

OBITUARY.

SMITH.—Mrs. John Smith died in this city on the 25th December, 1884, in her 82nd year. She was born in Wickham, Queen's Co., December 9th, 1803. Her father, Jacob Day, came to this country from the United States, and married Jenny Hopper, a daughter of one of the first English settlers in this Province. To them were born one son and five daughters. Their second daughter, Jane, the subject of this sketch, married John Smith, of Wickham, and with her husband removed to St. John in early life. Then neither of them were professors of religion, but she was nominally an Episcopalian. Rev. F. W. Miles was pastor of Germain street church, and under his ministry Mrs. Smith made a profession of faith in Jesus and was baptized. Soon after her husband followed her in baptism, and they became at once useful and honored members of the church. When in 1850 the Brussels street church was formed, they, with pastor Robinson and many others, were among the number constituting it.

Mrs. Smith was a woman of pronounced religious convictions. While in devotional meetings she had little to say, yet in conversation she was quick to resent any reflection upon Christ or his church. The peculiarities of her faith as a Baptist were dear to her, and she never wavered in their advocacy. Her piety was pronounced, showing itself in a helpful ministry to the wants of her family, friends and the cause of God. If anything was to be done for the benefit of the church, the service of her hands, the thought of her brain, and the gifts of her house could always be reckoned on. She loved the gates of Zion, and as long as she was able was found in her pew as a worshipper; although for the last few years she was unable to hear the song of praise, the prayer, or the sermon. She went for meditation in the house of God, and as an example to others. After her husband's death some ten years ago, she seemed to be lonely, and meditated much on the world and fellowships beyond. She had a desire to depart, to see the good land that is beyond Jordan. Most heartily she acquiesced in the will of God. Patiently she waited, triumphantly she departed without a struggle. O, death, where is thy victory! She through death has passed on to the world of sainted fellowships to meet those with whom in former days she mingled in the service of the Lord.

Her funeral services occurred on the 29th inst., conducted by Revs. Dr. Bill, James Spencer and J. F. Bartlett. Her remains were buried in the family lot in the Rural Cemetery, and her grave is but "the inn of a traveller on her way to Jerusalem."

COY.—Mrs. Asa Coy died Nov. 6th, 1884. Our beloved sister, Mrs. Asa Coy, went home to God on the morning of Thanksgiving day, at the hour when grateful hearts were magnifying the divine goodness. It was a fitting hour for so bright and thankful a spirit to enter into the joy of her Lord. Hers had always been the cheerful, sunny life, illustrating the beauty of a winsome Christianity, ever looking upon the bright side of earthly events, trustful in darkest hours, and regarding others with a large and hopeful charity. Seventy-nine years had she lived when the end came. Her wish—to die in sleep—was realized. A deep, unbroken coma held every sense enchained, up to the moment when the happy spirit stole "away from this world's heaven to a better." She might have made her own, the words:

Life: we've been long together, Through pleasant and through cloudy weather, 'Tis hard to part when friends are dear, Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear; Then steal away, give little warning, Choose thine own time; Say not "Good night," but in Some brighter clime, bid me "Good morning."

God made her his own in early life. Thenceforth she was unmistakably his child, giving a loving, unstinted devotion to his service. One who knew her well testifies that "she was a queen, ruling by the matchless power of christian love. When the church of her choice was passing through dark seasons, she was at her post to say, 'A brighter day shall soon dawn.' Her heart and purse

were ever ready to aid denominational movements to successful issues. She took a deep interest in Sunday-school, and Home and Foreign Mission work, and she was an earnest and devoted advocate of the temperance reform in its early struggles." In her home her life made constant sunshine; all felt the charm of her unfeigned cheerfulness. Though the infirmities of age multiplied, her mind and heart never grew old. The young were irresistibly attracted to her by the warm sympathies of her active, youthful spirit. For her it was true, "all the way to heaven, is itself heaven." Now, her faith finds full fruition in the higher life above. Death brings to her reunion with departed friends, with her sainted husband, and with others who had gone before, and better than all, the unclouded vision of her Saviour's face.

