

Correspondence.

Reception of a Church Bell.

At a large meeting held in the Baptist vestry of St. Martins on the evening of the 14th inst., the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bill in the chair, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas Captain George Masters, in the generosity of his heart has presented the Baptist church of this place with a church bell of excellent quality and tone, from the firm of Blake & Co., of Boston, and

Whereas he has accompanied the gift with a valuable church clock, to regulate the ringing of the bell and for other useful purposes, therefore

Resolved that the cordial thanks of the church and congregation be given Captain Masters for his noble offering.

Resolved that a copy of the above be enclosed to Captain Masters, and that a copy also be sent to the Christian Visitor for publication, to stimulate others to like acts of generosity.

The ladies of the church signalled the event with a high tea, which passed off in a style highly satisfactory. The season was one of peculiar interest and will not soon be forgotten.

March 17, '84.

Notes from Digby.

As my health improves I find myself inclined to give you some notes from this place. There is plenty of material at hand for a long article, but a short one will suffice.

Commercial circles are just now considerably disturbed by the failures of some of our principle merchants. Digby has many natural resources yet undeveloped, and until the capital and energies of her people are turned to the development of these, disaster must attend all commercial enterprises. The fishing business is now taking the lead. Preparations are being made for more extensive operations in this line. The opportunities for catching, curing, and marketing are superior to most parts of this Province. Yet the enterprise is comparatively a new one, and the operatives have much to learn ere the fullest profits can be realized.

The old town is now rapidly filling up with an enterprising industrious class who have evidently come to stay. With small investments, economy and hard work, they will surely succeed. Residences are now very scarce.

The Baptist Church has shared largely in the growth of population, and the increase of the congregation is quite encouraging. The young pastor, Rev. J. S. Brown is holding the fort with commendable ability and discretion. The Lord is blessing the united efforts of pastor and people. Four have been added to the church by baptism. Your correspondent has shared largely in the prosperity of the church, as he has taken what little stock he could command in this enterprise for these many years. I am thankful that inability to labor has not obliged me to withhold my love for and interest in all that pertains to the kingdom of Christ on earth. To our weak minds it may be a trial to see those who come after us preferred before us, and it may cut our vanity to see others building on foundations which we wrought hard to lay and were unable to finish; but how completely the motives supplied for christian work, and the principles taught by and illustrated in the lives of Christ and John the Baptist, can cure all human foibles and follies, giving us peace and joy, even when heart and flesh fail us.

The finances of the church are in a healthy condition. The salary of the pastor, all too small, is promptly paid, and the congregation, as has been their practice in the past, are supplementing this with donations moderately in keeping with their ability. It is evident that the esteem of pastor and people is mutual and increasing. We have as a church met with a great loss in the death of our dear Bro. Rev. J. A. Durkee, who even in his enfeebled health was a great help to us. Honesty, integrity, purpose, benevolence of the highest type, with power, unyielding energy, with the courage of his convictions, characterized him. Possessing more than ordinary intellectual powers, and these well cultured and sanctified, he was no mean antagonist of evil in any form. His ability as an analyst

enabled him to discover readily the factors and phases of human action and to properly appreciate them. His decisions when expressed were not always understood by his brethren, but this ability gave a pungency and power to his sermons that was irresistible, and marked him as a counsellor unusually safe to follow. He was neither a pessimist nor a time server. He was never in the market at any price. By those who knew him best he was in the greatest demand. As a friend he was true and faithful. His fidelity to truth was unwavering, and his passion for souls burned to the very close of his sojourn here. His fine sensitive soul must necessarily suffer in a rude wicked world like this: but who can doubt that as he was a partaker with Christ of suffering here, that he is now participating in the glories of the risen Lord.

We are not uninterested spectators of our denominational operations. Only one purpose can guide safely in our Missionary and educational work; departure from this will bring disaster, adherence to this will give success. This purpose is expressed in the commission "Go ye."

Acadia College with her feeders must do her share in this work. Doubtless the small tempest which has lately been upon her will only fan her tired energies. The infusion of new blood is the necessity of all living things. We must not be alarmed at the quickened pulse. It may indicate new life and not fever. A little friction is sometimes quite conducive to health.

Yours very truly,
J. D. SAUNDERS.

Digby, March 15, 1884.

Notes from Yarmouth.

