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—About six o'clock on Sunday morning, September 1st, New York city and the surrounding country experienced an earthquake shock which was sufficiently violent to shake houses, rattle windows, throw down crockery from its shelves, cause a general oscillation of things movable and considerable alarm to many of the inhabitants. It is stated that the shock was felt all along the coast, from Delaware as a starting point and was especially pronounced in Brooklyn.

—The Baptist Congress is to meet this year in Providence, R. I., Nov. 13 and 14. The topics to be discussed, according to the preliminary programme, are: "Monism, as to its philosophical basis, its relation to theology and its ethical bearing;" "Centralisation in Baptist Policy;" "The Books of the New Testament in the light of Modern Research;" "The Relation of the State to semi-public corporations and their employees;" "The Physiological Basis of Morality;" and "Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

—An attempt was made on Thursday last, by an anarchist to blow up De Rothschild's banking house in Paris. A detective, who was on guard in the vestibule of the building saw a man attempting to light the fuse of a bomb with a cigarette. When the man saw he was observed, he threw the bomb upon the floor, which being carpeted, the bomb did not explode. The man was arrested and locked up after attempting desperately to use a razor upon the officer. He boldly declared himself an anarchist and expressed regret that the bomb had failed to explode. The man's name is unknown.

—According to the statement of Dr. Forbes Winslow, the eminent English alienist now in America for the purpose of attending the medico-legal Congress in New York city, the identity of that mysterious and monstrous personality popularly known as "Jack the Ripper," has been determined beyond doubt, and it was through Dr. Winslow that he was discovered. This man, who is now in a government asylum for the insane, was a medical student who had become possessed of a religious frenzy which had taken the form of an intense abhorrence of the class of women upon whom the outrages were perpetrated. Judging from the circumstances attending the murders, Dr. Winslow judged that they must have been committed by a medical student, afflicted with religious mania, and as a result of acting on this suggestion the man was discovered. He was not put on trial because he was found to be hopelessly insane and because of the desire to avoid needless publication of the horrible details of the maniac's murderous deeds.

—We record in this issue with deep regret the death of an old college friend and class-mate, Dr. Henry W. Rand, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Rand was a man of more than ordinary ability, and by eager devotion to his profession, he had won a distinguished position in his ranks. And not only had Dr. Rand won recognition as an able physician, but also as possessing those qualities of heart and character which should mark the Christian gentleman. A resolution prepared by a committee of the medical and surgical staff of St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, of which Dr. Rand was a member, says of him:

No one could have filled the responsible position of surgeon in St. John's hospital with greater success or more to the satisfaction of all. His manner and method were such as to inspire confidence in his patients and in his professional associates. Chosen as he was, only three or four years since, to succeed the able and much loved Dr. F. W. Rockwell, he has exhibited all the noble traits of character which so endeared his predecessor to all who knew him. Educated in the best schools, accustomed to the best society, pure in heart and in life, gentle and kindly to all about him, yet firm in his opinions, which were seldom if ever hastily formed, conscientious and indefatigable, we are of one opinion that the loss of such a man, such a citizen, such a husband, such a father, such a surgeon, is irreparable.

—Our Methodist friends at Mount Allison are starting hopefully and with encouraging prospects on another educational year. By the courtesy of Principal Jordan, of the Ladies College, we had the privilege the other day of seeing the Owens Art Gallery and the Conservatory of Music. These, especially the Art Gallery, are very pleasant and instructive places to visit. The Mount Allison people are to be congratulated on securing this fine collection and also on the handsome grey stone building—built for the purpose—in which the collection has been placed. We were shown also the terra-cotta work which is to occupy panels constructed with that in view—on the exterior walls of the building. When this work is placed in

position it will, of course, add much to the appearance of that fine structure. The residence for college students, erected two years ago, is a noble building, substantially built of stone and handsomely finished. It has present accommodation for 180 students, and the student who is not satisfied with his quarters must be hard to please. The Methodists have expended in buildings at Mount Allison within the last six years about \$100,000, and in this respect they are now finely equipped. They are an enterprising people and their educational work is being carried forward with a great deal of energy. We, Baptists, if we do not mean to take a second place in this matter, will need to look well to our laurels and our wealthy Baptists will need to get their purse strings unloosed in the interests of our institutions.

