

and soon became a recognized force in the pulpit and in the councils of the denomination. It was in accordance with his strong and adventurous spirit that he accepted an invitation to accompany his friend, Sanford Fleming across the continent in connection with the preliminary survey of the Canadian Pacific Railway. This trip through the "great lone land" of the Northwest gave him renewed health, and material for his book "From Ocean to Ocean" which did much to bring its author into public notice. In 1877 Dr. Grant was called to the principality of Queens, and in that connection has given to the cause of education in Canada a quarter of a century of faithful and valuable service. Dr. Grant's strong and masterful personality, his native ability and scholarly attainments, his eminence as a religious minister and teacher and the influential part which he played in public affairs testify to his right to a worthy place among distinguished Canadians. He was not always right, doubtless, but he was always forceful, and ready to advocate or defend what he believed to be right by manly argument. The country will feel the poorer for his departure.

### Acadia Notes.

#### STUDENT SUPPLIES.

Most of the ministerial students in attendance at Acadia are already engaged to do missionary work or to serve as supplies during the coming summer vacation. Several good and earnest men, however, are still open to engagement for such service. In addition to these students there are also several of our men at Newton—able, devoted men, with large experience—who would be glad to spend the summer in Christian work in the Provinces. I shall be glad to put churches in communication with these young men, if the officers will write to me. It would be well in writing to describe the field and to indicate the nature and amount of the work that would be expected.

#### THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Arrangements are rapidly maturing for the closing celebrations. I announced some time ago that the Rev. W. A. Newcombe, M. A., of Thomaston, Me., would be the baccalaureate preacher. Shortly after, arrangements were made which enable me to announce further that the Sunday evening address, June 1st, under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A., will be delivered by Rev. H. F. Waring, M. A., St. John, N. B.

The Alumni Association has arranged to turn Tuesday afternoon, which has been assigned to it, to good account. The business meeting of the Association will be held at 2.30, and at 5 o'clock an Alumni Dinner will be held in the gymnasium. The committee in charge are making arrangements for the function with the utmost care. It is confidently expected that this year will be the beginning of a new epoch in the life of the Association. Programmes of the entire series of exercise will soon be out.

T. TROTTER.

Wolfville, May 10.

### Notes By the Way.

#### SALISBURY.

Here is situated one of the oldest Baptist churches in New Brunswick, the church at Sackville alone antedating it. Indissolubly connected with its history is the name of its founder, and for many years its pastor, Elder Joseph Crandall. Here one hundred years ago he established his headquarters, and with this as a centre spread the light of the gospel through Albert and Westmoreland counties. Two years ago the present beautiful church edifice was built to commemorate the completion of one hundred years of Baptist history, and as a fitting memorial of the strong faith and abundant labors of the man who did so much to establish Baptist principles in this province. The building is in every way a modern one, tastefully finished outside and within, being excellent in beauty and convenience by but few, even of our city churches.

At present this field (which includes Salisbury, Steeves Mountain, Boundary Creek and Allison) is without a pastor, owing to the removal of Rev. J. E. Tiner to Tennant's Harbor, Me. This is an important field, and there is urgent need of a pastor. And the right man will find here a desirable field as well as a wide one, for there is abundant opportunity for work, (which we assume every pastor is looking for) and a people not wealthy but generous and united. The services of the Sunday which I spent on the field were not arranged for until late in the week, consequently the congregation in the morning at Salisbury was not as large as usual, but at Steeves' Mt. in the evening, though only a few hours notice had been given, the church was well filled with helpful listeners. The writer expects to spend the coming Sabbath on this field, if a better man does not in the meantime become available. In one thing improvement might be made on the field. At present, outside of the village of Salisbury, the circulation of the denominational paper is very small. This lack reveals a

weakness somewhere. If the weather permits I may be able to remedy this in part.

On Monday I return to

#### PETITCODIAC.

where my coming had been announced the previous day by the pastor, Rev. N. A. McNeill. Bro. McNeill has been here only a few months, but all departments of work have taken on new life since his coming. While physically there are no obtruding angles about him the gospel truths which he utters do not lose the edge and keenness which make them effective. If sometimes a sharp corner comes in unpleasant contact with a hearer's self-complacency, these things do not prevent his congregation enjoying the excellent sermons which he gives.