"Now, just as the gates were opened, I looked in, and beheld the city shone like the sun, the streets also were paved with gold, and in them walked many with crowns on their heads, palms in their hands, and golden harps to sing praises withal. And after that they shut up the gates, which, when I had seen, I wished myself among them."

DEWOLF.—Many of the older readers of your paper will regret to hear of the death of Deacon Gerdon DeWolf, who passed away to his home last Tuesday morning, at the ripe age of seventy-seven.

Our aged and beloved deacon was born in Wolfville in the year 1808. His father was Benj. DeWolf, who with all his family have ever been strong adherents of the Baptist cause.

In the year 1816 the family moved from Wolfville to the parish of St. James, Charlotte Co., where some eight years later Gerdon, then a boy of sixteen, was converted. Some four or five years after, he was baptized by the Rev. Mr. McGee, and became a member of the church in St. James. Here he also was married to Miss Ann Mann, who still survives him. In the fall of 1840, he moved, with a family of four children, to the town of St. Stephen, which has since been his home.

For many years Deacon DeWolf was a member of the church in Calais, but upon the formation of the church in St. Stephen he at once withdrew, and became one of our deacons, which office he held until the time of his death.

As a business man Dea. DeWolf was honest, kind, hardworking; as a Christian, he was humble, faithful, true, ever found at his post ready and willing to work for his Saviour. In his earlier and more active days, it mattered but little how busy he might be, the key was always turned in the lock of his place of business, and he was found in the prayer-meeting. Would that more of such men might be found in every church.

A sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached in the church of which he had been so long a faithful officer on Sunday evening last, when in spite of the inclemency of the weather a large congregation was present. Upon the large family who mourn a father's loss, may the kind Heavenly Father send down great comfort in this their time of sorrow. ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 22, 1884. H.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

To the Stockholders of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Company.

Will all shareholders who have not paid the 40 per cent. call on their stock, please remit at once, to the Rev. C. Goodspeed, St. John, as we must pay the last of our first instalment of the purchase money of the *Messenger and Visitor* by Jan. 7th. We are glad to be able to say that the response to the call has been general and cheerful.

TO THE AGENTS OF THE "MESSENGER AND VISITOR."

All the agents for the consolidated paper will please send us their lists of subscribers, so far as completed, by Jan. 4th, so that the *Messenger and Visitor* may be mailed to as many as possible from its first issue.

C. GOODSPEED, Editor and Manager of the *Messenger and Visitor*.

For the Visitor.

Baptist Union.

I have read with much interest all that the *Visitor*, *Messenger*, and *Intelligencer* have said on this stirring question of the union of Baptists and Free Christian Baptists in one organic denomination. To me it is no new question. I have studied it thoroughly for many years, and I am prepared, when the proper moment comes, to discuss the subject, not only in reference to its general principles, but in respect to its minutest details. I have in former papers, as you know, shown the numerous points of agreement, in regard to both doctrine and practice; and so nearly are we of one accord, that I feel that a refusal to come together as one body, to work in harmony for the glory of Christ and the salvation of the world, would bring a shameful blot upon that Christianity which demands of us that we, as Baptist Christians especially, should "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness, and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. For there is one body and one Spirit; one hope of our calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all and in us all."

With such a ringing passage as this, coming to us with all the authority of divine inspiration, how dare we stay apart?

But beyond this, a union wave, as I believe from the breath of the eternal Spirit, has passed over these two sections of the Baptist household, and they have resolved, in the name of the Lord, to come together, and as in the case of two lovers, oppositor from any quarter only tends to strengthen their determination to blend together in delightful fellowship.

I am more than delighted with the outlining of the *Visitor* and *Intelligencer*, so far as general principles are concerned, but the public press is not the place to discuss details. These can only be settled by wise and judicious committees, mutually chosen by Associations, District meetings, Conferences, etc.

If the Spirit of Christ predominate in all hearts, a speedy union of the two bodies is as certain as the rising of the morning's sun.

This is the time—not for the interchange of bitter words, but for earnest, all-prevailing prayer!

Fraternally, I. E. BILL.

Dec. 29, 1884. *Intelligencer* please copy.

News from the Border.