—"Ever the most casual on-looker," says the Chicago Standard, "must be impressed with evidence of the growing degeneracy of the American theatre. Of those who have lent to it such dignity and worth as any theatre can have, one after another has died, until among both actors and play-wrights not one is left. Nor is there promise of any to come forward and fill their places. Perhaps the worst feature of the case is the attitude towards the fact as they stand of the theatre-manager. To a writer in the Century one of these recently declared 'that all the talk about elevating the stage is mere rubbish; that the people do not want an elevated stage; that they wish to be amused and not instructed; and that all that he and his fellows can do is to follow the general economic law of supply and demand and cater to the public taste.' If the response of the theatre-going public to this, that really this is all they ask, the downward course of the theatre is assured. If it is bad enough at its best, what will it be when it reaches its worst."

—As will be seen by what appears in another column, the Wolfville church have had the pleasure during the past week of welcoming their new pastor, while at the same time also, they have suffered the pain of severing the tie which, for eleven years, had united them in the pastoral relation with a minister sincerely and worthily loved. It is after many years of faithful and valuable service in the pastorate and in educational work, that Dr. Higgins retires. Of one so well known and so generally esteemed, it seems unnecessary to say that he enjoys the confidence and love of all his brethren and is most highly regarded by those who know him best. And now, though the infirmities that must come with advanced age be upon him, rendering it impossible to continue the arduous duties of the pastorate, we trust that the evening of his life may be full of peace and that his last days may be his best. The new pastor, Rev. Mr. Trotter, is known to many in these provinces. He has rendered most valuable service in the West, both as pastor of important churches and as professor in McMaster University. Those who know him best feel no doubts as to his being the right man for the important position to which he has been called. We would again extend to Prof. Trotter, our most cordial welcome to the denomination in these provinces and express the confident hope that his work amongst us shall be pursued with great happiness to himself and prove in the largest measure fruitful in blessing to the church and the institutions at Wolfville and to the denomination at large; and we are sure that all the people will say—AMEN.

—"As what point does faith become presumption?" asks the Watchman, and answers: "It may not be easy to draw the line, but wherever it is drawn, it is clear that the Christian Alliance people at Old Orchard Beach, the other day, went clean over it. Dr. Simpson, for some time, has been urging his followers to make generous subscriptions to his causes, whether the subscriber had any reasonable prospect of meeting his pledge or not. He reasoned that the Lord would enable him to earn the money, or it would come to him in some way or other. Within the last few months we have received several manuscripts accompanied by letters pleading with us to buy these manuscripts in order to enable the writer to meet pledges made on Dr. Simpson's principle. At Old Orchard Dr. Simpson stated that he does not own any real estate, except a grave, and that he has no property of his own whatever, but that he would give \$10,000 toward the \$75,000 he wished to raise, trusting that somehow God would enable him to fulfil the pledge. When one contributor presented a stock certificate now worth \$1,000 in the market, Dr. Simpson, after the contributor expressed a hope that the stock would

rise greatly in value, did not hesitate to say: 'Put it down at \$2,000. All who believe that it will be worth \$2,000, raise their hands.' We have not taken these statements from the daily press; we have waited to have them confirmed by trustworthy witnesses. The temptation to let faith become presumption was one that our Lord resisted when he refused to cast Himself from the pinnacle of the Temple at the behest of Satan. It is a temptation to be resisted today. We are to give of what we have and not of what we have not."

Wolfville's Welcome to the New Pastor.

A very enjoyable and impressive service was held in the Wolfville Baptist church on Thursday evening, Sept. 5, on the occasion of welcoming Rev. Mr. Trotter to the pastorate. Dea. J. W. Barnes presided and gave a very interesting historical sketch, carrying his hearers back to the days of Father Harding. For over a century the church has had but three pastors. The Rev. Theodore Harding for 61 years, Rev. Dr. deBols for 28 years, and Rev. Dr. Higgins for nearly 12 years. After the reading of the scripture by Rev. M. Hale (Methodist) and prayer by Rev. J. Williams, Dr. Higgins gave an address, cordially and formally welcoming Mr. Trotter to the pastorate and to the work which he was laying down after so many years of honorable service. Rev. W. N. Hutchins welcomed the incoming pastor to denominational work, Mr. G. H. Wallace to Sabbath School work, Rev. J. D. Fraser (Presbyterian) to religious work in the town and the Rev. Dr. Sawyer to educational work. To all of these Mr. Trotter at the close replied. The addresses of welcome were most cordial and sympathetic, though foreboding activities so many-sided and expectations so large that the average man might shrink from undertaking them. Mr. Trotter's response was at once effective and thoroughly satisfying. He enjoyed pastoral labor, he had come for work and his highest ambition was to make his ministry a source of spiritual uplifting to the congregation and of strength to the various interests presided by the speakers.

