

ing, the visit of an agent tends to break up that system.

We have reason to believe that not a few of our pastors are labouring from year to year, to lead their people to give intelligently and regularly to the Lord's work. Then, let us do nothing which will render their work ineffectual.

(2) Because agencies are too expensive for empty treasuries. Upon one occasion a person was appealed to by an agent to aid in some benevolent work; he handed the solicitor a penny, and then a dollar, saying, this last is to pay for getting the penny into the treasury.

I am unwilling to believe that our churches have been overtaken with a penuriousness, which will prevent them from giving of their substance, if they are properly instructed, in the blessedness which those have who sustain the work of God, as well as in the needs of the denomination.

Let the work be well done by the pastors in the pulpit and in all the intercourse with the people, and we shall be richer by saving the salary of the agent, and will stop the mournful news of no funds.

I will be excused for writing thus strongly, when it is remembered that, perhaps no man has more to tax his time and patience with respect to agents than the village pastor. He has to receive visits from such, sometimes "over zealous," representing Book Rooms, (not always thoroughly Baptist) Bible Societies, etc., all asking, and expecting collections and special contributions for their objects. Now, Messrs. Editors, I wish every work of the Lord success, but I am a good deal tired of the visits of agents; and if you could suggest some plan by which we can be saved from more than one such visit a week, we would receive it with thanks.

Yours, &c.,
C. C. BURGESS.
Hopewell, Jan. 25th, 1884.

INSTALLATION SERVICES.

To the Editors of the Visitor:—

I have been thinking of late a good deal about these installation services, especially since the one which occurred at Dorchester. I have tried to find our authority for such a service in that Book which Baptists take for their "rule of Faith and Practice;" but I must confess that I fail to find a "Thus saith the Lord," or one example—apostolic or otherwise—for such a practice in the Book of Inspiration. Neither can I find it to be a thing practiced in our denomination in any of the centuries back of the one we are living in. It does appear to me to be a new theory in our history. It may not be new in the Roman Catholic division of the religious world. It is practised by the Church of England, when they "institute" a pastor over a parish. It is also done by the Presbyterian body. But why is it necessary for Baptists to do it? When a Baptist minister receives a regular and unanimous call from a church to become their pastor, and he accepts that call, is he not upon entering upon his pastoral charge and relations with that church instituted pastor by them without that clerical and ecclesiastical convocation which pours a little moon shine upon him? If you say "no," then I answer that two-thirds and most all of the other of our pastors are not pastors because they have not been installed, just as priests are not priests of their parish, regularly so, without certain ceremonies performed by the bishop and other priests. So with other ecclesiastical bodies.

Again, does it give the pastor a better standing in his church and denomination? Does it make him a better preacher? Then I would say by all means. All some of us; but if his standing depends upon his own personal merit and piety altogether, just like Paul and Peter and John, then certainly this practice cannot go very far in that direction. But does it help in any way to increase our temporal support? If so let us all strive in this luxury, for heaven knows that some of our pastors get just about enough salary to keep them out of the poor house; but I find installation does not do it. No, neither will any heresy do it.

Look at it from any standpoint you may, there is nothing in it, at least I see it so. It does not make any man a pastor, no more than what the imposition of hands and the church which calls him make him. It does not add to the wealth or personal merit, neither does it increase his salary or make him a better man in any way.

Hence I conclude that installation services and newspaper puffs are just about as useful to a minister only in the way of recognizing him as a flash of lightning in the darkest night. It lets the world see him for a moment but it is gone the next, unless he has the lightning in himself.

I believe that installation services are practiced to a great extent in Virginia, and so called the "Virginia heresy." In looking over the last issue of the New York *Examiner*, I clip the following:—

"No, no, not an installation. I have just attended the service held at Lexington, Kentucky, to welcome the new pastor of the First Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Hiden, of Virginia. 'Langhey' was guilty of a grave mistake in his last letter, in announcing that this would be an installation service. The 'Virginia heresy' has not crossed the mountain—old Kentucky is 'orthodox' to the core—and the grand old First church at Lexington had not an 'installation' but a welcome service for their new pastor."

