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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The second son of Oliver Wendell Holmes, died a few days ago. He is said to have had a good measure of his father's ability.

The circular letter to the N. B. Western Association, which was mislaid in the office, will be found on our second page this issue.

For many years past there has been no divorce laws in France. Recently one has been enacted, and there are already over three thousand applications for its benefits.

Those who desire a photographic group of the ministers of the Eastern N. B. Association can procure it of Mr. C. E. Wightman, Dorchester. The card size is 25 cents. Larger sizes 75 cents and \$2.40. The pictures are well taken.

GEORGE H. DARWIN, son of the great naturalist, Charles Darwin, is Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge University, England. He has lately taken to himself a wife, Miss DuPay of Philadelphia, daughter of the President of the American Society of Huguenots.

RHODE ISLAND is to have a valuable addition to her collection of historical paintings. It will represent Roger Williams on his return from England in September, 1644, bearing the first charter for the incorporation of Providence Plantations in the Narragansett Bay in New England, and the fourteen canoees with his fellow exiles meeting him on the shore of the Seekonk.

THE REV. DAVID FREEMAN and Mrs. Freeman have decided to spend the coming winter in Florida with their son, Zenas, who is there engaged in cultivating orange groves. Mrs. Freeman's health, we have learned, has induced them to try this climate. We trust the result may be the restoration of Mrs. Freeman's health, and their return to their home and many friends next summer.

WE had a call from the Rev. Wm. Robinson on his way to Antigonish, to spend a few days with Mrs. Robinson's family. The church at Canning took advantage of the meeting of the Ministerial Conference and had three deacons ordained. Brother Robinson preaches at Canning and Pereaux. Brother David Freeman has been preaching at Lower Pereaux and Scot's Bay. There is a good deal of ground in King's County not permanently occupied, some on the North Mountain and some on the South Mountain. This ought not to be so.

THE profuse writing—about the "Writings of the Twelve Apostles" seems in a fair way to come to grief. A correspondent of the Boston Advertiser has visited the monastery of the Holy Sepulchre, at Constantinople, in which the manuscript was said to be deposited. He could get no part of the "Teaching." The monks are very free with other ancient documents, but shy about this. The large discussion may yet all dissolve into thin air if it turns out that the manuscript is a forgery.

A PRIZE of fifty dollars has been offered for the best sermon on slander. The following are the terms:—It must be on slander or defamation of character. It must have been actually preached by its author in some place of worship, and must not exceed half an hour in delivery. The sermon receiving the prize is to become the property of the gentleman who offers the reward. While literary merit is desirable, it will not be preferred to the plain practical treatment of the subject. The sermon must be copied in a plain hand, and must be presented for competition not later than the 15th of September, 1884, and as much sooner as possible. All letters and manuscripts should

be addressed Hon. Thomas D. Worrall, No. 618 F. Street N. W. Washington, D. C.

WE have received a report of the Canadian Telugu Mission, printed at Madras. The pamphlet contains accounts of the year's work of the missions of both Upper Canada and the Maritime Provinces. The brethren and sisters on the field feel that they are working in essentially the same mission. The Rev. Mr. Thomssen writes of the work on the Telugu field; "We are accustomed to see great things at Ongole; but when we went outside of Ongole, and saw the work, we could hardly believe what our eyes saw and our ears heard. There is a great revival all through the land, that has been going on for years. The gospel is exerting its elevating and purifying influence not only on the hearts and minds of the people, but also on their surroundings. There is a marked difference to be seen between a pale of heathen Malas and Madigas, and a pale of Christians. The houses and streets of the latter are cleaner, and the very outward appearance of a Christian pale speaks volumes."

Correspondence.

To the Editors of the Visitor:—

I see from the last Year Book that over forty Licentiatees are reported as connected with the different Associations of the Maritime Provinces. Will you permit me through your columns to say to these, that if any of the number wish to go to McMaster Hall I shall be glad, on their writing me, to give them any information that may be required.

