

## Concerning Your Native Village and its Surroundings.

A STUDY OF THE  
No. 1.  
PRELIMINARY.

By whatever designation the spot where you were born may be known, whether island, corner, cove, point, hill, valley, city, town, country, or village, I shall, for present purposes, call it a village. I purpose giving a description of it, its extent, its place in the world, its principal inhabitants; also of its surroundings as far as the eye can reach and as much farther as practicable. I shall attempt only a hasty and superficial account of the village, and a much more hasty and superficial one of its surroundings. I shall endeavor to furnish you items of supreme interest, omitting many details. To fully describe your village alone in all its parts, and its relations to the surrounding country, would absorb more time than I can ask for. I shall endeavor to give you the exact facts of the case so far as I go and so far as they have been ascertained.

In every village of any consequence, such as yours is, you will always find a genius, some one of more than ordinary parts, one who attracts by his own light all others to him. He is a central figure. His advice is the weight that turns the scale. Then there are those of lesser note. They are satisfied to borrow and reflect the opinions of others. Besides these there is the crowd of common folk. One must also, even in a bird's eye view of the place, find some whose claims to citizenship are a matter of question. They come seldom into the place, they do not remain long, and yet the regularity of their visits is such as almost to entitle them to figure in the census. What was the population of your village at its last census taking? It is a part of my task to give you definite information on this point. Then we are to ascend the highest hill and "survey the landscape o'er." In order fairly to describe anything in this world, however small, it is absolutely necessary to consider its relations to all that surrounds it. Your village, clear cut off from the rest of the world, could such a thing be conceived, would, however great in itself, be an insignificant affair as compared with all the remainder. But regarded as a part of the whole its importance suddenly magnifies into the illimitable. Think of it, it is just such clusters of population as yours that make up the world and but for the individual clusters, where were the world? The whole world has business relations with your village and vice versa. They receive from and give to each other. Why, roads go out from your village that compass the world. Follow them far enough and they come back on you again. You find yourself the pivot of innumerable concentric circles encircling the whole earth. It is a fact that your humble village touches infinity on every hand outwardly (by all modes of travel), upward (by the telescope), downward (by the microscope). Your village is just at the very centre of all creation. A word as to its local area. It may be large, it may take in a goodly section of territory but compared with the whole earth, you will readily admit its narrowness. This earth is constructed on no mean or insignificant scale. Your village perchance comprises a few square miles of territory. The whole earth embraces an area of 197,000,000 square miles, 640 acres in a square mile. The population of your native place numbers probably a few hundreds. Should it be thousands or even millions and as many millions as London has, yet what is it compared with the 1,400,000,000 of the whole earth? So our work broadens as we proceed. First we are to pass under notice the chief features of your dear native village, then linger awhile at its outskirts, then take the train for the outside world. We must see quickly, travel rapidly and listen eagerly. Dismiss all notion of ease or entertainment, be prepared for intense strength of every nerve and muscle. I have spoken of the millions of earth's acres and of her peoples. Pause a moment. What is a million? Try to grasp the thought. Think of a thousand. Yes, a hundred thousand. Very well; now, ten hundred thousand and you have a million. Think of five millions—the population of Canada; six millions, that of the United States; four hundred millions, that of China; one thousand four hundred millions, that of the world. Please think only in millions while you read. Let us be no longer children playing with a pocketful of marbles. Let us rise to a just view of our situation. I have intimated that I would attempt to give only the principal facts of the case. The outer bounds of my subject are so wide that I am compelled to this course. But the door is open. Whoever desires more profound knowledge may enter and explore at will. We cannot all be profound on any subject, nor any of us profound on all subjects. I take it to be our clear duty, however, to possess at least the main facts on all the great subjects that interest mankind, and among others those relating to your native village and its surroundings. Let us with- out further preliminary, therefore, and with all due despatch, using only such slight pleasantries of speech as may relieve the tedium of constant thought, at once proceed to consider our native village.

(To be continued.)

