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TWENTY-ONE MILLIONS OF WIDOWS.

A memorial to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, having for its object the suppression of child-marriage in India, is now circulated among the various missionary societies in the world. The English Government has already put an end to many cruel customs in the East. Interference in the matter of matrimony has been, we suppose, regarded by the government as a dangerous experiment, likely to do more harm than good.

We turned from that study and said to our friend, the Rev. T. A. Higgins, let us call on Dr. Crawley. Dr. Crawley spent his last days in his cottage in the valley; Dr. Crawley is spending his in his cottage on the hill.

We had the pleasure of attending the prayer meeting in Wolfville. Dr. DeBlois was present and conducted the services. Although his sight has not improved, yet his general health is better. We were glad to hear his exposition of parts of the Lord's prayer—most profitable indeed to attentive hearers.

a sympathy and strength to put it into force. Sometimes laws remain on statute-book long after they cease to be of any force. Sometimes they are even forgotten, so long do they remain inoperative. Public sentiment in India must be changed. This work rests chiefly on the missionary. It rests back on the churches. The world is open and its wees are borne on every wind. "Come over and help us," is a cry heard from every quarter of the globe.

A CALL AT WOLFVILLE.

It would be very difficult to find words to express the impression made by entering the library of the late, venerable Dr. Cramp. So accustomed have we become for many years past to drop into that library and have a few moments with its genial occupant, who always extended a hearty and cheerful welcome, that it seems difficult to discontinue the practice although the facile and active pen waits in vain for the vanished hand, and the empty chair for the vanished form. The books are on the shelves, as if still ready to serve a faithful and appreciative master, but the familiar hand is not laid upon them. No, all the books are not there; for parcels of them, valuable indeed for their intrinsic worth, but much more so for the love and esteem cherished for the father in Israel, who while living arranged for their distribution, after his own departure for the rest he ever held in view, sure to follow his long and active life, are now on the shelves of ministers and other students, who in the happy days of the past sat at this good and great man's feet. Still the shelves seem full. The venerable form is not there; but the room, the books and every object in that sacred spot seem instinct with the learning and spirit which ever animated the very surroundings of that man, whose rest seemed to be hard labor. All this appeared more real, we suppose, because of a likeness exquisitely executed in oil and of perfect resemblance to the original which overlooks this room in which Dr. Cramp spent a cheerful old age. No father could be more affectionately and worshipfully remembered than is Dr. Cramp, both by those who, from natural and spiritual relations, will ever esteem him their father. "The lips of the righteous feed many." The pens of the righteous feed many. If in the audience of all the people who knew him should say, "Thank God for Dr. Cramp," everyone of the tens of these thousands of hearts would send up a hearty, Amen!

Dr. Crawley is somewhat stooped with age, but is in health, although conscious of weakness superinduced by the passing years. We found him working in his garden; and, on telling him that Professor Higgins and myself found the late Dr. Wayland engaged in a similar way in the summer of 1863, Dr. Crawley remarked with a smile, "Then I have good authority for being so employed." The ripe fruit of a genial, a mellow spirit are apparent, while mental activity and conversational powers seem undiminished.

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capacity, and he must not be offended, if he finds that some, at least of his many friends, who, in visiting Wolfville, shall take the liberty of calling on him, to pay their respects to a highly honored father in Israel.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE English Baptist Missionary Society ask this year, an increase of \$75,000 for the more vigorous prosecution of the work it has undertaken.

In North Dakota, the Baptists, largely, if not mostly Canadians, are on the eve of investing \$75,000 or \$100,000 in a denominational College.

A LIBRARY for the Law department of Dalhousie College has engaged the attention of a meeting in Halifax lately—a meeting of persons interested in this department of education.

THE age of sensational religious imposture has not ceased. A story about the discovery of Noah's Ark has been started, and lo! some good people, but who are easily imposed upon believe it.

REV. G. HERBERT writes to the National Baptist from Skien, that during his twenty-one years of labor in the Master's vineyard, he has never seen such a work of grace as during this year almost all over Norway.

It is widely believed that the Jesuits are at the bottom of all the present troubles in Madagascar. The natives of Madagascar have, within the past ten years, given over 1,000,000 dollars to spread the Gospel. This is one of the most remarkable results in the history of missionary work.

OUR former book-keeper, W. W. Weeks, has, in connection with his brother, opened a grocery on Charlotte St., Y. M. C. A. building. Read his advertisement. We believe our city and country patrons will find his store to be a good place to deal, and we bespeak for him a generous patronage.

THE American revisers of the Old Testament have made their final examinations and corrections of the text, and are now preparing an Appendix, which will contain the differences between them and the English revisers. It is expected that the revised Old Testament will be published next spring.

MR. WM. BUCKNELL, a wealthy Baptist manufacturer of Philadelphia, has endowed eleven \$1,000 scholarships in Lewisburgh University to aid Christian students who do not use tobacco, wine, or liquors. This may be called a straw, but it shows the way the wind is blowing. The coming Christian student who wants help will have to be an abstainer from all intoxicants.

