

soon returned to his office, after which the robbers quietly completed their work stripping the house of everything.

The next day another chapel and five houses belonging to Christians in a town four leagues distant from the last were plundered and battered down. One of the Christians seeing the crowd gathering for the riot, hurried to a military station with police authority, begging for help. The officer coolly told him that these soldiers belonged to the Emperor and were not there to protect Christians.

At the same time our own chapels and those of the English Presbyterian Mission, amounting to about forty in all, are constantly threatened, and are by no means safe at this time. The poor Roman Catholics, wherever they are, are plundered without mercy, their women, in some instances, being most horribly treated. This is because they have been taught by French priests. The latter have been driven out of the country. The Mandarins profess that they aim only at Roman Catholics taught by French priests. They do make some discrimination, simply because they are forced to do so by the fear of consequences. They are quite willing to see Protestant Christians robbed along with Roman Catholics. Indeed, one thing is obvious, in this Province, at least, and that is a purpose on the part of the Mandarins to grind Christianity into the dust. They hope to make it unsafe for any Chinaman to become a Christian. Their wickedness is equal to their obstinacy and blindness, and sooner or later retribution will come upon them.

As for the French, the predominant public opinion here holds them guilty of usurpation and cruelty. Few people there are in all the East who with complacency will see France get hold of so fine an island as Formosa. Few wish success to her projected Indian Empire, but on the other hand, few there are who wish to see China successful. Her arrogance is bad enough now. In case she should come off the best in a struggle with France, it would not be long before some other nation would be forced to enter the lists. If the Chinese statesmen who now control Peking politics could have their way, foreigners one and all, their merchants, their missionaries, their Bibles, and a part of their opium would be dumped in the middle of the sea.

Swatow, China, Oct. 3, 1884.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Visitor:—

In a note from Miss Wright dated Nov. 12th and mailed at Queenstown, she says, she had been well and had not lost a meal although they had an exceedingly rough passage from Newfoundland.

Miss Gray had been very ill. M. E. MARCH, Cor. Sec'y.

Perfection.

To the Editor of the Visitor:—

Your editorial on "Christian Perfection," reminds me of some things which I heard some of the speakers at the Woodstock "Holiness Convention," say.

One minister said, the Scriptures made a difference between sins and sin, and gave as an illustration the expressions where the plural form of the noun sin is used, as referring to actual transgressions, and the singular form of the noun sin as referring to original sin, or sinfulness. He likewise stated that it was our sins that were forgiven when we were converted, and that it was our sinfulness that was taken away at the time of the second blessing, i. e., sanctification.

These statements suggested to my mind the following inquiries. 1. Is the removal of original sin, or sinfulness, essential to salvation? 2. Do all who are forgiven their sins receive this second blessing? 3. What becomes of those who only have their sins forgiven? 4. Where is the "Thus saith the Lord" for this statement? 5. How is it that men sin after their sinfulness has been removed.

A. STUDENT.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Leinster St. Rev. C. Goodspeed, A. M., was in the city over Sunday and preached for Leinster street.

Brussels St. The Sunday School held an Oyster Social Thursday evening, and on Friday evening the school gave a free feast to the poor children of the neighborhood to the number of two hundred.

Carleton. Rev. J. A. Cahill lectured Monday and Tuesday evenings in the City Hall on the doctrine of Perfection, showing that it is not founded in correct Scripture teaching. The audience filled the Hall to overflowing.

Dumbarton, Char. Co. Rev. F. A. Kidson writes: "The Lord has appeared for his people here in Sovereign mercy. Last Lord's Day I had the pleasure of baptizing two interesting converts, and others are seeking the way."

Upham. On Nov. 5th, a goodly number of the Baptist Church and friends of Rev. R. Mutch in Upham, met in their town hall, and had a very enjoyable time, and as a closing service presented their pastor with \$40, for which all have our thanks. We pray for God's rich blessings to rest upon them.

Rothsay. Being invited by brother E. Ganong to administer the ordinance of baptism to two happy converts on the 18th inst., I have a note of several interesting items in his church. 1st. An addition of 19 new members to the church, as God given seeds to our young brother's ministry. 2nd. Repairs on the outside of their meeting house, to the amount of \$70, the work of the ladies belonging to the church, and the work shows that they knew how to do it. 3rd. A good band of christian workers to help our brother in the work of leading souls to Christ. These are important elements of success, may the Great Head of the Church bestow them upon us all.

R. MUTCH.

Bayside, Botsford, Westmoreland Co.

This church dates quite far back in the history of the Baptists of this Province, but has made but slow progress, perhaps mainly from the want of regular pastoral labor. There have been several revivals during the time since its organization, but in the few years past, many of its valued members have gone to the Upper Sanctuary, which leaves the church in a somewhat low state. I have been preaching to this people one-fourth of the time during the past year—alternately every fourth Sabbath—with encouraging prospects. Last spring the church commenced the erection of a house of worship, the outside of which is nearly completed. It is in the hands of a committee that have the energy to carry it forward to completion in the near future, and when ready for occupation will seat 250 or 300 people. Our congregations are good and the outlook is encouraging. Many will regret to hear that the health of Deacon H. Read, of the firm of John Read & Sons, continues much impaired. Port Elgin can but ill-afford to lose such a valuable member.