## What is Said About the Canadian Baptist Hymnal.

Since last writing, there has been noticed in MESSENGER AND VISITOR, some excellent extracts from a review written by Rev. W. N. Clark, D. D., Hamilton, N. Y. The following appears in the Acadia Athenaeum for March:

"The Canadian Baptist Hymnal has been adopted by the Faculty, for use in the religious services of the College. Every wise student will supply himself with a copy of the book; it is sold at so low a price as to remove all objections on the ground of expense. It is by far the cheapest book of the kind we have ever seen, and its contents seem to be equally satisfactory. The hymns are by the best of authors, are well suited for worship, and sufficient in number for any congregation."

Here is what the Windsor Tribune says: "The number of authors represented is very large; the book is well printed, well bound, and will merit a wide sale among those for whom it is especially prepared. There is no reason why our people should pay large prices for inferior books made in the United States, when they can obtain better books for less money at home."

The following has been taken from the Hants Journal:

"We have examined the book carefully, having scanned every page, and now congratulate the Society upon the success of the work so happily accomplished. Admirable taste has been displayed in the selection of hymns. The book has been beautifully printed on fine paper, and is a marvel of cheapness."

Rev. W. H. Warren, M. A., Bridgetown, N. S., writes: "The Canadian Baptist Hymnal will undoubtedly commend itself to all our churches as by far the cheapest and best collection of hymns ever placed within our reach. It is difficult to see how any material improvement could be made in the selection or arrangement of these sacred songs. The very cream of all hymnology seems to be here."

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Rev. Silas T. Rand, D. D., Hantsport, N. S., writes:

"I have done what very probably few others have done or ever will do. I have read the new hymnal right through in course. I must pronounce it a rich collection of the best of hymns, well suited to public and private worship, and for devotional reading. What a sharp eye could search for blemishes might say of a line here and there, or even of a whole hymn or two, is a matter of small moment. No competent judge, in my opinion, can examine the work as a whole, without commending it."

Since our last report the following have adopted the new Hymnal: Gabarus, C. B.; Macdon, Truro, Hantsport, Port Hill, 2nd Horton, N. S.; Montague, P. E. I.; Woodstock, Hampton, N. B.; the Faculty of Acadia College, Wolfville, N. S.; Forbes' Point, South Wood Harbor, Chester, N. S.; Calhoun, N. B.

Many orders are in for sample copies, and we hope to fill all orders at an early date. The second edition has been delayed in getting here longer than was anticipated.

It is pleasing to report over 3,000 copies now sold, and if the churches push the matter a little, 10,000 can be sold, and more, before our next convention meeting.

Special Note.—Will the brethren whose duty it is to order the Hymnal, kindly state by what conveyance they wish them sent—state by express, freight, ship, name of station, &c. It will help us greatly to send them forward.

Geo. A. McDONALD,  
Sec'y-Treas.

## On the Way to Burma.

LIVERPOOL, Eng., March 22, 1889.

We are one stage on our journey Burma-wards. We left Boston the 9th, and arrived here the night of the 19th. The weather was fine all the way. No doubt, such passages are common, but in this respect our missionaries have been greatly favored. Party after party go from America to India without a storm. Is it not in answer to the many prayers that follow us? We so interpret it and feel our faith strengthened.

The weather here is damp and unpleasant and we go out but little. We go on board the "Clan Drummond" tomorrow, and leave port early Sunday morning for Calcutta. The Clan Line consists of twenty-four ships trading to India and Australia. They are not so elegant in appearance and outfittings as some, but are good and safe ships. Their motto is "Gang warily," and still we hope the "Clan Drummond" will gang a little fast into warmer weather.

Our visit home has been brief and unsatisfactory, but like lost opportunities cannot be recalled. We reached home tired and nervous, and work there, added to tidings of famine, terror, sin, disgrace in our field, kept us so to the end. We hasten back, trusting to our journey under more sunny skies to give us considerable rest. Should we ever again visit America, a joy that may not be in store for us, we think we should seek some very retired place, and there spend our vacation in seeking physical and spiritual recuperation. If returned mis-

sionaries can increase the interest in the churches by telling of their work abroad, it should not be undertaken till a year of bracing home air had thoroughly recruited their strength. It would then be in order to decide between a return to their fields and work at home.