In our advertising columns Mr. W. C. Everett announces that he is prepared to instruct a limited number in the art of Short-hand writing. Our Phonographic Report of the Convention Session of 1881 was prepared by Mr. Everett, and the work gave entire satisfaction. Any of our readers who desire to acquire this very useful art are recommended to call on Mr. E. for particulars.

LAST week's Zion's Advocate furnishes these facts:—"Upwards of 12,000,000 copies of infidel and other atheistic publications are issued from the London press in one year, and to this enormous total must be added 20,000,000 copies of immoral publications, many of which are distributed among the working classes. This total is larger than all the issues of the combined Bible and Religious Tract Societies of that city. When the satanic press is so busy, surely the religious press ought to be untiring in its work."

THE four sisters of President Arthur are said to be Baptists. Women have ever seemed to have the most christianity. The religion of the cross has done more for them

than for men. We fear the President lacks the faith of his father as seen in his sisters. He seems to have been caught by the aesthetic air of Episcopacy, and to have pinned his faith more to a form of godliness than to its power. This criticism may appear uncharitable, but we cannot see how one can, in the fear and love of God, leave a training in a faith which is grounded in the plain teaching of scripture for one which is bolstered upon every side by tradition.

AN ungodly lawyer, who went out shooting ducks, asked an old colored man, who had referred to his conflicts and tribulations: "How is it that you christian people have so much trouble with the devil, when I, a sinner, have no such conflicts?" Sambo replied: "Well, boss, den't you know how you ran after the crippled duck, and did not bother the dead one, 'cause the dead duck was a sure thing. So it is with the devil; he knows you are a dead duck, and he gives his attention to the crippled ones, like me and all others that are trying to fly from him."—Religious Herald.

"BROUGHT up in a Baptist College, it yet never seemed to me that it was of any consequence what amount of water was used to give the sign to the living soul that it belonged to Christ." So says Gen. B. F. Butler, Governor of Massachusetts, and in so saying he shows a strange ignorance of what the Baptists do believe. So says the Religious Herald. Baptists care not for the amount of water, but for absolute obedience to Christ. First let a person become a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and then let him seek membership in the church, but not before. Carry out this principle and a long stride will be taken towards Baptist faith and practice.

A GOOD DEAL of writing has been done of late in the religious press on religion in schools for the higher education. To secure this, great care must be taken to supply religious teachers for academies and colleges. As the Common Schools are under the control of governments, the responsibility of providing teachers rests chiefly on trustees. If they do not supply the schools with pious teachers then the religious training, all important at this stage, must be done by parents, pastors and Sunday school teachers. In the Common Schools parents have their children with them, except when they are in the school houses. But if the parents are not religious and the teachers are not religious the children are entirely neglected, unless they get instruction on the Sabbath day. Line upon line, and precept upon precept are needed. With all the means used many young people continue to go astray.

THE first death in the family of the editor of the VISITOR occurred on the 9th inst. Robert Burt, aged 11 months and 4 days, son of Rev. J. E. and Emma Hopper, passed away to the immediate care and tender embrace of the Good Shepherd, who, in the days of His earthly sojourn, said "Suffer little children to come unto Me, \* \* \* for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

"Our blossom was not prematurely plucked. Let those who make this fleeting earth their all, And its horizon bound their happiness, Talk of untimely graves! No flower can drop Too soon, if ripe for glory. Early plucked Is early bliss. If the great clock of time Has, in life's dawn of morning, tolled its knell, And numbered earthly hours, it hasten's heaven.

An early death bed is an early crown! Now unfulfilled one wish alone remains,— That those beloved on earth, endeared by bonds Defying dissolution, left behind To rough the winter's blast, may soon arise, The deathless glory of the soul to share, 'Not lost, but gone before.' Therefore in quiet hope, we weep not, but alike Adore a 'taking' and a 'giving' God."

"The life ethereal, sublime, Wastes not beneath the senseless clod; The folded bud has changed its climate, And opens in the light of God; The soul its mortal ethyralis has riven, And spreads its wings, a seraph bright, in heaven."

THE following is an extract from a student's note-book, bearing date Lane Seminary, 1842: "Young gentlemen," said Dr. Beecher, passing in the midst of a lecture on the Divine Decrees, and raising his spectacles

over his forehead in a way he had when some extemporaneous thought struck him, "Theology is a mighty deep. It has its calms and its storms, its joys and its dangers. And many weak souls and some strong ones are wrecked because they venture too far without taking the proper bearings. I go out myself sometimes, but I try to be careful. I walk along the shore and pick out some sturdy old stump of a doctrine, which has stood there firmly for thousands of years and never pulled out. I make fast to that, and so, when I miss my footing, I haul on the line. I don't know where I am, but I know where that stump is. I settled that before I started."

