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AN EDUCATIONAL OUTLOOK.

We have heard a proposition coming from our Baptist friends in Ontario, which wears an inviting aspect.

It is well known that through the bounty of our brother Senator McMaster, the Baptists have provided for them a Theological College which in material equipment and now in the accession of Dr. Clarke to the already strong staff of instruction, has also in teaching facilities advantages unsurpassed by any Baptist Institution on this continent.

We have learned that it is further proposed that still another Professor will be appointed, making in all six, besides special lecturers. This Seminary is well located, when it is remembered that its purpose is to serve the wants of the Baptist body in the entire Dominion, from Prince Edward's to Vancouver's Island.

As a matter of fact, there are few enough Baptists in Canada to support, so far as students are concerned, one Theological School. The massing of our forces; so far as Theological Instruction is concerned in the Maritime Provinces, the North West and the Upper Provinces, in one school, would add much to strength and efficiency.

We learn that the North West will give its strength to the building up of a literary College similar to Acadia. Now if in justice to all interests, we could, in the Maritime Provinces, transfer our Theological work to Toronto and the three great sections of our Dominion, unite upon it as a common centre for the doing of this work, great benefit it seems to us would flow to every section of our country.

Moreover, we learn that in uniting in this way the Governing Board of Toronto College would not demand, as a condition of union, that funds be contributed in the Maritime Provinces or the North West for the further endowment of the College.

The funds raised here for Ministerial Education, would be expended in Mission work performed by students of the College from these Provinces.

Great unity of action in our educational work would result from the adoption of the course proposed.

First, there would be one thoroughly equipped Theological School for the Dominion. This school would be supplied with students from Acadia, Woodstock and Prairie College, and these three Colleges would be supplied by our denominational Academies, Schools and Provincial High and Grammar Schools, and these would have beneath them the excellent public School systems of the Dominion. This would give us regular gradation and coherency.

The advantages arising from the adoption of the proposed plan would be considerable for us in the Maritime Provinces. We would be able to more thoroughly concentrate our energies upon our Academic and Collegiate work proper. Our Theological department might then be removed to Toronto, and Dr. Welton, could be induced to accept of a chair in that Institution, would bring to it favor and patronage in the Maritime Provinces as well as broad scholarship.

We trust at the approaching Convention there will be some kindly interchange of thought upon the subject, and should our educational authorities be disposed to move in this direction it would afford us great pleasure to help in the consummation of an object which has had our sympathies, and which we are satisfied would prove of great and lasting advantage to the Baptist denomination of all Canada.

TORONTO BAPTIST COLLEGE.

We have received a catalogue of the officers and students of the Toronto Baptist College:—McMaster Hall for 1882-3. It contains a list of the 21 officers of the Board; of Trustees; Officers of the Board; Executive Committee; Finance Committee; Library Committee, and Committee on Instruction.

THE PRESENT FACULTY.

John H. Castle, D. D., President. Albert H. Newman, LL. D., Professor of Church History and Old Testament Interpretation. (Heb. and Chald.) Malcolm McVicar, Ph. D., LL. D., Professor of Apologetics, Didactics and Biblical Interpretation. (Eng.) Wm. N. Clarke, D. D., Professor of New Testament Interpretation, (Greek) and Homiletics. J. M. Hirschfelder (in University College) Professor of the Hebrew Language and Literature. William Horatio Clarke, Instructor in Music. A. H. Newman, Librarian, and C. D. Wilson, Steward.

The course of study, list of students, and other information is found in this pamphlet. There is an excellent wood cut of McMaster Hall on the second page.

The lecturers for the session of 1883-4 are Rev. G. D. Boardman, D. D.; President Lemuel Moss, D. D., LL. D.; Rev. Thomas L. Davidson, D. D.; Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, B. A., and H. E. Buchan, M. D.

A special course of lectures is also provided.

We called attention last year to the course of study in this Institution. It is not necessary to refer to it again, further than to say, it is the best we have ever seen in its adaptations to the wants of the Baptist Canadian Ministry. The able staff of instructors is strengthened from time to time. Report has it, that the Faculty, aided by the intelligent and christian benevolence of Senator McMaster, has decided to do all they can to make this School of the Prophets a worthy Institution for the Baptists of the entire Dominion. Woodstock and Prairie Colleges have surrendered their theological work to McMaster's Hall, and now, to complete the arrangement, Acadia is called upon to consider the matter of falling into line.

This is a subject that will engage the attention of the Board of Governors and the Convention at its coming session in Halifax. Drs. Castle and McVicar are expected to be present, and will be prepared to explain the plans and wishes of the brethren of the Upper Provinces. Great wisdom and much care will doubtless characterize the discussions and the decisions on this question.