We are encouraged to believe that an increasing interest is felt at home in the cause of Missions, especially in young men preparing for the ministry, many of whom may give themselves to the work in the regions beyond. Possibly too much may be said and written about recruits for missionary service. If the whole church of Christ was aroused to a fuller consecration of heart and service, candidates for mission work would not be wanting.

April 5th. At noon to-day we were 419 miles from Port Said. We shall reach there Sunday morning, and as there is no Sabbath there, shall take in coal and go on as on other days. Electric lights can be hired for the passage through the canal, and most ships take them and can so travel at night. We have had an unusually fine passage so far. One day on the Bay of Biscay was a little stormy, and some never sea-sick before, that is, "actively sick," had to succumb; except that we have sailed in an almost smooth sea. We have but eleven passengers, all of whom are agreeable. At our first meal a military gentleman, wife and daughter appeared at the table. On hearing we were going to Burma he inquired if we knew Dr. Bunker, of the American Baptist Mission. We told him we knew him well and were engaged in the same department of work, the Karen mission. He replied: "Mr. Bunker baptized me." Of course we were pleased to hear such a bold confession before the whole company. We find them delightful people, never backward to testify for Christ.

Col. Luxmoore was in service during the putting down of the mutiny in India. He now goes out for a few months only, and then retires, and will enjoy his well-earned pension in England. Most of the other passengers are young men going out to various parts of India. They little know the temptations that await them. I often feel that I would like to go through England and warn parents against Indian life for their sons. During our brief residence in but a small and remote section we knew quite a number of young men who, under the temptations of Indian life, in a few years returned home shattered in health and character, or were laid in premature graves. We have rarely, if ever, known one who succeeded in saving any money, although getting large salaries. It may be so with some who now travel with us, as they do not seem to have the fear of God in their hearts.

I remember having heard an enthusiastic lady in Cairo say that it was impossible to conceive of anything so pleasant as travelling on the Nile in one of Cook's steamers. Perhaps she would except sailing on the blue Mediterranean in a Clan steamer, over smooth water, and under a cloudless sky, with the mercury about sixty. We are thankful for this rest before plunging into the hard work that awaits us.

We now hope to take the steamer to Rangoon at Madras, and, if so, shall be able to look in on our friends at Bimlipatam, as she touches there. The weather will be intensely hot by the time we reach there.

H. M.

"CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS, AND THOU SHALT FIND IT AFTER MANY DAYS."

—The above is as true to-day as when uttered. Parents find it so in regard to their children, Sunday-school teachers in their good training work and pastors in their church work. Our "educational institutions" and grand Home and Foreign Mission enterprises in the future, if properly worked, will prove the apt saying true to the letter. And so will the promoters of our temperance reform when prohibition is the law of the land and the enthralled go free.

"Sow in the morn thy seed,  
At eve hold not thy hand,  
To broadcast and fear give thou no heed,  
Broadcast it o'er the land."

And thus should all lovers of God and humanity do if they would have the desired golden harvest.

W. J. G.

## Literary Notes.

*Littell's Living Age.* The numbers of *The Living Age* for the weeks ending April 20th and 27th, contain *The Herit*, April of the Hapsburgs, and Australia in 1888, *Fortnightly*, On Seals and Savages, *Nineteenth Century*, Irish Novelists on Irish Peasants, *National*, Titus Oates, Gentlemen Emigrants to the United States, Correspondence of John Lothrop Motley, *Blackwood*, James Smith, and Round about Dotheboys Hall, *Temple Bar*, Napoleon and Elba, *Cornhill*, Wordsworthiana, *Spectator*, The Cinque Ports, *All the Year Round*, Baku Petroleum, *Nature*, with instalments of "My Son Tommy," and "Moth-Mullein," and poetry. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

## Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

SECOND KINGSGLE.—Five more were baptized here on Sunday, the 14th April. The work is still going on. To God be all the glory.

CALVIN CURRIE.

April 19.

