

roneous notions some Masons may have, I know of nothing in the rituals upon which such charges can justly be based.

But, a special accusation is made against the society, that it presumes to approach God in prayer, discarding Christ, the only medium of approach to the Deity. It is true the name of Christ does not occur in the Masonic prayers. But in none of the prayers recorded in the New Testament do we find, I think, any example of the use of such an expression as "for Christ's sake," or "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we ask it." The Masonic prayers, if offered in a proper spirit, are perhaps as acceptable to God as any other form of petition.

The allusion made by our friend W. H. P. to the Falls of Niagara and one or two other points in his letter are so mysterious that, even with the aid of Masonic enlightenment, I am unable to understand them.

May 3, 1884.

Shall Our Weak Churches be left to Perish?

To all, who have considered the condition of many of our small churches, it must be apparent, that they cannot support pastors without the assistance of the denomination. But without pastoral labour they will soon lose their visibility, and the ground, now occupied by us, will be occupied by others. Now, the question we address to you, Brethren, is this: Shall they be left to perish? It is not the will of your Home Mission Board that one of these little ones should perish. But the power to keep them alive is yours not ours. If you will give us the means wherewith to send them the "Bread of Life," then your hands will be clean, and if they perish their blood will be upon us.

But shall not the weakest be left to die? We regret to see that some of the stronger of the weak churches are answering this question in the affirmative. This they are doing by breaking away from the group and securing a supply for themselves, regardless of the fact that the others are left in a condition where even the H. M. Board cannot, except at great expense, give them assistance. Independence is good, but both churches and individuals should remember to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." And again "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." I am feeling more and more that if the weaker churches are to be supplied, more attention must be given to grouping, both by churches and ministers. Let the churches be wisely grouped, and let it be understood that it is just as much a wrong for a minister to take the oversight of a part of the group to the neglect of the other part, as it is to take a part of a church."

But some will say, what does it matter if these weak churches are left to perish, the denomination will be just as well off without them. Do we say that of the weak and sickly ones in our families? Why then should we say it of the weak ones of our denominational family?

But let not the stronger churches deceive themselves, we should not be just as well off without them. The great river may boast that it would be as well off without the little streams that flow into it. But would it be? Would not its waters soon diminish, and that, which had been a great highway of commerce, become an insignificant stream. Our weak churches are the streams that help supply our stronger churches with members and ministers. If they thus give to you of their spiritual strength is it a great thing that you should give to them of your financial strength? Instead, then, of permitting one of these streams to dry up, let us put forth renewed efforts, not only to keep alive those that now are, but to create others. In this way the weaker and the stronger churches will be built up and every denominational enterprise strengthened.

On behalf of the weak churches,
A. COHOON.
Cor. Sec'y. H. M. B.
Hebron, May 7. '84.

We hope our Subscribers will all endeavor to come to advance payment. It is better for all concerned.

To the Editors of the Visitor:

Some notes from Dorchester might not be uninteresting to your readers. A mass temperance meeting was held in Robb's Hall last evening for the purpose of discussing the merits and demerits of the Scott Act and License Act.

The speakers of the evening were Revs. Dr. P. F. Card, D. G. McDonald, and J. Roy Campbell, P. R. Moore, M. D., and Hon. P. A. Landry. Further remarks were made in connection with the vote of thanks by Hon. D. L. Hainington, Rev. Mr. Harrison and the writer.

Our valuable brother C. E. Knapp, filled the chair in a very creditable manner, and opened the meeting with some well timed remarks. A more intelligent audience than the one in Robb's Hall last evening is hard to find.

We expect to have a vote on the Scott Act in July.

The temperance friends of Dorchester are rejoicing over the closing of the rum shops here by the authorized officials. God grant that all the Inspectors throughout the Provinces may thus perform their duty, that this accursed traffic may be totally suppressed.

Our new place of worship is fast approaching completion; we expect to dedicate about the first of June. We have got comfortably settled in our parsonage, and getting rested from the tiresome feelings resulting from moving.

The revival intelligence received through the columns of your paper is very cheering. That God may bless the churches yet more abundantly is the prayer of—

A. T. DYKEMAN.

To the Editors of the Visitor:

Excuse me, I am the first that wrote to the Visitor from Lee. We are about getting a Post office, and we will take the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, as our minister advises us all to do. For more than 30 years we had no stated preaching, and have lived destitute of the means of grace, until 18 months ago, Rev. James Trimble visited us and brought the message of pardon to the guilty. And faithfully and tenderly he laboured to bring us to light. Our minister's labours were blessed; sinners have found pardon, 50 converts have been baptized, and more are seeking the Lord. Brother Trimble is highly esteemed by all in the Lee and Cox Settlements. Both professors and others are very anxious for him to continue his labours with us, and teach us what we so much need to know. His experience as a minister qualifies him to instruct those so lately come out of darkness. The last time he was here he baptized 14. Our brother has laboured part of the time for a year and a half at 2nd Falls and at Lee with the divine blessing, as the work in both places show. Dear Brethren pray for us.

