

good common school system of the Wesleyan Seminary, as called, had to be discontinued. The Charter is still held by the denomination, the Institution at no distant date be revived to be affiliated with the other colleges in the city and the suburbs to do educational work for our increasing population.

OTHER METHODISTS.  
Many years after the Can-Methodists enter this missionary before any other class of Metho- came in. In the year 1874 the tive Methodists sent a mission- labor in Winnipeg, but after a year of almost fruitless la- was withdrawn and no further was made by them.

In the fall of 1875 the Episcopal-Methodists sent in their pioneer mis- sionary, in the person of the erratic-Methodist, who made a commence- ment in the Spring of 1876 their-Methodists was reinforced by the addi- tion of two more laborers, and now they have ordained men on the field, the expectation of two more. They report property in form of eight places of worship, three parsonages, with the under- lots, valued at about \$23,000. labor in Winnipeg city, Emer- Morris, Dominion city and the- mountains. Their member- in all these places put together, are less than 250 persons.

Congregationalist body sent in- pioneer missionary in the sum- 1879, and in August of the- year a church was formed by- numbering about 20 members. have now two ordained men in- Province—one in the city of- Winnipeg, and one in the neighbor- hood of Rock Lake, west of Emerson. Only other organized body I- speak of before giving some ac- of our own missions in this- is the Mennonites. During- six years they have come in- numbers from Russia, encour- by certain privileges and ex- made in their favor by a-

and generous Government. are in all in the Province to the- of probably five or six thou-

Both socially and religiously- are so isolated, reserved and in- exclusive, that not many out- of themselves know certainly- progress they are making, or- what principles they hold, or- religious rites they attend to. generally known, they prove to- branch of the community. Their- people, with few opportunities- discourse with English speaking- are learning to talk English, likely to be not so conserva- many respects as their ances- is said that they practice- or sprinkling for immersion, gh professedly followers of- Menno, who was decidedly an- sionist or Baptist. I will now- his brief epistle, promising you- account in my next of the- of the Baptist Church in the North- BOREALIS.

FROM ENGLAND NO. 37.  
YORK TOWN, SURREY,  
April 12, 1881.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.  
Thursday evening, April 8, Mr. rose at 10 minutes to 6, to- see the Irish Land Bill; which- appeared to be the most difficult- question with which he- had to deal. He expressed sat- isfaction that the dreary work of- session in which they had been en- gaged for nearly three months past, have place to legislation, which- would be of an improving- forming character. The Right- gentleman spoke for two hours- quarter, and it is needless to- reform the task in a manner- of himself. He found evident- in making a great and- effort to redress the griev- and to improve the condition- Irish people. The Premier said- never submitted any measure- House of Commons with a- sense of the enormous moment- the proposals involved, and- that there is nothing that can- be done by the govern- ment for the promotion of this reform. Her Majesty's ministers are- prepared to do. Mr. Gladstone's- showed a full comprehension- question. He pointed out that- is suffering from the existence- of this. That the landlords- responsible for much of the- distress, while he would- admit that they had actually- done mischief, which he now- remove. They had, however, the legal powers with such- as to create the necessity- the Land Bill is intended to- The Prime minister explained- provisions of the measure with- a degree of detail for which he is- able. We shall not attempt to- the complex provisions of this-