The young ladies' Mission Band of the Union Street Baptist church, St. Stephen had a sale in their vestry last Tuesday evening, from which they realized the sum of twenty-eight dollars. This goes to support a child now being educated in India. On Saturday morning last our good people of St. Stephen had to kindle their fires with the thermometer 22° below zero. How is that for low?

On Sunday, at the close of the session of the Sunday School, the teachers and scholars presented to their Superintendent, Mr. E. Price, a fine teacher's bible and a copy of poems. They also presented the Librarian of the school, Mr. W. Hughes, with a handsome bible. Both gentlemen made appropriate remarks, thanking the school for the kindness shown them and wishing it great prosperity.

The lottery, so long a disgrace to our town, has been closed, Mr. Reade having decamped.

Church work is moving ahead, and our meetings are very well attended. We shall miss our aged brother, deacon DeWolf, who died last week, after filling the office of deacon in our church for sixteen years. H.

Acknowledgments.

Mrs E Nichols, ap1 \$5, \$1; Wm Kierstead, feb \$5, 2; A N Vincent, sept \$5, 2; David Thomson, jan \$5, 2; Mrs Thos Currie, oct \$5, 2; Geo A Treadwell, jan \$5, 2; J G Hetherington, jan \$5, 2; Mrs Jas Stewart, jan \$5, 2; Moses McNally, jul \$5, 1; Geo Gregg, jul \$5, 2; B B Wright, jul \$5, 2; Henry Ganong, jan \$5, 4; M Kierstead, jan \$5, 2; Alex McIntyre, jan \$5, 1; Mrs A Branscomb, jan \$5, 2; Rev J W S Young, jan \$5, 1; Mrs E Meritt, jan \$5, 2; W Wallace, jan \$5, 2; E Lamb, jan \$5, 2; J Darrach, jan \$5, 2; J D Wolf, sep \$5, 1.50.

For the Visitor.

Jemseg Notes.

Since you last heard from us, we have had some sorrowful, as well as some joyful seasons. Death has recently taken from our number, two highly esteemed members of the church: brother Daniel McGregor, and sister Calvin Purdy. Our sister's death has cast a gloom over the whole community, taken away quite suddenly in the prime of life, leaving behind her six little children, whose piteous cries on the day of the funeral filled the eyes of all with tears. Never did we witness such a scene.

The church here is in an active state; for about three weeks, we have been holding special meetings, and, as a result, have received special blessings. Several have requested us to pray for them, and some, we hope, have been converted. There is a host of young people here, who are bright and intelligent, but we fear the most of them are unregenerate. We have determined to go on in the name of the Lord of hosts, until this whole band is won to Christ. We are much encouraged by the willingness and energy of the brethren; so we shall work on.

CALVIN CURRIE.

Dec. 25, 1884.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Centreville, Car. Co. The religious interest, in this place is daily increasing. Two received into church fellowship last Sabbath.

Geo. Howard.

Springfield. A Tea Meeting will be given at Spragg's Point, Bellisle, on New Year's Day for the purpose of raising funds to repair the place of worship. Should the weather prove favorable a re-union of the members and congregation of this old church is expected.

Frederickton. Rev. John Hughes, residing in this city, and a member of this church, desires to notify his friends that he intends spending next month in a tour through Yarmouth County.

Bro. Hughes has preached to the people in this church on the past two Sabbaths two excellent discourses, which have given much satisfaction, being strong, hearty and vigorous expositions of Gospel truth.

F. D. CRAWLEY.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Mt. Hanley, Annapolis Co.

Rev. J. W. S. Young called on Tuesday at the Visitor office, on his way from Nova Scotia to his home in Carleton Co. He reports a good work of grace going on at Mt. Hanley, Brooklyn, and Gates Mountain. He has been assisting brother Sweet, the pastor, in special meetings. There have been 56 persons baptized. He has attended 140 meetings since the 21st of October. He returns, after a short rest, to begin work at Spa Springs and Middleton.

Convention Funds Received.