JOSEPH LEE.
Lee Settlement, April 28 '84.

WANTED.

A few Baptist brethren from N. B. and elsewhere, having made their homes in Lacanor, Washington Territory, U. S., desire to secure a pastor. They have organized a church and so far completed a house of worship as to be able to occupy it. They desire a young man with a good education who for a time could teach an advanced school and preach on Sunday. For the double service they could raise a comfortable salary. Any person desiring such a field will do well to correspond with E. J. Peck, Esq., Lacanor, Washington Territory, U. S.

WOMEN'S SPECIAL MEETINGS.

The Central Board of the New Brunswick Woman's Missionary Aid Societies have arranged to hold public missionary meetings this year in connection with the several Baptist associations in this province. Local aid societies are urgently requested to send reports and at least two delegates to represent them at these gatherings. It is expected that the returned missionaries and also those newly appointed will be present and assist in making the meetings of more than ordinary interest.

The first meeting will be held with the Southern Association, which opens in the Fairville Baptist church on the second Tuesday in June. Notification of the appointment of delegates to attend this meeting should be sent without delay to the secretary of the central board, so that provision may be made for their accommodation.

M. E. MARSH.
Sec. of the Central Board.

The following inscription will be placed on Charles Read's tombstone. It was written by himself:—

Here Lie,
By the Side of his Beloved Friend,
the Mortal Remains of
CHARLES READE,
Dramatist, Novelist, and Journalist.
His last Words to Mankind are on
this Stone.

I hope for a resurrection, not from any power in nature, but from the will of the Lord God Omnipotent, who made nature and me. He created man out of nothing, which nature would not. He can restore man from the dust, which nature cannot. And I hope for holiness and happiness in a future life, not for anything I have said or done in this body, but from the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. He has promised His intercession to all who seek it, and He will not break his word; that intercession once granted, cannot be rejected; for He is God, and His merits infinite; a man's sins are but human and finite. "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins."

In 1882 Great Britain had 70,000 criminals. The liquor business has invested capital of £120,000,000, and absorbs a tenth of the producing power of employing a million and a half of men. 200,000 were annually convicted for drunkenness and 50,000 lives were sacrificed to drink. One-fifth less is spent for liquor now in England, than was 7 years ago; but still £100,000,000 are expended which is more than is spent for bread.—*The Baptist*.

The *Examiner* takes the ground that every college should have a physician on the staff of instructors who should be an athlete. This professor should have charge of the physical education of the students. This would under the supervision of the Faculty, arrest the dissipation connected with athletic sports now prevailing and causing so much trouble.

Some ministers preach as if they expected immediate results, and would be greatly disappointed if they did not appear. Others preach as if they thought the results would appear in the distant future, and they would be greatly disappointed if they should be seen immediately. Saul belonged to the former class.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Brussels St.
Rev. J. E. Hopper baptized one last Sunday.

Carleton.
Rev. J. A. Cahill baptized two on Sunday, others have professed faith in Christ and the interest in church work is encouraging.

Dorchester.
The church has purchased a parsonage and some three acres of ground. Bro. D. is about moving to the new home his church has thus provided. We congratulate him and the church on this evidence of prosperity.

Goshen, Parish of Elgin.
On Sabbath before last I had the pleasure of baptizing one candidate in the above place. A precious work of grace has been in progress for about one year and many have put one Christ by a public profession of his precious name, who we trust have experienced the renewing grace of the gospel.

GEORGE SEELY

Springfield.
Four have been baptized recently at White's Corner, head of Bellisle. Bro. B. N. Nobles, who has just returned from McMaster Hall, paid us a visit on Sabbath the 4th inst., and preached to his old friends and acquaintances. Elder David Crandall, now 87 years of age, is still able to take part in our exercises. His soul is more than ever filled with a love of the work in which he has spent his life. Elder Peter Spragg, 84 years of age, is now quite feeble and has been for some time confined to his home. Deacon Wee-

den F. Wetmore, at the age of 82, is still to be found working with the freshness and vigor of youth. His zeal for the cause of God is increasing as the years go by. All these aged fathers are fast nearing the end and look forward with rejoicing to the rest that remains for the people of God.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Truro.
I baptized five yesterday and gave the hand of fellowship to eight. The work moves on.
J. E. GOUCHER.