Since I have last written for the VISITOR we have had some sad as well as joyous experiences in this community. Last summer a bright little boy, son of Mr. Samuel Hayes Millen, fell into the pond close by his father's house. His body was not found for some hours afterwards when life was extinct. A few weeks since two little girls, Mary A. Durkee, seven years of age, daughter of Bro. Capt. Pearl Durkee, and her little cousin, Attila B. Raymond, aged six years, were coasting on the ice on Milton pond, and fell into an opening made by the ice-cutters, both being drowned. Together these dear little girls played hand in hand, together they were drowned. The two caskets were carried to cemetery in the one hearse, and together the two liberated spirits entered into the presence of Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me," and there they are safe in the arms of Jesus waiting for the coming of the other members of the family. May God grant that not one shall be missing in the day of Christ. These circumstances have cast a gloom over the church especially where all the parents were either members or hearers. We cannot send you as cheering reports of manifest church progress for these parts as you get from other communities, still we are not without some encouragements. Bro. DeWolf is much blessed in his work at Beaver River and Maitland. Quite a religious interest pervades his church, some have been baptized, and others we doubt not will follow. If hard and faithful work insure success, Bro. DeWolf ought not will succeed.

In Hebron Bro. Cohoon is toiling steadily gathering the sheaf as it ripens and caring for it afterwards. Bro. Cohoon is—well, his fame is in all the churches. A good and loyal church bound he will never want for sympathy. Co-operation or material support, is not calculated to make him any less useful.

Bro. Goodspeed is toiling hard and faithfully, with some tokens of good. There is a great deal of real success which only God knows, which eternity alone will reveal; it will come to the light, however.

In our own church at Milton we have many reasons for encouragement. Quiet—yet we trust deep—religious interest pervades church and congregation. A few have been added to our number by letters and baptism. We expect to baptize a few next Lord's day again. Our con-

gregations never were better nor so regular as they have been during the last year. The church is united and willing to work. They are not able to put us outside of poverty's reach by one or two huge donations, but they keep us in continual cheer by repeated tokens of goodwill and prompt payment of salary, without grumble or discount.

The "Canada Temperance Act" has been adopted in this county by an over-whelming majority, and will be rigidly and positively enforced, or we mistake our men.

Yours truly,
J. A. GORDON.
Yarmouth, March 14, '84.

Ontario Correspondence.

The severe winter is dragging its slow length along, causing many to sigh for balmy spring. The oldest residents scarcely remember a winter of more continued severity. News comes from many parts of Ontario of religious awakenings. Like the fisherman in the Saviour's day, calling to their fellows to help them with their full nets, so with many of our glad pastors. To-day I received the third request within three weeks, to come and assist brethren in revival services. I suppose others are being similarly called upon. I also notice with joy the accounts of ingatherings in N. B., and N. S.

A company of the Salvation Army has recently opened services in St. Catharines and seem to be doing good work, especially among the more dissolute and desperate characters. As with the Master, whom they seek, I believe, to serve with earnestness and sincerity, "some say they are good men, others, that they have a devil and are mad. But wisdom is justified of her children."

I am delighted to notice that Ezra has come to Jerusalem—Ezra 9: 1-15, —and the Toronto Presbytery has recently passed a resolution disapproving of Oddfellowship and Freemasonry, &c., as among the prominent hindrances to vital godliness. Will you allow me to say, Amen? And if I had a thousand tongues, I would say, after years of careful study of the subject, I believe that Freemasonry especially, legitimate or illegitimate, to be a child of the devil. A religion, without Christ, it keeps its votaries from Him, and cools the ardor of his people for him. I only marvel that with such passages as the following in our guide book, christians can be inveigled into uniting with them. Deut. 7: 1-6. 2nd Chron 19: 2. Ps. 139: 21, 22. John 15: 18, 19; 17: 14. 1st Cor. 6: 14-18. Jas. 4: 4. &c., &c.

Doubtless you have seen the unhappy discussion going on in the "Baptist" concerning our Educational and Missionary work in the North West.

The servants of Abraham and Lot still strive with each other, much to the sorrow of God's "friend," and to the detriment of Christianity.

The 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians seems almost as hard for the Church to learn as the great commission—perhaps harder. Having received aid from the American Home Mission Board, the Winnipeg brethren have issued an appeal to the English Baptists to aid in establishing and extending the work in Manitoba and the North West.

It does seem lamentable that the Home Mission work of the Dominion Baptists could not be more unitedly and vigorously pushed in our great North Western home for millions. If one of the designs in "beginning at Jerusalem" was economical, to lift the beacon light of the gospel where it might send its radiations farthest, as would seem from Act 2: 5-11, surely no point can be selected in all our home field of such immense importance as in our rapidly filling N. W. Territory.