D. M. WELTON.

To the Editors of the Visitor:—

Through the columns of your valuable paper I would like to express my opinion of the work, and need of work in Miramichi.

Having received a call from Rev. I. E. Bill, jr., of Newcastle, and knowing little or nothing of the field, I accepted it. Hearing such adverse reports of the place, its difficulties, etc., I almost repented having done so. But God was greater than my fears and led me to go, and by the grace of Him who conquers all difficulties, we had a great blessing.

When you have been riding along about sunset and have come to the foot of some hill on the way, you look for the sun, which only a little time before was bright, and find it shut out. By what, the evening shades? No, by the hill; for as you gradually ascend, the bright orb again meets your view, and you are led to behold the fact that the sun has not set, but is still high in the heavens to give light to the earth.

On arriving at Newcastle and seeing the large Pedo-baptist interest, it did seem as though the Sun of Righteousness had shut himself in from the Baptist cause. Their church seemed small and few in number, compared with the others. But when I met the dear, faithful few I found I had been riding at the foot of the hill in thought, for Jesus was there in the midst, for seldom have I seen the righteousness of the Son of God more gloriously revealed in a people. We found them faithful to the God they loved, and as the army of Gideon was small and the victory great, so with the little Baptist church at Newcastle.

One worthy deacon has stood by through cloud and storm, for nineteen years comparatively alone.

I never met a man with whom I could work better than the much loved pastor, and a people more willing to work and give to their utmost ability, and I shall remember with pleasure my visit to Newcastle.

Now to those who read your valuable paper, pardon me if I make this suggestion, all who can aid by your in-

fluence and means in securing a helper for Bro. Bill, will be doing a blessed work for the Master. My friends, we must acknowledge Baptist interests are our interests, because God's interests are ours. "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world." As the sent of God we must remember the interests of God, and we must acknowledge that the Baptist church is living at a dying rate in their attitude toward Home Missions.

If I see a boy with shoes all broken out and torn clothes, I at once judge he is neglected, now compared with Pedo-baptists in Home Mission work our Baptist boys look ragged.

So I would say to you, while it is true, there are many fields that need attention, look out for one if you cannot save them all. Save the Baptists of Miramichi, where it is almost worth your life to say you are a Baptist, where men and women are thirsting for the unadulterated gospel. Say as you read this, let us do what we can, that the physician of souls may be preached to those dying ones. I feel that after seeing the work and its needs that I ought to speak for Bro. Bill, who is killing himself trying to do the work of four men. Brethren, he needs a helper. You must agree with me in this, after I tell you the extent of his field. Newcastle is supposed to be his centre, would to God it was. He could then preach twice each Lord's day in Newcastle, instead of once a fortnight. The Presbyterians and Methodists are skimming the centre of the pans and leaving the edges for Bro. Bill. It is true the best cream is there, but very little of it. And how can it be otherwise when he must be in Derby, Whitneyville and Little South West all the same day? Now if a man is kept all the time running after cows you cannot expect him to do much milking, much less to skim the edges of the pans already set.

He needs an assistant; with one, wonders could be done for the Lord. His brethren are kind and ready with their means, but they are few. Bro. Whitney, though very modest, is ready to do all he can. This is seen in the fact that with his own money he is building a fine little church. But where is the man to fill the pulpit when completed? "Why," some one says, "the Rev. I. E. Bill, jr., is on that field." What field, between Moncton and Quebec? The Baptists all along that line are neglected. May the Lord help you to help the neglected Baptist interests.

Yours in the Gospel,
D. L. CHUBBUCK.

Reply to Rev. W. H. Porter.