PORT LORNE AND HAMPTON.—Bro. Webb baptized three at Port Lorne, and three at Hampton on the 21st ult., making 101 since the revival began. At Hampton a collection of \$26 was taken for Bro. Webb at the morning service.

SACKVILLE.—It was our privilege to visit the baptismal waters again on Sabbath, the 21st, and two in that emblematic rite expressed their hope in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, and also symbolized their own death to sin and their rising to live in the future for their Lord.

WM. E. HALL.

HILLSBORO, N. B.—On Sabbath last it was my privilege to baptize five happy converts. Three were baptized at Salem, about quarterly meetings were held. For two consecutive Sabbaths we have had believers into the baptismal waters—making in all 30 since the good work began. We hope that others yet will follow their Saviour. The interest in our prayer and conference meetings in the three sections of my field is excellent. To God be the praise.

W. CAMP.

April 26.

OAK BAY, Charlotte Co., N. B.—I am glad to be able to say that I am much encouraged in my work for God. Since last writing, it has been our privilege to visit the baptismal waters twice, baptizing one here at the Bay, and last Sabbath baptizing five at Rolling Dam, four of whom were heads of families, making in all forty that have been added to the churches since I came to this field. They are now painting the church edifice here at the Bay, which, when completed, will be very handsome. The brethren at Bartlett's Mills are pushing energetically the work of erecting a house for the worship of God. At Rolling Dam they are about to purchase a new organ for the church. So the work is prospering spiritually and temporally. To God be all the praise.

F. L. TOWN.

MONCTON.—It was our privilege to spend last Sabbath at Moncton. Bro. Hinson is pretty nearly prostrated from the strain of the excessive work of the past season. His people feel he must have rest. The winter has been a blessed one for the church, the power has been abiding upon pastor and people. Some very notable cases of conversion have taken place. Five have been added by baptism since last report, and ten by letter and experience, making 15 in all, since the first of January, 39 baptized and 25 received otherwise. The work is being pressed steadily at all the circle of out-stations on the outskirts of Moncton. The three evergreen Sunday-schools are largely attended and two others are about to be started. It is expected that these will have an aggregate attendance of 750. In connection with the church and these out-stations, there are to be 24 religious services per week in addition to the Sunday-school work. So it will be seen that this church, large as it is, has plenty of work on hand, and Bro. Hinson, energetic as he is, has more to do than any one man can very long stand. Let prayer be offered that health may be given to continue the work which is advancing so rapidly and so steadily.

ADVOCATE, N. S.—I have been laboring with this church for the past five months and have been endeavoring to sow the good seed. The people have been struggling on amid many discouragements, but we believe that they will yet see the desire of their soul. While we have held up Jesus as the sinner's friend, some have accepted Him as such. The Lord has not only blessed our labors here, but on the outskirts of the field as well. At Salem, the Word was blessed and the Lord came to save. We have also enjoyed much of His presence at Apple River, and the large numbers found at the prayer-meetings prove to us that the interest is still deepening. There are a number in these two last places who have professed faith in Christ, and in due time will follow the Master in His divine footsteps. While we close our labors here and go to the field appointed us by the Home Mission Board, we shall not forget the kindness we have received from this dear people. We pray that God may bless them and that He also may bless the coming of Bro. Jenkins among them, who will return in June to become their pastor. Brethren pray for us that God may bless us in our new field of labor.

PERSONAL.

Bro. F. D. Davison has resigned the pastoral charge of the River John field. The resignation takes effect the first of June.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Central Association will be held (D. V.) with the church at Port Williams, Kings Co., N. S.

W. H. CLINE, Moderator.

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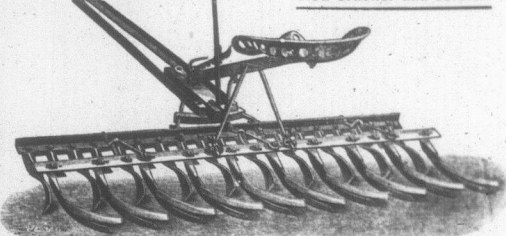
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