scheme, save to remark that there is to be free sale and fair rents, without absolute fixity of tenure; while, how- ever, there is little short of fixity. It is proposed there should be a Land Commission consisting of three per- sons, one of whom must have been a judge of the High Court. To this authority the tenant will be enabled to appeal for the fair treatment which it is the intention of the government that he shall get. The court will fix a fair rent for the tenant, it will also prevent that rate from being disturbed for a period of fifteen years. The Bill concedes the principle of tenure right, and makes it applicable to the whole of Ireland. This is a concession of much importance, and possesses a decided money value. Instead of a fixity of tenure, the Bill proposes to place such obstacles in the way of eviction as will practically prevent disturbance, except for valid and leg- itimate reasons. Absolute fixity will not be legalized, but it seems there will be practical fixity. The Bill also provides for a great devel- opment of the principles with which Mr. Bright's name is associated. It is intended to make the "Bright clauses" of the Land act much more extensively operative than has hith- erto been possible. Tenants are to be assisted by the State to purchase their holdings, and three fourths of the purchase money will be advanced for this purpose, under the authority of the Court. Permission will also be given to the tenant to borrow the other fourth as well, and by various means the occupiers of the soil will be protected from unscrupulous land- lords, and will be encouraged and as- sisted to become the owners of their tenements. Powers will also be given to the Board of Works to make ad- vances for reclaiming waste lands, and to the Land Commission for pur- poses of emigration. The Premier concluded his speech with the follow- ing grand peroration and resumed his seat amid loud cheering from all parts of the house. "It is said," remarked the speaker, "that we have failed in Ireland. I do not admit it, though I admit the success to be incomplete. I am asked how it is to be made com- plete; I say by patience and persis- tence in well-doing—(cheers)—by steady adherence to the work of jus- tice. Then we shall not depend upon the results for a moment. To-day may not see it, to-morrow may not see it. It will be rather the fruits we are to reap in the long future of the nation's existence, and with that we have a reckoning that cannot fail. (Loud cheers.) Justice, Sir, is to be our line. It is said that love is strong- er than death, and so justice is strong- er than popular excitement and the resentment and the sad traditions of the past. Walking in that path we cannot err; guided by that line—that Divine light—we are safe. Every step we make upon our road is a step that brings us nearer to the goal, and every obstacle, even although it seems for the moment insurmountable, can only for a little while retard, and never can defeat, the final triumph."

The readers of the VISITOR will not regret the space occupied by this brief summary of a Bill, the introduc- tion of which will give satisfaction, and its progress through the House shall be duly reported.

Your's to serve,  
JOHN EDMUND CRACKNELL.

For the Visitor.  
EASTER AMONG NEW YORK BAPTISTS.  
There has been a great change of late years among the dissenting Protestant denominations of our Amer- ican cities with regard to the celebra- tion of this high festival of the Epis- copal and Roman churches. Formerly only these two denomina- tions had special services on Easter- day, but of recent years the celebra- tion of the great Christian doctrine of the Resurrection has spread to other denominations, so that in nearly every church in New York and Brooklyn, Easter music is sung and Easter sermons are preached. Easter Sunday has become the chief day of the Christian year. Baptists with other denominations have "advanced" in their manner of observing Easter. On last Easter-day many of our churches were the centre of attrac- tion for worshippers. An idea of the extent of the preparations that some of the churches of our denomina- tion make for this festival, may be gained by inspecting the following programme rendered by the choir and chorus of the Strong Place church of Brooklyn:

Stainer's "Easter Anthem"—Bucks's "Festival" Te Deum—Navarro's "Gloria Patri"—Offertory Duo for soprano and tenor (Costa)—Hymns: "Morning Red"—"Hail thee our Risen King"—"Hail the Day that sees Him Rise" (Sung by Sunday-school and congregation).—"Processional" (Battiste). The floral decorations were in perfect harmony with the elaborate musical programme. The Pastor, Rev. Wayland Hoyt, who is one of our foremost Baptists,

scholars, preached a most eloquent and touching sermon on the "Risen Saviour."

Many other of our churches had similar Easter programmes which, without the too often vulgar floral show of the Ritualistic churches, were wonderfully adapted to lift the heart of God's people to things unseen and eternal.

A beautiful part of our Easter-day service is the exercises of the Sabbath-schools. In the afternoon the children gather in their school-room and march in classes into the main church, where, after appropriate exercises each class presents its floral offerings. They then listen to a short address, after which a member of each class is selected to distribute the flowers among the sick and poor of the church and neighborhood. No one can estimate the amount of joy these little ones bring to weary hearts, by this simple service of love.

Nothing can be more touching than to watch the children as they depart with glad hearts through all parts of these great cities distributing their gifts of flowers.