Since the theological work has been withdrawn from Woodstock College, the religious interest has not fallen off in any respect in that Institution. It has been even greater than it was before the change was made. Grave fears were entertained first, as they have been when the same matter has been considered in connexion with Acadia College.

Could the Baptists of Canada put their three literary Colleges into a state of high efficiency, both in the intellectual and religious sense of the term, and keep them well related to a veritable Baptist theological school at Toronto, an outlook, by such an arrangement, would be made for grand and successful labors. Each one of these Colleges should be a thoroughly christian College, christian after the Baptist interpretation of that term. The Professors in their beliefs and lives should be men after the hearts of the Dimocks, Hardings and Mannings of the past generation. With apostolic piety and zeal for the

salvation of the young men committed to them, and for the developing in them of the highest type of christian manhood, their work would begin where that of pious teachers in the Academies ended. To complete the organized, educational arrangements, requires for each of the Colleges as many Academic feeders as can be sustained efficiently. It is just as important to have men of piety in the Academies, as it is to have men of this stamp in the Colleges. When young men and women leave their homes, they should not be transferred to novices and mere intellectual experts; but to teachers fully appreciating the work of controlling, guiding and moulding young people. The missionary spirit should be in all our schools in its intensest and most intelligent forms.

THE WEEK.

Deaths from cholera in Egypt are becoming fewer day by day. The plague has not spread to other parts of the world as it was feared it would. The presence of the English in Egypt and the sending out of medical men did much to enforce sanitary regulations and so stop the progress of the disease. The Egyptians are inclined to sit down and, without any intelligent effort, let the work of destruction go on as if it were fatalistic and impossible of control.

Mr. Gladstone has intimated in the House of Commons that the time for withdrawing the British troops from India is indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Bright addressed a public meeting on the state of India, and was followed by a native Hindoo, who spoke with eloquence. Hitherto the making and executing of the law where Englishmen are concerned has been largely in the hands of the English; but the natives are now so generally educated in the English language, and so familiar with the principals and methods of government, that they aspire to equal power with their white conquerors. The harmonizing of these conflicting sentiments will require great care and much patience, lest another explosion comes among the combustibles supplied by Mohammedanism and Brahmanism.

The Irish National League of Halifax meets on Sunday evenings and passes resolutions in enthusiastic meetings. League meetings and League doings in both worlds are the curse of Ireland. Ireland needs deliverance from her friends. 200,000 Irish are to be sent to the British Colonies. Probably the greater part of them will come to Canada. This is to be done by Imperial Government aid. Farms are to be put at their disposal ready furnished for a family to begin work, and the proprietor will have a chance to pay for it. One hundred acres and the preparations to start will be only five hundred dollars. The syndicate will take mortgages without interest for the first three years, and 8 per cent. after that.

Lord Russel has ordered the playing of military bands on Sunday as the soldiers go to church. This custom prevailed in Halifax many years ago, as also that of reviewing the troops on the Common; but out of deference to the sentiments of the christian people in regard to the sacredness of the Sabbath, the custom was discontinued. It is to be hoped it will be discontinued again before it gets the strength of a custom. No good can come out of it; but much evil.

PERSONALS.

J. L. Haines and wife, of New York, are visiting friends in St. John and Fredericton.

Rev. H. G. Safford, pastor at South Framingham, Mass., expects to attend the Convention at Halifax.

Mr. Dodge, of Wilmot, who graduated last spring at Morgan Park, has been engaged as pastor by the Baptist church in Milton, Queens Co., N. S.

Rev. R. R. Philip, our brother afflicted with blindness, expects to reach St. John by the first of September, and we bespeak for him a kindly reception by our churches.

E. D. Jones, student of Newton, who is spending his vacation in supplying the Baptist church in Marshfield, Mass., is making a short visit with friends in this city.

Mr. E. H. Sweet, of the Senior Class of Acadia College, called at the Visitor Office last week. During the vacation, he has been labouring successfully in Port Lorne, N. S., and is now visiting some friends in this province before proceeding to the Convention.

Bro. D. L. Chubbuck is being blessed in his work with Dr. Pentecost, in Brooklyn. Last week 15 professed religion. Our brother enjoys the work with his old friend and spiritual father Dr. Pentecost, but says he finds more and more that he is a regular Baptist, and with his own people he can work most sympathetically.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

LAST year the American Baptist Publication Society gave away publications to the amount of \$27,784.82. It employed 122 Colporteurs, and about 40 Sunday School Missionaries.

THE Rev. A. B. Earle, D.D., supplied the Tremont Temple this summer while Dr. Ellis was absent on vacation. Dr. Earle did the work of an evangelist on an extensive scale last year.

THE German people are making extensive preparations to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of Luther. Germany has largely gone into infidelity, and needs another Luther to bring her out of that darkness.