REV. J. N. CUSHING, D. D., in returning from Calcutta to Rangoon recently, took the coast route which requires twelve days. In a letter to the National Baptist, giving an account of this trip, he makes the following statement in a reference to Akyab, a pretty town at the mouth of Kofadyne river: "Here Kincaid, compelled to leave Ava, came and settled, in 1840, with the hope of opening and maintaining communication with the Christians at the capital of the Golden Foot. Other missionaries followed, some of whom sleep beneath a great banyan tree in the southwest corner of the cemetery. When the present cemetery wall was erected, some bigoted Anglican official caused the graves of the American missionaries to be left outside. A gentleman, whose wife is a Baptist, put forth an earnest effort to have this offensive discrimination against the missionaries cease, by seeking the removal of the wall to the outside of their graves, which would also improve the cemetery by making it a perfect parallelogram. The local officials refused; but when the matter was brought to the notice of the Chief Commissioner, he ordered the wall adjacent to the missionaries' graves thrown down, and a new one constructed so as to enclose them. So finally Churohmen and Baptists sleep within one God's acre."

WE have received the report for 1883 of "the Canadian Baptist Telugu Missions," which convened at Bobbili on the 13th of January, 1883. The missionaries of the Upper and Maritime Provinces met as if they were the missionaries of one organization. The session of the Convention appears to have been a very successful and cheering one. It must be unspeakably refreshing for brethren and sisters to meet in association after their year's work in comparative isolation. The enjoyment, "like the joy of the Lord," is their strength for future efforts.

The stations occupied and additions are:

	Bap.	Total
Cocanada	43	107
Bimlipatam	4	46
Chicacole	13	41
Tuni	17	35
Bobbili	7	7
Akidu	220	220
Total	297	1115

In the Theological School at Samulcoota there are 17 male and 2 female students. Their conduct has been good. One hour of manual labor is required a day from each student. On Sunday their exercises are: From 8 to 9, Sunday School, composed of students and christians in tow; from 9 to 10, preaching, seniors and teachers officiating in turn. By twos and threes the students go in the afternoon to surrounding villages to preach. There is also a meeting on Sunday evenings. On Wednesday evening there is a weekly prayer meeting.

"The outlook for 1883 is full of promise." Mr. Sandford says people in outlying villages received the gospel with a willingness which they did not evince last year. An opposition formerly manifested has given place to friendly feelings. A Mutual Improvement Club has been formed at Bimlipatam by the heathen, and Mr. Sandford has been invited to meet with them as often as he can make it convenient. On these occasions he preaches the gospel to the members of the club. They would not attend regular religious services. Mr. Sandford has a weekly Bible class for the English. The number attending is 15. He has also a tem-

perance society; 15 copies of religious periodicals are taken during year. 25 copies are taken for coming year. Mr. Hutchinson says they of the Chicacole station had great reason for gratitude to God as encouragement for future labor. Mr. Churchill found some aborigines near the base of the western hills who had never heard of the name Christ. Their limited knowledge of Telugu made it difficult to preach them.

PERSONALS.

The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon again prostrated with a severe attack of gout.

Rev. B. F. Rattray, formerly this Province, has settled as pastor in Alameda, California.

We are glad to announce that Dr. Bill was able to be present at Foreign Mission Board Meeting last week.

Professor McVicar, of Toronto Baptist College, is on a visit to the Provinces. He was in Wolfville Saturday last.

The Rev. Dr. Warren, late Secretary of the Missionary Union, has been writing able letters on the subject of missions.

Rev. A. H. Munro, late of Montreal, has been preaching in Louisville, Ky., for the Broadway and Walnut St. churches. His sermons were greatly appreciated.

George Fraser, Esq., Mayor of Halifax, and Mrs. Minnie J. Thomas of this city, were married on the 11th inst. The VISITOR was remembered with cards and cake. His Worship is a good Baptist, and now with the addition of one of St. John's noble women, ought to make a magistrate for our sister city, who they and we will delight to honor. We wish His Worship and his lady many happy days of wedded life.

CHRISTIANITY.

AS SEEN FROM MY BED OF SICKNESS.

There she is, as exemplified in life and work of the Redeemer, seated upon a throne of dazzling brightness in the midst of the heaven of heavens, out-shining ten thousand times a thousand burning suns, and pouring forth a flood of light, not only upon this small world of ours, but upon every planet, ever star, and even sun in the mighty universe of God. So she will continue to do until worlds and all systems of world with the circles of space shall be so bathed, immersed, overwhelmed in this finite sea of light, as to call forth a universal chorus from all holy intelligences of praise, adoration and glory to the triune Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever! and ever!

This grand view presents redemption world as only preparatory to its complete development in harmonizing worlds in the magnificent ideal God in Christ as the eternal center of attraction to an admiring universe. I gaze, admire and adore; but I last in the unfathomable depths of Jehovah's eternal love.

I enquire is there any proof of this expansive view of christianity correct? There comes rushing memory's page that beautiful passage of inspired Paul, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God." My inner soul responds Amen! and Amen!

"But in redemption, oh, what grace? Its wonders, oh, what thought can trace. Here wisdom shines forever bright, Praise him my soul with sweet delight."

I. E. BRILL, St. Martins, July 24th, 1883.

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We are completing a list of agents in different places and will make further announcements soon.