Dorchester, per Rev. A. T. Dykeman, \$4 25
Abram Alward, Esq., per Rev. I. J. Skinner, for H. & F. M., 5 00
1st Moncton, per H. H. Ayer, 26 00
New Castle, per Rev. I. E. Bill, jr., H. & F. M., 3 70
Blissfield, per Rev. W. M. Edwards, 2 00
New Salem, " " 2 00
Norton, per Jno. March, 9 60
Ludlow, per G. L. Price, 1 00
Geo. O. GATES, Fin. Com. for N. B.

Moncton, Dec. 27.

P. S.—Will not the churches immediately send in to the Finance Committee the funds for Benevolent purposes now on hand. Brethren, only united, whole hearted action will save us putting special agents in the field to collect money for denominational work. G. O. G.

The following brethren are agents for the Visitor in the places named:

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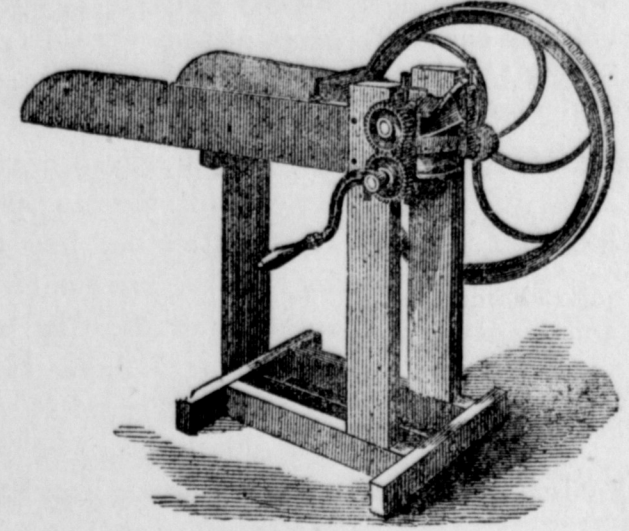
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JONES-HARPER.—At the Parsonage, Frederickton, Dec. 3rd, by Rev. E. D. Crawley, Mr. Cook Jones, of Prince William, and Miss Bina Harper, of the same place.

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bride's father, Frederickton, Dec. 23, by Rev. F. D. Crawley, Mr. J. Frank Scribner, of Blissville, and Miss Lillian E. Parlee, of Frederickton.

PITTS-MILLS.—At Elliott's Hotel, St. John, on the 17th inst., by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. Edgar Pitts, of Hantsport, N. S., and Miss Mamie Mills, of Amherst, N. S.

HICKS-GODARD.—At North River, on the 24th inst., by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. Silas E. Hicks and Miss Fannie A. Godard, both of the parish of Salisbury, N. B.

HALEY-BURNHAM.—At Leinster St. Baptist church, Dec. 25th, by Rev. Dr. Bill, Henry E. Haley, of Yarmouth, N. S., and Julia A., eldest daughter of Chas. E. Burnham, Esq., of this city. [Globe, Telegraph and Sun please copy.]

HAYES-DAVIS.—At Springfield, on the 22nd inst., by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Hedley V. Hayes, of Hampton, and Laura L. Davis, of Springfield, King's Co.

JAMESON-RENNON.—At the residence of Mr. John Renison, Hillsboro, A. Co., Dec. 24th, by the Rev. E. H. Howe, Mr. W. B. Jameson, of Hillsboro, A. Co., and Miss Pauline Renison, of Hillsboro, A. Co.

WOOD-STEEVES.—At the residence of Mr. Michael Q. Steeves, Hillsboro, A. Co., Dec. 25th, by the Rev. E. H. Howe, Capt. Eugene Wood, and Miss Ida M. Steeves, both of Hillsboro, A. Co.

BRIDGES-ARMSTRONG.—At the home of the bride's father, Dec. 5th, by the Rev. M. P. King, Mr. Hans Bridges, of Calais, Maine, and Miss Glennie Armstrong, of St. George.

Deaths.

PURDY.—At Jemseg, on Dec. 6th, Deborah Ann Purdy, in the 36th year of her age.

MCGREGOR.—At Jemseg, on the 6th of October, Bro. Daniel McGregor, in the 74th year of his age.

GAMMON.—At Lutes Mountain, on the 16th inst., of diphtheritic croup, Dora M., aged 1 year and 9 months, child of Rev. John and Martha Gammon. He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom."



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