To the Editors of the Visitor:—

In your issue of July 30th there appeared a communication from Rev. W. H. Porter, which should not, I believe, be passed unnoticed. Not that the article in itself merits much attention, but because it gives the false impression that Baptists, as a body, are hostile to masonry. Mr. P.'s letter abounds in abuse, rather than argument. In fact, I fail to find in it a single valid charge against the order, except it be that in which he states a part of the oath of a Master Mason to be: "I promise and swear that I will keep a brother's secret as my own, when committed to me as such, murder and treason not excepted, and that I will apprise him of all approaching danger, so far as it shall come to my knowledge." Even if it be true that such an oath is taken by Master Masons, are there not many good men outside of the order who would protect, to the same extent, their friends, though not bound by an oath to do so? Has not the Rev. gentleman himself some loved ones whom he would screen even though guilty of murder or treason? But I affirm—and my information does not come from a perjurer—that no such

oath is taken by any mason, but the very opposite is the teaching of the order. No doubt Mr. P. thinks his statements correct, but he should not place too much confidence in the assertions of men who, by their own admission, stand convicted of perjury.

In his endeavor to prove that masonry is hostile to christianity Mr. Porter quotes some one whom he claims as an authority, as saying: "Disbelief in the divinity of Christ does not in any sense affect masonic standing," and again, "every good mason is of necessity truly and emphatically a christian and is assured of his election and final salvation." Will he harmonize the two statements, or tell us which is the teaching of the order?

Another of Mr. P.'s strong(?) points is that a candidate for masonic honors enters the room blindfolded and wearing only shirt and drawers. Supposing it to be true that the candidate willingly disrobes and permits himself to be led into the lodge room, what sin has he committed by so doing. Perhaps Mr. Porter would not submit to such an ordeal (although some are cruel enough to insinuate that a "black bean" prevented him,) but he should allow others the privilege which he claims, of choosing for themselves.

The charge that masonry is "a reeking mass of corruption" savors of biliousness, and in answer to it I need only call attention to the class of men who are connected with the order. Judges, clergymen, professors, doctors and leading men in every branch of trade and commerce are to be found in the masonic fraternity. It embraces every class from the throne to the cottage, and yet none can be found whom it has degraded. I admit that masonry, like other good institutions, is used by dishonorable men for unworthy purposes, but this is the abuse and not the use of the order. As well might we condemn the church of Christ because men use it as a cloak for iniquity, as to denounce masonry because some members do not come up to our standard of morality.

Is it not, Mr. Editor, unmanly on the part of Mr. Porter, to assault in so violent a manner a body of men who, as he asserts, are not permitted to enter into controversy with him in defence of their principles? Certainly it is not a very brave act to strike a man whose hands are tied. In reply to the insinuation that masons do not reply because they seek to stifle investigation, I need only state that the papers whose columns he, and others, have used, are not without interest in masonry.

If Mr. Porter has any spare time, let him use it to banish from our midst the bar-room, the brothel, and the gambling den, and after he has accomplished that it will be time enough to assault a society, which has fed and clothed so many widows and orphans, and scattered sunshine and gladness into many a darkened home. Yours truly,
W. H. PORTER.

Scott Act Election in Westmoreland.

To the Editors of the Visitor:— You are, I presume, aware that there is a petition against the continuance of the "Scott Act" in Westmoreland, and that the election comes off on Thursday, the fourteenth instant.

The opponents of temperance, who are also the opponents of law and order, are gathering their forces and do not hesitate to declare that they are depending for success upon money to be sent from your city, and that it will be spent *ad libitum*, in other words, that their only hope is in bribery and corruption—fit weapons for rum-sellers.

If the friends of temperance do their duty the Act is safe and the majority in favour of it will be immense.

As your paper circulates largely in our County, we want through it to warn the friends of the "Scott Act" against making mistakes in marking their ballots. The election is for and against the petition to repeal the Act, and consequently the word against in the ballot means for the "Scott Act." The form of the ballot is

FOR
RUM.
AGAINST
RUM. X

Bearing this in mind the proper place to put the X is opposite against, as that means you vote against the repeal of the Act. For means in the ballot for the rum traffic; against means against the rum traffic. The enemy is subtle and treacherous, and all must guard against his devices.