T. M. MUNRO.

To the Editors of the Visitor:—

On the evening of the 15th inst. the ladies of the Woman's Mission aid Society of this place, held their annual meeting, Dea. Silas Lockhart was chosen chairman, and Miss Sherwood Sec. Owing to the absence of the President, and Treasurer, we were not favored with a connected report of the year's receipts but learned that there are about \$9 in the treasury, that will soon be forwarded to the proper person. The pastor read from the *Canadian Record* a letter by Rev. R. Maplesden, Ongole, showing encouraging features of our work among the Telugus, also a comparison from the *Missionary Review*, showing the popularity of Baptist principles in heathen lands. With closing remarks by our chairman, we parted, resolving to do better in the future.

R. MURCH.

To the Editors of the Visitor:—

I wish to say in answer to statements in your issue of Jan. 16th, signed by E. Magowen and A. E. Gillmor, that whatever was made to "appear," from a letter in your issue of Jan. 9th, the statements made in that letter were true. Even to the number of meetings held.

M. P. KING.

St. George, Jan. 23rd.

To the Editors of the Visitor.

The following lines were composed by our beloved sister Charlotte Cowan, who died suddenly at her home on Main Street, Portland, N. B., Jan. 16, 1884.

They were suggested to her mind by a sermon I preached from the words of Joseph, in Gen. 40, 14. "But think on me when it shall be well with thee."

Our sister's sudden removal from our midst is felt deeply, both in the community and in our church, of which she was a consistent member. We feel comforted with the thought that our loss is her gain. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

W. J. STEWART.

IS IT WELL WITH THEE, O SINNER.

BY MRS. J. E. COWAN.

Is it well with thee, O sinner,
Are the words our Pastor said,
Have you given your heart to Jesus,
Or is your soul by nature dead.

Is it well with thee, O sinner,
Have you laid your treasure by,
Can you say with truthful heart,
I have a home beyond the sky.

Is it well with all thy household,
Do you feel that they are saved,
Have you talked to them of Jesus,
Have you ever for them prayed.

Can you feel when you have left them
Here on earth no more to roam,
That you lighted here a candle,
That will guide their spirits home.

Have you friends that love not Jesus,
Are you doing all you can?
Try to set a good example,
To the fallen sons of men.

If so, then you are a Christian,
And you know that it is well,
For the joys that you'll inherit,
In that heaven no tongue can tell.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Fairville.

The special meetings held by Bro. Camp have resulted in blessing. Five persons have been received for baptism. The first note of \$500 on the church debt has been paid. We congratulate the pastor and church on these evidences of prosperity.

McDonald's Point.

I wish to acknowledge a donation visit from the kind friends of this place. On the evening of the 21st of December, a number of friends, old and young, met at our home. After the evening had been spent very agreeably to all, I was made the recipient of the sum of \$29.00, \$14 in cash, the remainder in valuables for the house. May the God of all grace abundantly reward the donors.

C. B. LEWIS.

Springfield.

A series of social meetings has been held in the First and Second churches, in which we have been assisted by Bro. J. W. Mann, of the St. John Seminary. A good feeling prevails in both churches and we are hoping that better days may be in store for us. A few evenings since, some of the friends from Spragg's Point and neighborhood came to pay their first donation visit to me. A most enjoyable evening was spent, at the close of which I was presented with a purse of \$45. I can only return my thanks to the friends who have thus kindly remembered me.

W. E. MCINTYRE.

St. Francis.

In spite of the difficulties which have presented themselves since I came here last fall, I am quite encouraged in my work. I never preached to a more attentive congregation, and I never preached quite so plainly to any people for so long a time. I take this as a very good omen. I trust the rum traffic is on the decline and that a check has been given to the almost universal habit of cursing and swearing in this part. I still request an interest in the prayers of the people of God that his Word may be received by those who so earnestly listen to it, bringing forth in them the fruits of holiness, and a life answerable thereto.

A. ESTABROOKS.

Narrows, Q. Co.