Deerfield.
It was our privilege to visit the baptismal waters again yesterday. 14 have been baptized since the work began. The church is much strengthened and encouraged. The work still goes on at Ohio under the faithful labours of Bro. Ingraham. Many will regret his leaving there to labour in another field.

Yours as ever,
D. W. CRANDALL.

Milton, Yarmouth.
Last Lord's day we welcomed four more into the church. Three were baptized before the morning service and one was received by statement. Our communion on Sunday morning was the largest I have seen in this church since I came to the place. The interest manifested in all departments of church work is not on the decline. Our difficulties are great, but our brethren and sisters are heroic and hopeful.

Yours,
J. A. GORDON.

LITERARY NOTES.

[All books noticed under this head may be ordered through the Visitor Book Room at published price, duty to be added if imported.]

The *Review* is filling the place it is intended to occupy to good purpose. Dr. Baumes is making it succeed in a literary point of view and we trust also financially. Our ministry would be greatly profited by the study of its able articles. It is only \$2.50 a year and may be ordered through the Visitor Book Room.

Washington Gladden will contribute an article to the *June Century* on the "Use and Abuse of Parties." Dr. Gladden holds that parties are necessary to all constitutional governments being based on the progressive and conservative tendencies of human nature. While claiming that the "dearth of principles and the strife for patronage are characteristic facts of our recent political life," he comes to the conclusion that—at least outside the cities—more of good can be accomplished by joining one party or another, working earnestly for its success, and bolting bad nominations.

The *Baptist Review* for April, May and June is received. The following is table of contents: 1. The Curse upon Nature, by Dr. Franklin Johnson, Cambridge, Mass.; 2. Limitations of Taxation, by Dr. J. L. M. Curry, Richmond, Va.; 3. Emotional Element in preaching, by Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, Brooklyn, N. Y.; 4. Natural Law in the Spiritual World, by Dr. Wayland Hoyt, Philadelphia; 5. The Moral Element in Providence, by Dr. Henry M. King, Albany, N. Y.; 6. Baptists and Liberty of Conscience—the English Baptists, 1644-1689 (second paper), by Henry C. Vedder, editorial staff of the *Examiner*; 7. Biblical Theology—its nature, presuppositions, methods and perils, by Prof. A. H. Newman, Toronto, Canada; 8. Books, Reviews, &c.

Life of Frederick Dennison Maurice. 2 volumes octavo. By Col. J. F. Maurice, Charles Scribner's Sons, N. Y. \$5.00.

We are glad to welcome these volumes setting forth vividly the life of a clergyman of the National Church, who in his day swayed a great influence. We have always associated the name with tendencies to rationalism, and yet one in reading his life is surprised to find so much healthy religious fervor and so much with which a devout soul must have sympathy. In the Maurice family there were Unitarian, Baptist and Episcopal tendencies. Foster and Robert Hall were the acknowledged ministers of two of Maurice's sisters, while his father was a Unitarian minister. Maurice himself became a broad churchman although he refused the designation. The biography is intensely interesting, touching as it does upon some of the greatest questions that have stirred the life of the British nation, both secular and religious, during the last half century.

Sermons to the Spiritual Man. By William G. T. Shedd D.D., Charles Scribner's Sons N. Y. 1 vol 8vo \$2.50.

This volume will be a rare treat to those who love the old doctrine. It is supplemental to the authors former book addressed to the Natural Man. It considers original and unpardoned sin and strove to awaken consciousness of it. In this volume he treats of forgiven and indwelling sin and suggests how victory over it may be obtained. Dr. Shedd confesses to be out of sympathy with certain phases of the nationalistic drift of to-day and predicts its early loss of power. Where it comes across his path he meets it fairly and is unwilling to give it any quarter. He says of the christian minister he must, "teach the word and commandments of God; a doctrine higher than the commandments of man, and a wisdom superior to that of any people, Hebrew or Hindoo, Greek or Roman."

