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WORD reaches us that Bro. and Sister Garrity have arrived safely at Chico, California.

BRO. WILLIAM MURRAY is now with the brethren on Deer Island, N. B. The brethren in these parts are determined to have him labor in the provinces.

WE REJOICE to hear of the success that has attended the efforts of the brethren at Kompt. May the good work go on and the present results be but the first fruits of a grand harvest for the Master.

MR. BURR ON PROBATION. — During the past month the F. C. Baptists held their conference at Hampstead, Queen's Co., N. B., and in the afternoon of Wednesday 9th, the committee on licentiates reported (Mr. Burr having sought admission into the body):

“That W. K. Burr, M. A., Ph. D., be given authority to labor in our churches for the present—with a view to being received regularly into the ministry—if his labor among our people is mutually satisfactory.”

DURING the past month we had the pleasure of visiting the brethren of Deer Island, and of preaching at Lord's Cove and Leonardville. There, as in many other places, a preacher is needed all the time—one that will labor with them in word and doctrine, that will go from house to house bearing with him messages of peace and love. The people of the Island are a fine people and the possibilities of good are almost infinite.

We spent a day or two with the brethren in Lubec, Maine. Here, too, is a place for a preacher, and every effort is being made by them to get one.

THE EDITOR has called the attention of our readers to the fact that with this number THE CHRISTIAN is six years old. Yes, our paper has now an experience of six years, and with this number starts out upon the seventh. That mistakes have been made we are not so conceited to deny; that others might have done better in its management we'll not question, until we are not slow to affirm that much good has been accomplished in that it has awakened and fostered in the respective congregations of our brotherhood an increased interest in each other, and thus draw them closer together for a work that could not be done while standing apart. We have purposely

avoided giving publicity to local difficulties—things so eagerly sought and enjoyed by a certain class of readers—believing that to pandor to this unhal- lowed craving more harm than good would result. Now and again we have toned down expressions of a personal character written by some kind brother while earnestly attacking a false position or de- fending one he thinks assailed unjustly. As in the past so in the future, we purpose to present to our readers a clean paper.

MOST of our readers have learned ere this that in the early part of the past month the citizens of St. John were terribly excited over the fact that an attempt had been made by some one to poison at least four families of our city preachers. On the morning of the 2nd the postman delivered at the home of the Rev. Dr. Macrae (Presbyterian) a small package, which, upon opening, was found to contain an assortment of candy. Mrs. Macrae ate some and in a short time was taken suddenly ill. The doctor was called in but in a few moments she was dead. The symptoms of poisoning being apparent the candies were examined and found to contain strychnine. Similar boxes were sent through the mail to the Revs. de Soyres (Episcopa- lian), Dienstadt (Methodist), Shaw (Baptist). The narrow escapes the members of each family had was marvellous. On the Saturday following, at 3.30, p. m., Wm. McDonald, a clerk in T. B. Barker's (druggist), was arrested on suspicion. Since then the coroner's jury has brought against him a verdict of murder; and now the case is before the police magistrate prior to its going to the grand jury.

Dr. Macrae and family have received the heart- felt sympathy of all who know him—yea, of all who have read the sad story. And the universal desire is that justice may have her sway. And amid such circumstances we are made to realize “How a great matter a little fire kindleth;” how easily faith, the foundation of society, is shaken; that even in one there lies the possibility of trans- mitting, through the ordinary channels of good, death in the guise of a friend. Yet, how thankful we all should be that the results, sad as they are, were no worse.

BRO. BRADEN has come and gone. While here he delivered eight lectures, commencing Monday evening, 14th Oct., and ending with Sunday evening following. The subjects of the lectures were:

- I. A Statement of the Issues between Chris- tianity and Infidelity.
- II. Has Christianity Paid Mankind what it has Cost the World?
- III. The Relation of Christianity to Political, Social, Domestic, Intellectual, Moral and Religious Life.
- IV. A Defence of the Old Testament.
- V. A Defence of the Law and Work of Moses.
- VI. Does the Bible sanction Chattel Slavery? Does the Bible sanction the Degradation of Women? Does the Bible sanction Polygamy? The Laws and Customs of War of the Bible. Is the Bible an Inde- cent Book?
- VII. The Great Ideas of Christianity.
- VIII. Can Progress Outgrow Christianity?

These lectures must result in good if in no other way—than producing a confidence that the apparent difficulties and discrepancies in the Bible can be met; in showing the possibility of meeting and so

overwhelmingly, too, the most stubborn objections of the infidel; that the knots so skillfully tied and presented can, after a little reflection, be untied, and that to the satisfaction of all lovers of the truth; by demonstrating the fact that he who rejects the Bible, because of such difficulties, will find himself in a labyrinth of greater ones. Bro. Braden gives no uncertain sound. He tells very decidedly what he is. To use the words of Paul, “He is of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews,” so that a Pharisee of the Pharisees could find no fault with him in his presentation of the truth.

Concerning these lectures the *Messenger and Visitor* (Baptist) has this to say:

Prof. Clark Braden has been favoring this city with a course of his interesting and instructive lectures. Among the subjects discussed were “The statement of the issues between Christianity and Infidelity.” “A defence of the Old Testa- ment,” “The Relation of Christianity to Political, Social, Domestic, Intellectual and Religious Life,” “A Defence of the Law and Work of Moses.” The closing lecture of the course was given at the Institute on Sabbath evening to a large audience, subject, “The future of Christianity.” Prof. Braden is thoroughly at home on all these themes, so that he can handle them in a masterly manner. He leads his audience at a rapid pace to a clear comprehension of the character, methods and points of attack of the so-called free thinkers upon the religion of the Bible, and of their complete failure at every point. In all the attempts of in- fidelity to reconstruct and build up an exalted manhood, the Bible is before them and has long since presented all the principles and prac- tices by which this can be done. Prof. Braden deserves the highest praise and co-operation of all lovers of the higher type of free thought and righteousness. His influence upon the young people of this day must be helpful to them in all their purposes of successful life.

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