JOSEPH COOK says christianity has, in the last eighty-three years, gained more adherents than in the last eighteen centuries. In the first 1500 years of its history, christianity gained 100,000,000; in the next 300 years 100,000,000 more; but in the last 190 years it has gained 210,000,000. He means nominal christians.

GREAT misery exists in the Island of Ichia, the scene of the recent earthquake. The King and his Prime Minister have visited the spot and expressed great sympathy with the sufferers. An Englishman by the name of Nesbit was pointed out as one who had saved many lives. The King shook his hand and spoke in praise of English pluck, and the Prime Minister kissed his forehead.

REV. A. A. CAMERON, in a letter to the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, earnestly advocates the union of the Baptists of the Dominion in the support of our Theological College at Toronto. We can hardly understand how such a scheme could fail to commend itself to the judgment of brethren in the Maritime Provinces. The facilities provided at Toronto are ample. What we need is men.—Canadian Baptist.

THE railway companies in the States subscribed \$10,000 to Captain Webb. They hoped he would bring 100,000 people over the various lines of railway to see his fool-hardy feat of attempting to swim the rapids a mile and a half below the Falls. Here is another instance of money greed leading to bad consequences. The companies were abettors with Captain Webb in his suicidal attempt to cross Niagara River.

THERE is in the Canadian Baptist of August 9th an article, on the "Atonement" from a writer, by the name of Duncan McDonald. It is a muddle of speculation on that doctrine, and contains enough incipient heresy to undermine the whole system of faith; and yet the Baptist says of it:—

We publish the article on "Atonement" not because we agree with all the views expressed in it, but because it is well written and by a good man. This is a most difficult subject and one on which it is dangerous to dogmatize. The article deserves a careful reading.

DR. JOHN A. BROADUS, D. D., says:—The colored Baptists of Virginia are extremely numerous, and it is very gratifying to see how rapidly their ministry is improving in point of education. This is chiefly due to the good work of the Richmond Institute, which is sustained by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The president, Dr. C. H. Corey, has been there thirteen years, and while the presidents of some of the institutes in other states have had many ups and downs, he has had a steady and ever-widening popularity among white and black until this day; and everyone who knows him will see that it is thoroughly deserved.

In point of fact, Richmond College has not lost anything by giving up its predecessor's limited theological department. Such departments of other colleges in a part of the country have, with rare exceptions, been converted into separate institutions, or else practically abandoned, or else they have been very imperfectly sustained by oft-repeated efforts of well-intending friends, who kept wondering what was the trouble, and had never studied either the history or the logic of the matter.

C. A. ROUNDY who lately visited St. John, says, in a letter to the Temple Censer:—

The associate pastor, Rev. Mr. Noble, not long since from Newton Centre, Mass., treated us very kindly and conversed with us all the way to our hotel, concerning his work here and our own church and work in Tremont Temple. He has heard our pastor often and is en-

thusiastic in his praise. The Bruce Street church has received benefit from the labors of Mr. Chubbuck of our city during the past winter, many having been converted and added to the church. This city has, in all, about thirty churches, many of which have been built since the great fire here in 1877. Elegant and spacious houses of worship. The Presbyterian and Methodist and Baptist are perhaps the most numerous, although the Episcopal is numerically and financially strong. Yesterday we enjoyed attending the services of the First Baptist Church, Fredericton, and visited their Sabbath-school. Rev. Mr. Crawley, their pastor, and son of a Baptist missionary to Burmah, is an excellent preacher and pastor. They are now worshipping in the City Hall, while their church edifice is building. It will be a fine structure of stone, with a chapel to match adjoining it.

HERE is an account of faith our in Quebec. Protestants will notice that the prayers were offered to saint and not to God. These modern miracles should be received with great hesitation, to say the least:—

A number of Ottawa pilgrims passed through here to-day, having been at St. Anne de Beaupre shrine. Three miracles are reported as having taken place. Lavinia Dorian, a young woman who had been carried to the railway train and thrown from it, was cured by faith and prayer. She had fallen and injured her knee-cap several years ago, and for three years and four months she had not even used a crutch as she had to be carried on a litter. She long prayed to St. Anne to relieve me of my misery, and latterly had a presentiment that on a visit to her shrine I would be cured. I have done so, and am well to-day, as you see me. When we were at the church at St. Anne de Beaupre, she was carried in and placed at the foot of the railing from the end. I had scarce knelt a moment when a strange feeling came over me. It was as if a great weight had been taken off my heart. I received the Sacrament, and remained kneeling, directing my prayers to St. Anne for nearly an hour, when all at once I rose up and walked away. I go up as instinctively as if I never had anything wrong with me. In fact, when arose from the railing I forgot that my leg had been bad." A little Miss Burns, six years old, of Ottawa, and a little boy of the same age also were cured of lameness in their limbs, as reported by the Rev. Father Labelle.

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