It is true there is need to guard against making the anniversary of our Lord's resurrection a day of mere display, in which flowers and music take the place of worship to Him whose we are and whom we serve. But our ministry is wide awake and refuse to tolerate anything which would turn the house and worship of God into a mockery, and the most radical "non-formalist" could not justly have found fault with the recent beautiful Easter service of our Baptist churches.

XENOPHON.  
For the Visitor.

At the meeting of the Digby Co. Ministerial Conference, held in Digby, April 12, the following resolution passed unanimously:

Whereas, It is reported that a very serious difficulty exists between our Foreign Mission Board and our Missionaries,

And Whereas, It is necessary to our success in this enterprise that the confidence which has heretofore existed between our Churches, and our Missionaries and Mission Board be perpetuated,

And Whereas, This confidence can only exist as it is mutual,

Therefore Resolved, That this Conference do record its convictions that we are fairly entitled to further information touching all matters in which our Foreign Mission Board are directing our operations in this department of our denominational work, and that the absence of such information will very unfavorably effect the benevolent work of our churches.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be sent for publication to the CHRISTIAN VISITOR and the Christian Messenger.

J. H. SAUNDERS.

## Church News.

HAVELOCK.—The friends of Rev. John Gammon made him a donation of \$101.20 on the 19th inst. The Rev. G. O. Gates of Moncton in the evening gave his lecture on: "Mahomet and his Religion." The dona- tion arrangements were pleasantly planned and executed, and the lecture is highly spoken of. To be sure the recipient was grateful as all min- isters are on such occasions.

CAMBRIDGE.—After several years of spiritual darkness God has come in answer to prayer, and revived his work, and saved precious souls. Special meetings were begun at the Narrows in March; which were immediately discontinued, owing to the ill-health of the Pastor, Rev. A. B. McDonald. Meetings were com- menced again the first of April when at the request of brethren there, it became my privilege to spend a fortnight with the church there, in helping the Pastor. Last Sabbath was a day long to be remembered by the Baptist church at the Narrows. A number of the children of the Sabbath-school having found peace through believ- ing on Christ were baptized. They were not infants but youths, who received the ingrafted word which is able to save their souls. Others are saying pray for us. The out-look is most hopeful. The Pastor who has toiled on these long years, through sickness and discouragements of various kinds, is much encouraged to go forward. He is a faithful man and we pray that the work may go on, that many precious souls may yet, by the power of Divine grace be brought to rejoice in a Saviour's pardoning love. There are several pastorless churches in this County. Baptists have got to be stir themselves, or the ground will be occupied by others. Are there no men to fill these vacant pulpits and give the people the word of life. Brethren pray for us that the word of God may have free course and be glorified.

W. P. ANDERSON.  
2ND MONCTON.—This church has enjoyed a refreshing from the pres-

ence of the Lord. March 20 seven happy believers were buried with Christ in baptism. April the 3rd two more were added to the church by baptism. In the St. Mary's church quite a number are seeking the Lord and we hope will find peace and unite with the church. In Buettouche the work of the Lord is gradually progress- ing. The saints there are burden- ed, and we are looking for an in- gathering of souls on that field. In Cocaigne we have been greatly re- tarded in our work, by not having a place of worship. Bro. Crawford has just erected a new house and has arranged for services there in the future. He says if opening his dwell- ing for the preaching of the gospel will be the means of saving one soul he will be well paid. Last Tuesday evening we spoke to a large congre- gation in Bro. Crawford's house, cir- culated several pages of tracts and arranged to visit the people again the sixth of May. I have a large field and a hard one, but have no desire to abandon the field where Providence has placed me.

Yours in Christ,  
E. H. HOWE.

MISSIONARY MEETING AT HILLS- BORO.—A large public missionary meeting was held in the Baptist meet- ing house on Sunday evening, 17th inst., under the auspices of the branch of the W. M. A. S. organized in con- nection with the Baptist church and congregation of this place. Revs. J. H. Hughes and Michall Gross, who were expected to take part were un- able to attend; but the exercises, carried out as indicated by the annex- ed programme, seemed to be highly appreciated by the audience: Open- ing Services—Reading and prayer by the Pastor, Rev. C. B. Welton. Music—"Over the Ocean Wave." Ad- dress—Rev. C. B. Welton. Music—"No work to do." Address—R. E. Steeves Esq. Music—Solo, "Send the Bible," Annie Gildart. Recita- tion—"The Lone Star," Clara Simp- son. Music—"All Day I've Gleaned." Recitation—"The Good News," Hattie Richardson. Address—J. Trueman Steeves. Music—"Memoirs of Gallie- lee." Collection—\$8.50. Doxology and Benediction.

