as one which had done its work, and had been superseded by a new revelation. Lord Beaconsfield would appear, underwent both the initial rites of the Mosaic economy and of the Church of England. Despite his father's secession he was admitted to the Abrahamic covenant according to the Jewish usage; and from the books of the parish church of St. Andrew's Hallowe it seems that young Benjamin was baptized on July 31st, 1817, when he was about twelve years of age. He went for a time to a boarding school at Winchester, and afterwards to a primitive academy near Highgate. He never entered any of the universities and owed much of his knowledge to self exertion, apart from the assistance of tutors. At the age of 18 he entered the office of Swain and Co., attorneys of Old Jewry. He was never articulated to the profession, and after a time finding the dull routine of the desk not congenial to his spirit, he quitted the office and the vacant place was taken by one of his brothers. Full of ambition Benjamin D'Israeli commenced a literary career, and soon after wrote "Vivian Grey," which consisted of a series of sketches of society, cleverly drawn with a satiric hand. Almost every person of position was introduced into the pages under an assumed name, which pithily described the foible of their character. It becoming known that this was the first essay of a young man of 22, the son of the author of the "Curiosities of Literature" he soon became famous and popular with London society. After this he travelled on the Continent, and for some time in the East. Returning to England with his mind stores with information he resumed literary work, with the varying success of literary men. Somewhat discouraged by the lukewarm reception which "Contarini Fleming" received, D'Israeli relinquished authorship and took to politics, which no doubt had received some attention from the beginning.