Dr. Shedd says: "The erroneous postulate of all rationalistic Biblical criticism is that the Bible is a national literature, and not a Divine Revelation that the

books of the Old Testament are the natural development of the Hebrew mind as the poems of Homer the dramas of Eschylus and the dialogues of Plato are of the Greek mind. From this it follows that Moses, Samuel, David, and Isaiah were not above the level of their nation, but thought felt, and taught in harmony with the common national sentiment of their day. This view makes the Hebrew nation to be the real source of the Old Testament doctrines and miracles (myths) and the Hebrew Bible to be the Hebrew literature. If this be so, the Old Testament is no more infallible than the Vedas and its antiquated truths may fitly be compared to "Hebrew old clothes." In this way Dr. Shedd replies to one of the positions of Dr. Ladd in his recent work. All thoughtful men will be interested in this new book and to clergymen it will be a specially profitable study. Sermons like these are sure to be read and talked of.

The Union Baptist Education Society.

FIRST MEETING.

Pursuant to the terms of the Act of Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, passed at the recent session, I hereby call the first meeting of the incorporators of "The Union Baptist Education Society," to be held in the rooms occupied by the Seminary in Berryman's Building, corner of Princess and Charlotte streets, St. John, at three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the 20th day of May next. CHAS. A. EVERITT.

April 29, '84.

Acknowledgments.

Rev J W Higgins, sept 84, 1; C E Northrup, may 85, 4; G McEay, api 84, 2; D McNevin, sept 84, 5; A A Mabel, may 85, 1; D H Gilchrist, July 84, 2; F Best, may 84, 2.35; J Tozer, sept 84, 2.

Treasurers of Baptist Funds.

1. HOME MISSION BOARD—Rev. C. Goodspeed, A.M., Yarmouth, N.S.
2. FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD—Chas. F. Clinch, Clinch Mills, N. B.
3. ACADIA COLLEGE AND HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY—X. Z. Chipman, Esq., Wolfville.
4. INFIRM MINISTERS' RELIEF AND AID FUND—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Halifax, N. S.
5. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND—Jno. W. Batts, Esq., Wolfville.
6. N. B. WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETY—Mrs. Geo. U. Hay, 229 Princess Street, St. John.
7. NEW BRUNSWICK EDUCATION SOCIETY—C. F. Clinch, Esq., Clinch Mills, St. John Co.
8. BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION—Hon. A. F. Randolph, Fredericton, N. B.
9. MARITIME BAPTIST COLPORTAGE SOCIETY—John Dewar, St. George, N. B.

The following brethren are local agents for the VISITOR in the places named:

- NEW BRUNSWICK.
Fredericton,.....M. S. Hall,
St. Stephen,.....E. Price,
Hampton,.....W. F. Parker.
NOVA SCOTIA.
Amherst,.....M. D. Fride,
Truro,.....J. W. Wallace,
Hammonds Plains, John Thomas, Esq.,
Jeddore,.....Mr. H. E. S. Malder, (Lic.),
Ohio,.....James Allen, Esq.,
Maitland, Brookville, and Beaver
River,.....Alfred Perry, Esq.,
Chegoggin,.....William Corning, Esq.,
Yarmouth,.....T. B. Crosby, Esq.,
Hebron,.....R. B. Crosby, Esq.,
P. E. ISLAND.
Summerside,.....G. W. Warren,
Charlottetown,.....A. W. Sterns.

Marriages.

[Notices for subscribers, or sent by a minister promoting the circulation of the VISITOR are inserted free. For others, the fee is 25 cents. In sending notices of marriages, please do not say "Also at the same time and place," or "By the same," and the like. Make each notice complete, so that any single one can be quoted or that the order can be changed without destroying the sense.]

McTEER-COLEMAN.—On the 24th of April, at the residence of the bride's father, St. Nicholas, P. Q., by the Rev. Lunan Anderson, M. A., Rev. P. Q. McTeer, I. C. R., son of A. McTeer, Esq., of Chaudiere, P. Q., to Ella E., second daughter of C. E. Coleman, Esq., formerly of St. John, N. B.

LONG-PATTERSON.—At Cambridge, Q. C., on the 8th March, by the Rev. A. B. MacDonald, Samuel C. Long, and Mary Ann Patterson, all of Johnston.

McCAULAND-LEONARD.—At Fredericton, on 30th April, by Rev. F. D. Crawley, Mr. Frederick J. McCandland, to Miss Annie A. Leonard both of Fredericton.

MALOY-HONGSON.—At the Baptist parsonage, Antigonish, by Rev. F. M. Young, Mr. James Maloy, to Miss Emily Hongson, both of Isaac Harbor, N. S.

GROSS-COLEPITTS.—At "the Birches," Pettitcodiac, the residence of the officiating clergyman, by the Rev. George Seely, on the 20th of March, Mr. Clifford Gross, of Hillsboro', to Miss Syranette Colepitts, daughter of W. A. Colepitts, Esq., of Mapleton, Elgin, Albert Co., N. B.