We are Baptists and glory in our independence, and that we were "born free;" but let us pray God to raise up leaders, wise and gracious, like Asa, 2nd Chron. 15: 9, and thank him when he does so. "And of Zion it shall be said, when the Lord writeth up the people, that this and that man were born in her. And the highest himself shall establish her."

Yours,
W. H. P.

Home Missions.

The March meeting of the H. M. Board was held yesterday.

RECEIPTS.

The treasurer, Rev. C. Goodspeed, reported the receipts for the month \$850.58.

REPORTS.

were received from brethren McGregor, Spencer, Coy, S. J. Archibald, Fillmore, McLeod, R. W. Kinlay, Richan, I. E. Bill, jr., and I. Wallace.

REMARKS.

Rev. I. Wallace, general missionary, reports a gracious revival at Port Medway,—16 baptized. Bro. Coy reports additions at different stations in York Co. Bro. Richan is encouraged by additions at Woods Harbor.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.
Hebron, Mar. 11th, 1884.

Student Missionaries.

The Home Mission Board are undertaking to give employment to our Ministerial students at McMaster Hall, Acadia, and St. John, during their approaching vacations. Most of them will be able to commence work about the first of May and continue till September or October. Churches and Mission fields desirous of securing the services of these brethren will please write me at once, describing the field and the amount of compensation they can give.

A. COHOON,
Cor. Sec'y.
Hebron, N. S., March 13, 1884. 12-14

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Knoxford.

The new Baptist meeting house in Upper Knoxford will be opened for Divine service on the 30th March at 10.30 a. m. (D. V.) Sermon in the morning by Rev'd Thomas Todd. All are cordially invited to attend. Collections at the close of each service for the benefit of the church.

H. A. CHARLTON.

Moncton.

Rev. George O. Gates of the 1st Moncton Church, writes:—While so many of our pastors are reaping, after the days of patient sowing, our faith in the Lord of the harvest is being confirmed. Oh that in all our churches the true revival spirit may be manifested, churches made alive to duty, aroused to the claims of God and humanity. Five were baptized here last Sabbath and three more united with us by letter. Our outlook is hopeful.

St. Stephen.

Rev. R. M. Hunt says:—"Church matters are moving along slowly. Our prayer meetings are largely attended and I trust souls are being saved. Quite a number have risen for prayers and I know if it is God's work He will continue till they are brought to Himself. Some are now awaiting baptism. We are moving in the matter of putting a baptistery into our church, which has been something greatly needed for a long time."

"The new church in Calais gives more and more satisfaction as it approaches completion. Worship is now held in the school-room. The church will be dedicated about the first of May."

"The church at Milltown is still without a pastor. Rev. Mr. Clark having resigned last October. Rev. T. W. Crawley has received a call, but whether he will accept is not known. Rev. Mr. Estabrooks has been supplying the church for a few Sabbaths. Special meetings have been held with good results."

"I hope we may be able to get another man for Charlotte Co. The demand is pressing."

Prince William.

Bro. Blackadar and I resumed our work at Prince William on Feb. 26th. He remained until the last of the month. The storm on the 29th hindered the work, but Sabbath March 2nd, quite a number came together to here the word of life. I held meetings all last week and was much encouraged. On Sabbath 9th I had the privilege of baptizing five persons into the likeness of Christ's death. Four of this number were out of one family, a father, one son and two daughters. The father is the eldest son of our esteemed brother, Rev. T. W. Saunders.

The number baptized with the mother, who was previously a member of a Baptist Church comprise the whole household. I gave the hand of fellowship to the whole household in the evening, thus we have a whole household baptized and received into the church in one day and there was not an infant in the number, the youngest being in his seventeenth year.

We have a singular co-incident here with the account in Acts XVI. and 14th. The wife of our good Bro. Saunders and mother of these three children referred to. Her name is Lydia, so I had the privilege of baptizing Lydia's household, and with herself were all received into the church. I had to return home on Monday, having been gone nearly two weeks, I found my youngest child, a boy in his 3rd year, very sick. She who watches and cares for the family during my absence had done her best in caring for the child. I pray he may be spared. I shall return to Prince William next week

to resume labour again as there is some waiting for baptism at an early day. Six in all were received into the church on Sabbath last. B. N. HUGHES.
St. Mary's, March 12th, '84.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Cambridge.

About forty persons in this congregation have signified their interest in Christ. Baptism was expected on the 16th. The work still goes on.

Berwick.