Yours, &c.,
C. E. K.

Dorchester, August 8th, 1884.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

BRUSSELS ST.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Hopper, Rev. W. F. Parker, preached two excellent practical sermons, to good congregations. Bro. Parker has closed his work at Hampton, and now is deciding whether to proceed. He is one of our best young men, and the elements of success are in him.

ST. ANDREWS.

Four were received by letter, and four for baptism, at our conference last Friday evening. It was a blessed season. I enjoyed an exchange with Mr. Hunt, of St. Stephen, last Sabbath. C. W. W.

HAMPTON.

Rev. G. E. Good, A.M., has accepted a call to the church at the Station, Village and Norton, and will begin work at once. This field has been growing in interest, and under the leadership of so worthy a man as the one called to the pastorate, we shall hope for continued prosperity.

SALISBURY.

Rev. T. M. Munro is being blessed in his work. He baptizes next Sunday. Rev. J. E. Hopper preached for him once last Sabbath. The pastor enjoys the good favor of both church and congregation, and although he has not seen all the results he desires, he has been faithfully sowing the seed for future harvests.

NEWCASTLE BRIDGE, QUEENS CO.

The new Baptist church in this place, will be dedicated to the worship of God on Lord's day, August 31st. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Several ministerial brethren are expected to be present, to assist the pastor in these services. A collection will be taken at both services, in aid of the building fund. W. P. A.

NOVA SCOTIA.

JORDAN RIVER.

A commodious house of worship is nearly completed at Jordan River. Mr. Robert Freeman, has taken a deep interest in the erection, and has contributed largely towards it. The people too, have done nobly. It will be formally set apart for worship, early in the coming autumn. This will give the Rev. L. M. Weeks, another good place to preach the old gospel.

JORDAN BAY.

The Baptists of Jordan Bay, stimulated by the example of their brethren at Jordan River, have commenced a place of worship for themselves. This house too is making progress towards completion. It is gratifying to learn that accommodations for public worship are being provided in places hitherto but poorly supplied.

JEDDRE.

Last year the church at Jeddre, under the pastoral care of brother H. E. S. Maider, erected a house of worship, on the west side of the harbor, to cost about \$3,000, and finished the outside. The carpenters are now at work on the inside, and expect to have it finished early in the coming autumn.

The contract is let for the frame of another house of worship, to be located on the east-side of the harbor. It is not intended to finish this house till next year.

While brother Maider attended McMaster Hall last year, he supplied Etobicoke Baptist church. Lately the church has extended a call to brother Maider. He has not yet decided to accept it. The church at Jeddre has been greatly blessed under our brother's labours. We trust that he may feel that it is his duty to remain and labour on that field.

Received for Foreign Missions.

From a Friend, Rockland Station, \$1 00
C. F. CLINCH,
Treasurer.
Cinch Mills, Aug. 11, '84.

Notices.

The next Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, will be held with the First Moncton Church, Moncton, N. B., commencing Saturday, August 23rd, 1884, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

E. M. KEHNSTADT,
Secretary.

The Board of Governors of Acadia College will meet at the Baptist Church, Moncton, Thursday August 21st, at 3 o'clock p. m.

T. A. HIGGINS,
Secretary.

ONE PAPER.

There will be a meeting of subscribers to the stock of the "One Paper" during the coming session of the Convention at Moncton, to consider important business. C. GOODSPEED,
Sec'y of Man. Com.

TO AND FROM THE CONVENTION.

Delegates to the Convention coming by one or all of the following lines of Railways and Boats,—by Intercolonial, P. E. Island, Albert, St. Martins, Elgin, Western Counties, New Brunswick Railways—by Steamers on River St. John,—Fishwick's N. S. Steam Co.'s Boats and those of P. E. Island Steam Navigation Co. from Summerside, and having paid a full first class passage, will be, by arrangements made with different companies, entitled to return free on presentation of properly signed certificates.