SABBATH SCHOOL.—A Sabbath- school Concert will be given early in May. Our Sabbath-school, which has been carried on during the winter, will, on May 1st, change the hour of session from two p.m. to half past nine a.m., and will elect officers for the coming year. Dea. J. L. B. Steeves, the retiring Superintendent, will undoubtedly be re-elected.

MEETINGS.—Special social meet- ings have been held with the Salem branch of this church during the past two weeks and a general awakening among the church membership has been the result.

SICKNESS.—We regret to chronicle the serious illness of Dea. John Mar- shall of Lower Hillsboro; and of Orestes Steeves of Salem, both of in- flammation.

SPRINGFIELD.—Sunday was a day of gladness with the 2nd Church at Springfield. Two additional ones were baptized and united with the Church, and two the Sabbath before, at Sprague's Point, uniting with the 1st Church. And still we hope for more. W. T. COREY.

GRAND FALLS.—The Lord is bless- ing the people on the Tobique Road, 4 miles from Grand Falls. I baptized two young men from there last Sun- day, and two others with them joined the Church at Grand Falls. There are others moving in the same direc- tion. C. HENDERSON.

PORTLAND.—Rev. W. A. Corey baptized two persons on Sunday.

CARLETON.—Rev. Mr. Hickson baptized one last Sunday, and expects to have I. W. Corey, a student of Acadia College to assist him during the Summer vacation.

NOVA SCOTIA.

UPPER ECONOMY.—Sunday at Up- per Economy, I baptized a man and his wife. Since I wrote you last I think I have had the pleasure of visit- ing the baptismal waters four times. And yet the prospect brightens. GEO. F. MILES.

ACADIA MINES.—On the 13th inst. a number of our friends met at Acadia Mines in our new meeting house. Tea was prepared, and good addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Logan and others. T. D. Cook in a very neat speech presented the purse, \$41.50, and a very pretty fruit dish worth \$8.00 for my wife. I am grate- ful for such tangible expressions of appreciation of my services. GEO. F. MILES.

DIGBY CO.—Rev. M. Normandy, our French Missionary is enjoying a revival in his little French Mission Church. Several have been conver- ted. Five have been baptized.

Through the Messenger we learn that Rev. W. C. Rideout is being blessed in Guysborough. 11 persons have recently been baptized. In New Germany 11 have also been baptized through the labor of pastor M. W. Brown. Revival influences continue.

in Hillsburg. In Berwick three have been baptized by Rev. J. C. Bleak- ney.

BILLTOWN.—The Rev. J. Sawfield, we learn from the Eastern Beacon, is to take the Pastorate of the Bill- town Baptist Church. The Beacon expresses much regret at his depart- ure from Port Hawksbury, where he was very popular with his congrega- tion.—Star.

## LITERARY NOTES.

Our Little Ones by the Russell Publish- ing Company, Boston, for May, is to hand with the usual amount of faultless illus- trations and interesting stories in prose and poetry for little folks.

The Beacon Light. A new Sunday- School Hymn & Tune Book. Price 30 cts. For sale by G. H. Flood, St. John. Pub- lished by O. Ditson, Boston. From such an examination as we have been able to give, it appears to be peculiarly adapted to the wants of our schools. It is evan- gelical and inspiring and we judge will be a favorite.

Christian Baptism, the profession of the faith of the Gospel, by J. R. Graves, L. E. D., published by the Memphis Baptist Book House, Tennessee. (This tract is characterized by the rigid reasoning and special peculiarities of the justly celebrated author of Old Landmark Documents.

The Star Book on Baptist Councils by Dr. Hiscox, published by Ward & Drum- mond, New York, is a pamphlet of 130 pages, price 25 cents. Dr. H. is a recog- nized authority on these matters and this little pamphlet should be possessed by our ministers and intelligent laymen.