I left Berwick Feb. 19th, after a few weeks hard toil for the Master. I attended about 150 meetings, baptized 72, and 5 others received by letter. It was one of the most powerful revivals of my life, some 17 heads of families were brought in. I found many very warm, kind friends, both kind and true. It was very hard to leave. I became greatly attached to the people and can never forget them for acts of kindness. They are a very liberal, noble hearted people. Since I have been here they made donations that amounted to about \$300, about 180 for me and the remainder for Bro. E. O. Reed, who had been labouring there before and is continuing to do so. The work we hope will go on. We left with three all ready received for baptism and over twenty anxious ones.

J. W. S. YOUNG.

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.]

Mr. E. P. Roe is writing a serial story for a future volume of *St. Nicholas*, and not for *The Century*, as already announced.

The Question of Ships by Jerrold Kelly, U. S. Navy, published by Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York; price \$1.25. In this volume is treated the rise and fall of the shipping interest in the United States. Their Merchant Marine is in a state of decadence. The subject however is broadly considered, and the plans and status of other nations come under full review. All persons interested in shipping, will find the discussion unfolded in this volume not only interesting but profitable.

The Yoke of Christ in the duties and circumstances of life, by Anthony W. Thorold, D. D., Lord Bishop of Rochester, published by A. D. F. Randolph & Co., New York. This is a series of essays on the following subjects: Illness, Letter Writing, Friends, Money, The Loss of Friends, Marriage. The book is dedicated to friends in America from whom the author received grateful kindness. The book enforces a high morality, based in the teachings of our Lord, and abounds with much wholesome advice set forth in chaste sentences.

Sources of History in the Pentateuch, by S. C. Bartlett, D. D., published by A. D. F. Randolph & Co., New York; price \$1.25. These lectures were delivered by the President of Dartmouth College, before the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1882. They embrace the following subjects: The Earliest Cosmogony, Early Man, The Early Arts, The Early Consanguinities, The Early Movements of the Nations, The Early Documents. To these are appended an extract from Strack on the Pentateuch. Dr. B. abandons the negative position and boldly affirms that in the Pentateuch we have our earliest knowledge of the source of things. He shows that what science has established is at best but a good side light to the story of the origin of all found in the Bible.

A paper on the late Sydney Lanier, giving him high rank as a poet, has been written for the April Century by Dr. William Hayes Ward. Two portraits have been engraved for the paper; one, occupying a full page, shows him as a youth of fifteen, and the other is of the poet as he appeared in his last years. Mrs. Sarah Freeman Clarke's second illustrated paper on the scenes of the exile of Dante will appear also. Besides their interest to lovers of Dante's works, the two articles have a special value to tourists in Italy who are continually crossing Dante's path, and who, with the assistance of these papers, may derive an added pleasure from their travels. Matthew Arnold's view on Emerson and on Carlyle have been criticised by John Burroughs in a forcible paper.

Historical Books of the Old Testament, with notes by Dr. Conant; published by the A. B. P. Society, Phila. The society has done a good work for the advancement of Biblical learning in publishing this translation by one who is the Nestor and Chief of Hebrew Scholars in America. Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I. and II. Samuel, and I. and II. Kings are the books translated and to them an introduction is added setting forth the value of the historical books of the old Testament and their place in the Divine Canon. The subjugation and occupation of the Promise Land is treated of as well as the composition of the several books. The brief notes are helpful, and the book ought to be in every minister's library. The fine large type and well finished paper make its reading a pleasure.

Harper's Magazine for April well illustrates the capabilities of that periodical in both the literary and the artistic field. The variety of its contents is a remarkable feature.

The frontispiece is the first of W. B. Closson's reproductions of "Great Pictures" engraved from the original

paintings, and is a gem of art. The engraving is from the original painting by Murillo, known as "The Immaculate Conception," and reproduces, with wonderful fidelity the lower portion of that picture—the group of child angels.

Charles Eliot Norton, Professor Herbert Tuttle, Earnest Ingersoll, E. D. R. Biancardi, C. Egan Paul, R. R. Bawker, and Helen W. Ludlow are among the contributors.

The fourth part of William Black's "Judith Shakespeare," the first part of E. P. Roe's novel, "Nature's Serial Story," Charles Reada concludes his story of "The Picture," and there is a bright short story by an anonymous writer, entitled "Six of One and Half a Dozen of the other." The illustrations are numerous and first class.