Delegates coming by Fishwick's Boats along shore of Southern N. S. to Yarmouth will connect with Steamer "Dominion," which leaves Yarmouth at 3 p. m. Friday, connecting at St. John on Saturday morning with train for Moncton. Delegates on P. E. Island Navigation Co.'s Boats will please inform the ticket Agent of their coming to Convention. Other lines not as yet heard from.

GEO. O. GATES,
Chairman of Com. of Arrangements.

Moncton, Aug. 9.

To the W. M. A. Societies of N. B.

As only a very few reports from the local societies have been received, it is hoped that arrangements have been made to send a large representation, to attend the Woman's meeting, to be held at Moncton, Monday, Aug. 25th.

The important subject of Union of the Societies of the three provinces, will be discussed, and it is probable matters connected therewith satisfactorily arranged. Other very important business will be before the meeting.

Let us come together praying to be guided by the Master, in all our deliberations. M. E. MARCH,
Sec. of the Central Board, N. B.

A special meeting of the Central Board W. M. A. Society, P. E. Island, was held at North River, on August 1st. Interesting letters were read from Mrs. Churchill, "returned missionary," and Mrs. J. March. The Board was much pleased to hear that it is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Churchill to visit the Island at an early date.

Mrs. A. H. Lavers was appointed agent to visit the churches in the interest of the Central Board. It was resolved that Societies be requested to forward their monies half-yearly to the Treasurer of Central Board, Mrs. Jacob Bain, North River, P. E. I.

LALIA A. KING,
Sec'y Central Board.
North River, P. E. I., Aug. 2.

W. M. A. S. Receipts.

Aug. 8.—Cambridge Narrows, per Mrs. L. W. Pearce, Treas., Dues \$0.75; Collection \$3.50. \$13 25
Aug. 4.—Carleton Sabbath School per Mrs. John March. \$11 65
Aug. 2.—Portland, per Mrs. John March. \$8 75
July 19.—From a member of Carleton church toward the support of a child in Miss Archibald's school. \$10 00
Aug. 4.—Carleton, per Mrs. John March. \$24 50
Aug. 2.—Main Street Society, Woodstock, per Mrs. J. Mauch \$8 00
July 20.—Cumberland Bay, per Miss Amanda Hawkshurst, Treas. \$42 00
Aug. 6.—Kingsclear, per Mrs. A. H. Hart, Treas. \$7 90
July 19.—Sackville 2nd, per Mrs. Thomas Hicks, Treas. \$25 00
July 25.—Dorchester, per Mrs. H. S. Pipes, Secretary. \$7 00
July 26.—Hillsboro', per Miss Bertie Steeves, Treas. \$56 75
Aug. 2.—Florenceville, per Miss Maud Burpee, Treas. \$6 00
Aug. 2.—Jemseg, per Mrs. Jessie A. Flower, Treas. \$4 00
Aug. 9.—Contributions from Ladies of Albert St., Woodstock. \$1 00
Mrs. T. Toad. \$1 00
Mrs. W. W. Hay. \$1 00
Miss L. D. Collins. \$1 00
Miss G. C. Collins. \$1 00
\$4 00
Aug. 9.—Germain Street, per John March, Esq. \$35 18
Aug. 9.—Jacksontown, per Mrs. John Estey, Treas. \$10 00
Aug. 9.—Leinster Street, per Mrs. James E. Masters, Treas. \$53 75
Twenty-five dollars of which is from Mrs. Hay, Hampton, to constitute herself a life member.
July 17.—Collection at Woman's Meeting, Dorchester, July 9th, \$4 66
Aug. 8.—From Miss Turner for Brussels Street Aid Society. \$1 00
Brussels Street, per Mr. J. March \$2 70
Aug. 12.—Sackville, per Mrs. Willard Thompson, Treas. \$22 00
Mrs. Geo. U. HAY,
Treasurer C. B.
60 Sydney St.