The Baptist Encyclopedia a dictionary of the doctrines, ordinances, usages, con- fessions of faith, sufferings, labors, and successes, and of the general history of the Baptist Denomination in all lands, with numerous biographical sketches of distinguished American and Foreign Baptists, and many illustrations, edited by William Cathcart, D.D., published by Louis H. Everts, Philadelphia.

We are in receipt of the unbound sheets of this work as far as the letter E. It contains much valuable information, and in the main, is well edited. The paper, letter press and many of the illustrations are very fine. It will deserve and receive a large sale. We could wish, however, that fewer names comparatively insignifi- cant had been introduced and that prom- inent names, institutions and subjects had received a fuller treatment. In the de- partment of the Maritime Provinces this criticism applies, inasmuch as Acadia College which ought to have had a page or two, is not mentioned at all, and an in- significant ladies' school, Almira College, in Southern Illinois, receives a notice. It may be that notice of Acadia will some- where be given, but it cannot now appear in its proper place under A. The Christian Messenger and Christian Visitor, ac- cording to the custom of the work, can- not now appear in their proper place un- der C. The Christian Review and Home Monthly published in Texas, a sheet one year old receives a notice, and following this rule our papers ought to appear in that connection. They will doubtless come under M and V, but that is not their place according to the above plan. Again, some of the biographies given of Provin- cialists are so meagre as to be worth nothing, and in this the writer is, perhaps, not to blame for there was nothing to write, but when we turn to a name for instance like our venerable Father Bih, who is now the Nestor of our active min- istry and has been closely identified with all our work, educational and missionary, and find his biography crowded into two inches space it is not just what we anti- cipated. Far better left out some and given us more facts about those who have really risen above the mass and whose lives are linked indissolubly to the growth of all our church work. A little more discretion of this kind will, we think, be an improvement, but withal we gladly welcome the work. It has many excel- lencies and intelligent Baptists ought to possess it as soon as it is issued.

The North American Review for May has some articles that will attract think- ers, viz., The Old Version and the New, by Dr. Schaff, Utah and its people, by G. Q. Cannon, The Life Saving Service, by S. S. Cox, What morality have we left, by a new light moralist, &c. This Re- view gives both sides of a question, and one does well oftentimes to read what an opponent has to say. The standard of excellence is well maintained by this old and standard magazine.

## Acadia College.

Received towards fund for rebuild- ing Acadia College, from John Clark, Yarmouth, N. S. \$5 00  
A. D. W. BARRS, Treas.

Wolfville, April 23.

## Convention Fund.

Received from Rev. S. W. Keirstead Hammond Vale and Salt Spring Churches \$4 00  
Jacksonville church, per Rev. Jas. Cahill 15 00  
St. John, April 25, '81.

## Notice.

The 1st. Annual Session of the Southern N. B. Baptist Association will be held in St. George, Charlotte Co. on Tuesday the 14th day of June next. All churches included in this Association are requested to appoint their delegates at as early a date as convenient, and send their names to the undersigned. Provi- sion will be made for each delegate who will be not filed of the same on receipt of his name. We trust that all the churches in the Association will be largely represented.

Signed in behalf of the Church,  
J. MORRIS O'LEARY,  
Church Clerk.

## Year Book.

Quite a number of copies still remain on hand and any churches who have not received copies or may wish more, can be supplied for a nominal cent by order- ing Visitor office, St. John.

Not many ministers give greater care to their pulpit preparations than Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, and his judgment in the matter of "polish in preaching" is, therefore, entitled to weight, and will not be understood as encouraging carelessness. He says: "I care very little for mere literary polish in preaching. We want 'intelligence, unction and directness.' All the rest is comparatively worth- less. The preacher is not an author reading his own manuscript; he is a Voice, a Fire, a Herald, bold and eager in his sacred work—an orator speaking in heaven's name and strength. Here is the weakness of the pulpit. It has become a competi- tor of the press, and has abandoned its special and incommunicable func- tion."

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