Quotations in the New Testament, by Dr. C. E. Toy, of Harvard University, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York; price \$3.50. The importance of a careful study of the manner in which Christ and the inspired writers of the New Testament make quotations from the Old, is apparent to all. Most of these translations are made, not from the Hebrew, but from a translation, and further, they are not, as a rule, exact and literal quotations even of the translations. An elaborate introduction is given by Dr. Toy, setting forth the sources of the New Testament text, showing the free manner of citing employed, and the principles of interpretation peculiar to the age. Dr. Toy boldly takes the ground that the Apostles, and even our Lord, in the way in which they made quotations, followed the teaching of the age and were not possessed of the present day knowledge of the rules of sound interpretation. Dr. Toy says: "The Bible nowhere teaches that a holy man, sent with a message from God, or a son of God, the embodiment of the divine, would be lifted above the ordinary conditions of human life. It must not be forgotten, that we are dealing with the visible phenomena of the Master's human life, not with the mystery of his personality. The physical, social and intellectual conditions of the life of Jesus were those of the first century of our era in Palestine." This is somewhat startling teaching but there is a germ of truth in it. Dr. Toy holds fast to the spirit of the teaching of inspired men, but grasps the letter too feebly. Some of the results of the so called higher criticism are to be accepted, but the results have not yet become solidified. Much will run away and the balance will be found not unworthy of acceptance by the faithful followers of Him who is the way, the truth and the life. Dr. Toy's book in thoughtful and devout hands will be found valuable; but caution will be necessary that in eating the kernel we don't devour the husk. Wholesale denunciation of the school of higher criticism is to be deprecated however. Its work will doubtless result in good and by it God's word will set a more intelligent and thoughtful base in the minds of many. While we are not prepared to go all the distance traveled by Dr. Toy in this book yet we do not see so many spectres ahead as many have portrayed. Let the word of God be examined and as gold tried in the fire we are persuaded it will come forth.

W. M. A. S. Receipts.

March 15, Chipman, Queen's Co. per Mrs. W. C. King, Sec. \$ 8 00
March 15, Lower Wickham Branch, per Mrs. R. E. McDaniel, Treas., from Annual Meeting, \$12.30; Dues, \$9.70. 22 00
Mrs. Geo. U. HAY.
229 Princess St. Treas. C. B.

Acknowledgements.

Mrs S. Manzer, Jan '85, \$5; S. W. Parent, Jan '85, 2; S. E. Gerow, Jan '85, 2; G. Allan March '84, Aaron W. Dow, March '84, 1; W. J. Rushton, March '84, 2; J. O. Russell, May '84, 2; Mary Beattie, Jan '85, 1; Amos Wilson, Jan '84, 4; Rev P. O. Rees, May '83, 2; Mrs R. Close, Jan '85, 2; Moses McNally, July '84, 1; A. F. Randolph, Jan '85, 2; H. V. Randall, Jan '85, 2; Mrs J. Roney, Aug '84, 1; Moses Jones, Jan '84, 2.

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.]

URQUHART-STONEHOUSE.—On the 11th inst., by Rev. W. T. Corey, at the residence of the bride's father, George E. Urquhart, of Kars, K. Co., and Martha M., eldest daughter of John Stonehouse, Esq., of Kars, K. Co.

SECORD-HATFIELD.—At the residence of the bride's mother, 43 Sewell St., on the 11th inst., by Rev. Dr. Hopper, Gilead Secord and Diamata Hatfield, both of this city.

Deaths.

[Simple death notices, without obituary poetry, less than 10 lines in length, are inserted free. More than this are charged at 5 cents a line.]

JONES.—At Gordonsville, Car. Co., on the 2nd inst., James A. Jones, in the 73rd year of his age. He professed religion when quite young, under the labors of the late John Masters, and became a member of the old Canaan church. He left a wife and large family to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and kind father. His end was peace.

LENORD.—Robert Lou Lenord, son of Flora A. and the late Maybury Lenord, aged 4 years and 5 months, died at Massacre, Feb. 18.

"A vacant seat beside the hearth, A broken link in loves bright chain, A flower faded with the morn, A young life blooming fair again."

SPAFFORD.—At St. George, Feb. 9th, Earl Spafford, aged 95 years. Brother Spafford was born in New Hampshire, in the year 1789, came to this Province in the year 1839. Baptized by Elder Magee in 1839.

ELSWORTH.—On the 11th Feb., at Cumberland Bay, Cambridge, Q. Co., after ten weeks of severe suffering, James E. Elsworth, son of John Elsworth, Esq., aged 23 years, leaving a kind father, mother, brother and sister to mourn their loss. The occasion of the funeral was improved by the writer. The service was peace.

F. S. TODD.