A part of a day had been spent here the week previous in cleaning and putting into running order the faithful wheel, which last summer had gone with me over so many long and stony roads—to say nothing of sand and mud. Since Easter the billows of mud which then covered the highways had solidified into mounds and ridges, and these in turn had become worn down into a semblance of smoothness. So on Tuesday the old wheel was once more called into service, and North River, one large section of the Petitcodiac field, was visited. The route lay through Intervale, up to Wheaton's Mills, over Fawcett Hill and back to the village, with another run during the afternoon down to Pollett River Platform. The next day the pleasure of riding a wheel seemed much less, but the soreness and stiffness disappeared in a few days, and the day's work had doubled the circulation in the section visited. On Wednesday the rain came, and the wheel and I took the train for Sussex, where a few pleasant days have been spent. But the work on this field will not be finished until next week, so Notes from here will be postponed until next week.

Sussex, May 10.

R. J. COLPITTS.

### Notes From Newton.

The Newton Notes of April 18th having failed to appear in print to date, it is assumed that they went astray. A brief reference will be made here to their contents.

Personal mention was made of Rev. I. A. Corbett, B. A., B. D., who during the winter took a post graduate course of study at Chicago University, and who gave much pleasure to his many friends here and in Boston by making them a visit, even though a short one, on his way to his new pastorate in Canning, N. S. F. H. Beals, M. A., the indefatigable pastor at Digby, N. S., who at the beautiful home of Mrs. S. G. Beless and with other friends has been trying to recuperate from the severe strain of four unbroken years of pastoral service; and Deacon S. G. Beless of the Newton Centre church, who as the result of an aggravated case of the grip was confined to his bed for a number of weeks being unable to step upon his feet, but who is now very rapidly recovering. Mr. and Mrs. Beless have made a very large contribution to the enjoyment of many of the students by the generous hospitality of their delightful home.

Dr. H. C. Applegarth, pastor of the Central Square Baptist church, in Cambridge, Mass., is an authority on church finances. On two occasions he has spoken in the chapel on this often perplexing subject, and by his masterful addresses coupled with his achievements in this realm, showed that not simply theoretically but practically as well, he knows how to manage finances in the church.

Two addresses on "The Argument for Christianity from what it has accomplished," have been delivered to the school by Rev. H. M. King, D. D., of Providence, R. I. A last lecture of the series remains to be given.

The Senior class was entertained by the Boston Social Union last Monday evening. Rev. A. C. Archibald, B. A., gave an address in behalf of the class, which has been spoken of with much favor. As noticed in last week's "MESSENGER AND VISITOR," Mr. Archibald will enter upon the work in Middleton, N. S., on the completion of the course here the first of June.

Mr. Irad Hardy has accepted a hearty and unanimous call to Canton, Mass. Thus another Acadia graduate who would have been an excellent man for a Province pastorate, settles here.

The beauty of the spring is here in earnest. The richness of the season's verdure tinted by the hues of blossoms and flowers presents an exquisite picture.

A school building to cost \$200,000 is being erected in Newton Centre.

Rev. Daniel Shephardson, Ph. D., the scholarly evangelist, has been engaged in a powerful series of meetings in the Dudley Street Baptist church of Boston. He favored the Seminary with an able address on "Evangelistic methods."

A. F. N.

N. T. L., May 9th, 1902.

### New Books.

THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS: Applied to some Questions of Today. By Robert E. Speer.

This book may be said to be a response to the eager desire on the part of many to get Christ's point of view in reference to the problems of daily life. We have here

fifty-four short studies upon such subjects as these: "Jesus and the Father;" "Jesus and Prayer;" "Jesus and Human Society;" "Jesus and Sin;" "Jesus and Temptation;" "Jesus and Politics;" "Jesus and the Church;" "Jesus and Error;" "Jesus and Unbelief;" etc., etc. The purpose is to seek in the life of Christ for principles which should guide our lives. The principle and the application of it rather than the actual example is the thing kept in view. These studies will doubtless be found valuable not only for individual Christians in their private study and devotion, but also for the use of groups or classes. They will be helpful to ministers and other leaders of prayer meetings and for the conductors of Bible classes.

—Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. Price 80 cents, net.

A MIGHTY MEANS OF USEFULNESS By Rev. James G. R. McClure.

This book is written with the purpose of exalting the power and importance of Intercessory Prayer. The author believes—and no doubt rightly—that in the multitude of other Christian duties prayer is too often neglected, and he therefore writes to remind Christians of the importance of a means of help and of usefulness which is within the reach of all, the humblest as well as the most highly endowed. Instances are given in support of the author's belief that many a work of grace has resulted from prayer rather than from direct efforts to effect the end desired. At all events the Scriptures promise much to those who pray, and intercessory petitions have had abundant answers.

—Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. Price 50 cents, net.

HEAVENLY HARMONIES FOR EARTHLY LIVING. By Malcolm James McLod.

There are eight discourses in this volume of 124 pages. They treat of Harmony as related to the Christian walk; the Will of God; the Work and the Worker; Environment; Experience; the Christ Life; the Christ Pity, and Public Worship. Hon. John V. Farwell attended services in Rev. Mr. McLeod's church in Pasadena, California, and was so impressed with the sermons he heard that he requested copies for publication in order that they might have a wider circulation. "To me," Mr. Farwell says, in a prefatory note, "they were rich in spiritual poetry in prose, spiritual music in harmony with man's inmost needs and God's provisions therefor, spiritual philosophy and experience made vocal with Christ's gospel of Salvation." So far as we have been able to examine them, we should say that Mr. Farwell has not overrated the value of these discourses. We are sure that those who read them in a devout spirit will be charmed and edified.

—Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. 50 cents.

GIpsy SMITH: HIS LIFE AND WORK By Himself.

The man who has given us his autobiography here in a volume of 336 pages, has been called the foremost and most successful lay evangelist of England, and perhaps of the English-speaking peoples. He was born in a gipsy tent, the son of gipsies, and brought up under the conditions of gipsy life in England. His mother died of small-pox when he was a small boy. Some time afterwards his father, who seems to have been a man of much force of character, was converted, became an earnest Christian and something of an evangelist. His children also were converted, and the boy, Rodney, while yet in his teens started out to be a preacher, under the direction of Rev. William Booth, afterwards General Booth of the Salvation Army. Rodney Smith—who afterwards became known as "Gipsy Smith"—was in connection with the S. A. for a time, but later worked on other lines. The earlier chapters of the book contain a very interesting story—not untouched with pathos—of gipsy life as the author knew and experienced it in his boyhood. Gipsy's schooling had been altogether neglected, and when he began to preach it was with difficulty that he could read a chapter in the Bible. But he had a warm heart, an ardent spirit, real faith, abundance of courage and self reliance, and remarkable gifts for making the gospel story impressive. He had also that intuition for adapting himself to men and circumstances which is called tact. Evidently he made good use of his opportunities and his powers of thought and speech developed wonderfully. His command of language and his oratorical power must be very great. One of the great London dailies has said of him that he is one of the finest exponents of the possibilities of Anglo-Saxon speech since the days of John Bright. Mr. G. Campbell Morgan in an introduction to the autobiography writes of Gipsy Smith: "To know him today is to catch the sweet, healthy freshness of woods and flowers and dear old mother earth, and to breathe the fragrance of the life lived far from the stifling atmosphere of great cities. I never talk with him without taking in a wholesome quantity of ozone." The Gipsy Evangelist has conducted extended series of services in many parts of England and Scotland and also in America and Australia, he has spoken to all sorts and conditions of people, but everywhere the singular magnetic attraction of the man has made itself felt, and thousands have believed through his word. He labored for a time in Manchester, and the evangelist and his work were well known to Dr. Alexander MacLaren who invited him to conduct a series of services in his church, and as a result of these services some six hundred persons, it is said, professed to give themselves to God.—Dr. MacLaren also contributes a brief introduction to the volume under review, in which he testifies, on the strength of his long and close knowledge of Gipsy Smith, to "the rare sweetness, goodness, simplicity and godliness" of his character. Altogether the book is one of the most interesting and picturesque pieces of biography that we have read, and the story of Gipsy Smith and his work is one which must lead every Christian heart to rejoice in the power and richness of the gospel.

—Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. \$1.50 net.