DEMILL-GRAVES.—On 20th of Feb., at the Baptist Church, Goshen, Parish of Elgin, A. C., by the Rev. Geo. Seely, Mr. Vernon N. Demill, to Miss Bessie H., eldest daughter of Howard Graves, Esq., now of Calgary, North West Territory, Canada.

Deaths.

[Simple death notices, without obituary poetry, less than 10 lines in length, are inserted free. More than this are charged at cents a line.]

RICHARDSON.—At Johnston, Q.C., on the 26th April, Mellissa, youngest daughter of the late George Richardson, aged 19 years.

WATSON.—At Wickham, Q. C., on the 27th April, John Watson, aged 63 years.

PARKER.—At Johnston, Q. C., on the 2nd May, Margaret, wife of George Parker, aged 86 years. She was baptized by Rev. Charles Lewis and joined the New Canaan Baptist Church in the 14th year of his age. She sleeps in Jesus.

LEE.—Drowned on the 21st of April, near Mount Katonagan, Maine, while steam-towing, Church Lee, of Charlotte Co., N. B., aged 19 years. He was mortal and religious.

ROGERS.—At Bristol, Carleton Co., on the 8th April, William Rogers, in the 83rd year of his age. He was one of the oldest settlers in Carleton Co. He left a wife, eight children,

forty grandchildren, and thirty-two great-grandchildren to mourn his loss. During his last sickness he manifested a desire to "depart and be with Christ."

MOFFATT.—On the 1st inst., George Moffatt, of paralysis, aged 71 years. He was a humble and pious christian, and the night before he died, in the prayer meeting of the Brussels St. Church, of which he was a member, was the last one to offer prayer. He rests in hope.

FAIRWEATHER.—On the 13th of April, at Salisbury, W. Co., Wm. Fairweather, aged 73. His end was peace.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength, and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight, alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall-st., N. Y.

The "Christian Visitor,"

STEAM

Book and Job PRINTING OFFICE,

99 Germain Street,
SAINT JOHN, N. B.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF
Commercial Printing

Executed in the neatest manner,
at reasonable rates.

Book and Pamphlet Printing
A SPECIALTY.

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES,
Printed, \$1.50 per thousand.

Orders by mail carefully and promptly attended to. Patronage solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.

JAMES PYLE'S



PEARLINE

THE BEST THING KNOWN FOR

WASHING AND BLEACHING

IN HARD OR SOFT, HOT OR COLD WATER.

SAVES LABOR, TIME AND SOAP AMAZINGLY, and gives universal satisfaction.

No family, rich or poor should be without it. Sold by all Grocers. Beware of imitations well designed to mislead. PEARLINE is the ONLY SAFE labor-saving compound, and always bears the above symbol, and name of JAMES PYLE, NEW YORK.

WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED.
In Sheep, Russia and Turkey Bindings.



WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED

NEW EDITION
WITH
DICTIONARY SUPPLEMENT

"A LIBRARY IN ITSELF."
GET THE BEST
The latest edition with 118,000 words, (3000 more than any other English Dictionary.) Biographical Dictionary which it contains gives brief facts concerning 9700 noted persons. In Illustrations—3000 in number, (about three times as many as found in any other Dictionary.)

THE STANDARD.
Webster is the Standard of the U. S. Supreme Court and in the U. S. Gov't Printing Office. It has all along kept a leading place, and the New Edition brings it fairly up to date.—*London Times*, June, 1882.
No school in the Dominion, no teacher, and no reader of the language, can afford to be without this monumental work.—*Canada Educator's Journal*.
It has come to be recognized as the most useful existing "word-book" of the English language, all over the world.—*N. Y. Tribune*, 1882.
Specimen pages sent prepaid on application.
G. & C. MERIAM & CO., Publishers,
Springfield, Mass., U. S. A.

KNABE

PIANOFORTES.

UNEQUALLED IN
Tone, Touch, Workmanship and Durability.

WILLIAM KNABE & CO.
Nos. 204 and 205 West Baltimore Street,
Baltimore, Md. 112 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.



The Great LIGHT.

FRANK'S Patent Reflectors give the "Brightest, Purest, the Safest, Cheapest and the Best Light known for Churches, Stores, Show Windows, Factories, Banks, Offices, Picture Galleries, Theatres, Depots, etc. New and elegant designs and trade size. Get circular and estimate. A liberal discount to churches and trade."

J. F. FRANK, 321 Pearl St., N. Y.