Yours truly, D. S. C. ENTER.

1st Elgin Church.

This church has of late experienced a gracious refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Special gospel services have been held for four or five weeks, and the Lord has done great things for us, whereof many are glad. Thirty persons have been received into fellowship, 29 of whom have been baptized, and one restored after long and painful wanderings from the Lord. This church has a large membership, and occupies an influential position. It is the parent of other Elgin Churches. Large congregations attended the meetings, and the large house of worship was filled during Sabbath services. Rev. D. P. Harris has been with us from the beginning, and rendered very efficient and faithful assistance, and is esteemed as a devoted and excellent labourer in the vineyard of the Lord. Churches and pastors needing help may not do better than secure our brother's services for special meetings.

After a week's partial rest we begin work in the Goshen section, three miles distant from the Elgin Corner, (Elgin Centre would be a better name in my humble opinion), where, during the last year, we had displays of mercy and grace, and a good addition to the church. More again. Pray for us.

Yours &c., GEORGE SEELY. Petitcodiac, N. B., Nov. 20, 1884.

South Richmond.

We are continuing our services in connection with the Richmond and Hodgson Church. The meetings are well attended and a good deal of interest manifested, sometimes as many as thirty taking part in the services. We baptized two on Sabbath last, and received them into the membership of the church last evening.

Our church at McKenzie's Corner has met with a great loss in the death of Bro. John T. Hoyt, an active member in the church, and superintendent of the Sabbath school for a number of years. His death was a great shock to the whole community. In company with Mrs. Hoyt he spent the evening of the Saturday before his

death at the parsonage; the Sabbath found him at his post in the school and preaching service; on Tuesday night he retired to rest in his usual health; Wednesday morning found him in eternity, died without a struggle and a groan, passed away from the membership of the church on earth to join the ranks of the redeemed ones in heaven. On Saturday morning, Oct. 25, we laid him to rest in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection to life eternal. In conducting the services we were assisted by the Rev. Thos. Todd, and the Rev. Mr. Howie, Methodist Minister. At our request Bro. Todd preached a very impressive sermon, from the words, "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

Our church at McKenzie's Corner is small, and it appears to us that we could ill-afford to lose brother Hoyt, but God knows best, we know that our loss is his gain; we pray that God may make his death a blessing to the whole community, and while we now mourn our loss in the death of our brother, may we soon have reason to rejoice in numbers being added to the church who shall be eternally saved.

Yours in the work, Nov. 12. O. C. HERBERT.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Truro.

Rev. Silas Rand delivered a very interesting discussion in the Baptist Church Truro, on Sunday evening, 23rd, subject, "Prayer of Faith," illustrated by some remarkable instances of answers to prayer in his own life, and the lives of eminent divines. The good brother seems to have lost none of his youthful vigor. Rev. J. E. Goucher, in his smooth, easy way, intimated that his aged brother was hard of hearing, and so told his people in a loud whisper, he would be all the better of a thicker overcoat; the deacons taking the hint emptied and repassed around the plates, and the overcoat was "made-up" more suddenly than Elijah's rain came on Mount Carmel. Such cups of cold water cheerfully given will not be forgotten.

W. J. G.

Home Missions.

Rev. A. H. Hayward has accepted the appointment of General Missionary, and has been directed to commence his labors on the St. Andrews field, especially at Bacabec and Bayside. We hope the brethren and sisters will heartily co-operate and that the cause in that region may be strengthened.

A. COHOON. Hebron, Nov. 21st., 1884.

Convention Fund.

In addition to amounts paid me by Bro. March at close of Convention, the following donations have since been received. Please insert—with the hope of awakening other brethren and churches.

Table with columns for names and amounts. Includes entries for Geo. O. Gates, Moncton, Nov. 22, and various churches like Fredericton, Dorchester, and Carleton.

Received for W. B. M. Union.

Table with columns for names and amounts. Includes entries for Woodstock, Lina Faulkner, Carleton, Mrs. Eva O. Stewart, and others.

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Selections.

Up then, with speed and work; Fling ease and self away; This is no time for thee to sleep. Up, watch and work and pray! —Horatius Bonar.

That cloud itself, which now before thee Lies dark in view, Shall with beams of light from the inner glory Be stricken through.

And like meadow mist through autumn's dawn Uprolling thin, Its thickest fold when about thee drawn Let sunlight in. —Whittier.

Success treads on the heels of every right effort.—Smiles.

We enjoy ourselves only in our work, and our best doing is our best enjoyment.—Jacobi.

Some men are just blind enough not to see their duties, but they can see all their rights very clearly.

God will pardon a repentant sinner more quickly than a mother would snatch her child out of the fire.—Vianney.

Private prayer is so far from being a hindrance to a man's business, that it is the way of ways to bring down a blessing from heaven upon it.—Thomas Brooks.

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