This branch of the Woman's Missionary aid Society, held its annual public meeting in the meeting house at this place on the evening of the 14th inst. The house was filled to its utmost capacity, many barely finding standing room. Rev. A. B. McDonald presided. The reports from the officers showed the Society to be in a prosperous condition. The speakers of the evening were T. Hetherington, Esq., M. P. P., Rev. T. Todd, Rev. G. Porter, T. O'Donnell, Esq., Rev. A. B. McDonald, and W. Wetmore, Esq. It was a matter of considerable regret that professional duties prevented Dr. M. C. McDonald, who takes a deep interest in mission work, remaining to take part in the meeting. The collection for the evening amounted to \$22.34.

Second St. Martins.

Members of this church and congregation met on the evening of the 22nd at the house of W. R. Floyd. R. L. Parker being appointed chairman for the evening, after an appropriate speech, presented the pastor with \$26.57, as a thank offering from the people.

The superintendent of the Sabbath School W. R. Floyd and his daughter Alice, entertained us by exhibiting a number of articles from India, among which was a native ladies dress, with a lot of jewelry, and a little idol. Alas for a people worshipping such an image. We never felt so much like responding to the appeal in Hebers' Missionary hymn, as when it was sung at the close of our evening entertainment.

May God bless the people of India, through the labors of our missionaries. And may God continue to bless our little church and sabbath-school, known as the 2nd St. Martins.

R. MURCH.

First Elgin.

In October of 1883, the pastor of the First Elgin church invited me to hold a series of meetings in Goshen, a section of that church, as he himself could not attend any more than his regular appointments every other Sabbath. I went, and was kindly received by the people. The Lord, who had been impressing the minds of some with divine things previous to this, carried on his own glorious work slowly, quietly, yet surely, so that some souls we trust were converted, backsliders reclaimed, and God's people revived. To his own glorious name be all the praise. Since that time this people have kindly remembered me in a manner worthy to be mentioned. On the evening of the 29th ult., a few of the brethren, sisters and friends in that community met at Bro. Howard D. Stevens' residence and left in his hands for me, during my absence from the place, \$16.25 in cash, \$6.00 of which the sisters of the sewing circle contributed. On returning there a little more than a week ago, I remained with the people over the Sabbath, and preached twice to them. At the close of the evening service Bro. Stevens presented me with the purse just referred to, and in behalf of the people, offered words of sympathy and kindness which I cannot soon forget, and for which I feel very thankful. Bro. Seeley, the pastor, is

"esteemed very highly for his work's sake," and well deserves all the sympathy and support he will receive, for he is a worthy man of God. May God bless both pastor and people with much of his Grace and Spirit. Yours fraternally,
A. H. WILLIAMS.

Jan. 28, '84.

Cumberland Bay.

Allow me to inform the many readers of your valuable paper that I am still engaged in the good work of the Lord. I took the pastoral charge of the Second Baptist Church, Cumberland Bay, on the 1st of last November. I found the cause somewhat low and the membership scattered. Signs of spiritual life are appearing in our prayer and conference meetings and our congregations on Sabbath day are very good; the outlook is encouraging. On the 24th of December a farmer's supper and concert was given, in which the good sisters took a very prominent part. It was a grand success. The proceeds are being appropriated towards fitting up the interior of our place of worship at the Bay. On the evening of the 16th inst., a large number of friends met at my residence and partook of a most sumptuous tea, prepared by the ladies. After spending a very pleasant evening, Deacon Geo. McLean was appointed chairman, and William Hawkes, Esq., on behalf of the people presented me with an appropriate address and a donation of \$136.74 in cash and its equivalent. May God's richest blessing rest upon the donors.

F. S. TODD.

Cumberland Bay, Jan. 22, '84.

NOTICE.

An ecclesiastical council is called by the Second Springfield Baptist church to assemble in their meeting house February 12th, at 2 o'clock p.m., to consider the propriety of ordaining to the work of the gospel ministry, Bro. W. E. Macintyre, A.B. Conveyances will be provided at Hampton for delegates coming by morning train.

NOTICE.

The Baptist meeting house at Lower Cambridge will be dedicated to the worship of God on Sunday the 3rd day of February next. The dedication sermon will be preached by Rev. A. B. Macdonald at 11 o'clock a.m. Ministers and friends are cordially invited to attend.

F. E. MACDONALD, Clerk.

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Wolfville, 26th Jan. 1884.

What a shocking fate was that of Mr. Charles Delmonico! A man with many friends, great wealth to insure his comfort—and yet to perish miserably, alone, away from home; found frozen to death in a ditch in the cheerless solitude of a New Jersey wilderness. It is said that the cares entailed by business and losses sustained by speculation, developed the dementia from which the unfortunate gentleman suffered. If so, the sad story contains a lesson to many of this generation. Excessive work is one of the greatest evils of our business life, and in the heedless race for wealth, too often there are those found who reach the goal, only to fall exhausted and to find the prize a valueless possession. Though somewhat trite, the old adage about "contentment and a cottage" contains much truth; and the envied rulers of kingdoms are far less happy with their lot than he who cheerily claims—"My mind to me a kingdom is."—*The Secretary.*

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LUCK-GOOD.—On 17th inst. at Jacksonton, by Rev. A. Chipman, Clinton C. Luce of Maine, U. S., and Barbara C. Wood of Jacksonton.

DENTON-HICKS.—At Westport, Jan. 20th, by Rev. S. McCracken, Mr. Hanford Denton and Miss Jeannette S. daughter of Mr. Charles Hicks, all of Westport.

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FURNES-SPRAGG.—On the 23rd inst., at the bridegroom's residence, Rev. D. D. Cranall, Mr. John Burnes and Miss Hannah M. Spragg, all of Springfield, Kings Co.

TODD FITZPATRICK.—On 24th inst., at Jacksonton, by Rev. A. Chipman, T. Todd, Esq., of Truro, and Mary L. Fitzpatrick, of Jacksonton.

RICE-WHITE.—On the 9th of January, at the bride's home by the Rev. C. B. Lewis, Mr. R. Rice, of Wickham, Queen's Co., and Miss Annie White, of this place.

FANJOY-BOYD.—On the 23rd January, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. G. Harvey, Mr. Jas. W. Fanjoy, of Sheffield, and Miss Sarah, eldest daughter of Major Boyd, Esq., of Gagetown.

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.]

SMITH.—At Cambridge, Q. C., on the 18th of December, of typhoid fever, Miss Mary G. Smith, aged 67 years. She was a member of Lower Cambridge Baptist Church.

LOUNSBURY.—At Fancett Hill, Salisbury, on the 5th of October, Emily, aged 21 years, daughter of Deacon John W. Lounsbury. To her death had lost its sting and she longed to depart and be with Christ.

CROSSMAN.—At Fairfield, Westmoreland Co. on the 16th inst., Rebecca, beloved wife of Dea. John Crossman, aged 71 years. Sister Crossman preceded her religion about thirty years ago and lived a consistent life until called to her reward. We deeply sympathize with our aged brother and family in their affliction.

WILLIAMS.—At her residence N. Jerusalem, Q. C., on the 3rd inst., Ruth, wife of the late Wm. Williams and daughter of the late Josiah Webb in her 57th year, leaving two sons, six daughters, a brother and sister, with grand children, and other relatives to mourn their loss. Sister W. was baptized by Elder James Biakney of precious memory in 1840 and continued a member of the N. Jerusalem Baptist Church until called to the church triumphant.

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Also for the construction of a lock, together with the enlargement and deepening of the upper entrance of the Rapids Plat Canal, or middle division of the Williamsburg Canals, and the deepening &c., of the channel at the upper entrance of the Gaspere Canal.

A map of the head or upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal and the upper entrance of the Rapids Plat Canal, together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen at the Resident Engineer's office, Dickenson's Landing; and for the works at the head of the Gaspere Canal, at the Lock Keeper's house near the place, and in each case plans, &c., can be seen at this office on and after Tuesday, the 29th of January inst., where printed Forms of Tender will be obtained.

Contractors are hereby informed that trial pits have been sunk on the CORNWALL and RAPIDS PLAT sections of the works, and they are requested to tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits, &c.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the contractor, the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$4,000 must accompany the tender for the Cornwall Canal Works. The tender for the Rapids Plat works must be accompanied by a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$3,000. The tenders for the deepening, &c., at the head of the Gaspere Canal must be accompanied by a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$3,000. The respective deposit receipts (cheques will not be accepted) must be endorsed over to the Hon. the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipts thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order,
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