On the preceding Lord's Day morning Rev. Dr. Higgins had preached to a large congregation. He was welcomed as pastor of the church. His text was the appropriate words of Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Christ was presented as the same (1) in his own personality, (2) in his character, (3) in his relation to God, (4) in his relation to humanity. The church founded on Christ also partakes of his permanence. His members come and go, his seasons and seasons pass away, but the church remains. Dr. Higgins referred to the blessings of the past and expressed the confidence that with greater faithfulness even larger blessings would be experienced in the years to come.

At the evening service Prof. Jones presided and a number of short addresses were given by members of the congregation. Dr. D. F. Higgins gave an account of the work of the Convention. There were speeches made by Deacon Barnes, Prof. Caldwell, Deacon Roscoe, Mr. E. W. Sawyer, Rev. R. Sanford and Rev. A. Martell, who in a very kindly and appreciative manner, alluded to the work of the retiring pastor.

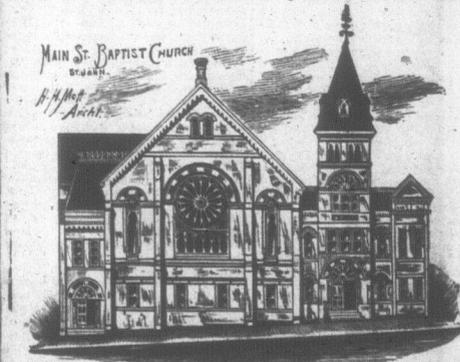
Home Mission Notes from P. E. Island.

Since last report Bro. Tither has baptized at Sturgeon and expects to baptize at Montague next Lord's day. The interest all over his large field is good. At Sturgeon, where we helped for two weeks, we saw his church made for acquiescers and christians only, made at a large meeting on Friday night for Saturday night, we had the largest meeting of the week. Many received a blessing in the meetings there although but six weeks have passed since they were first seeking and will come.

At Little Sand, another point in this field, I preached once to a congregation one-half of whom could not be accommodated in our own meeting house—the Presbyterian house, having been kindly offered at the time, by two of the elders who were present. This shows an interest, especially when it is remembered that there are but eighteen Baptist members in the community.

At Grand View, a point in Bro. Keirstead's field, we spent three days with some blessing. At Eldon we spent last Lord's day evening and were greeted by a vast throng packing every available spot, leaving many outside that could be accommodated only by listening at the windows. As a good brother expressed it, "the church was full inside and out." We came here again last night (Thursday) and were greeted by a full house. This promising and extensive field is to be visited in a few weeks, Bro. Keirstead, who has done excellent work here, having decided to go back to his studies. It is hoped that the Lord of the harvest will send here a good man to sow and reap. D. G. MACDONALD.

Eldon, Aug. 16.
P. E.—It was our pleasure to visit sister Nichols of Annapolis this week. She is in her 92nd year and still in fair health. Her mental faculties are clear and her Christian hope steadfast. She continues to "bring forth fruit in old age." She handed me \$20 for Home Missions which is hereby gratefully acknowledged. D. G. M.



MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. JOHN.

Last week a brief account was given in our columns of the laying of the cornerstone of the new Main street Baptist church. We now present here with a cut of the handsome edifice to be erected. It is to be built of brick, trimmed with free stone, with a foundation of granite. The church will have a frontage on Main street of 105 feet, with two large entrances and is 105 feet deep. The floor of the audience room will be "dished," the seats to be noiseless motion, mahoganyed assembly chairs, arranged in semicircular form. When necessary the school rooms which are separated from each other and from the audience room by rolling partitions may be thrown together, thus giving a seating capacity of 1900 people. The finish and general arrangement of this house closely resembles that of the new Amherst church. The contract price is \$16,380, exclusive of seating, heating and glass. The total cost will be about \$20,000. The expectation is that it will be completed and open for service about August 1898.

We give below notes (for which we are indebted to the Globe of Aug. 26th) of an historical address delivered at the laying of the cornerstone by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Gordon, M. A.:
Mr. Gordon stated that in 1841 the Rev. T. Harding, pastor of the Second Baptist church of St. John using as a pulpit Mr. Cunard's steeple, preached the first Baptist sermon in Indian town. On the Good Friday of that year Rev. Mr. Harding and the late Rev. Samuel Robinson, baptised thirty converts at Marble Cove. These, with representatives from the first and second churches of St. John, formed a branch mission in the Portland parish. In 1842 the first and second churches, deeming that it would be for their mutual advantage and for the glory of God, delegated a committee to organize a Baptist church in Portland. The church, which consisted

Literary Notes.

The Homeopathic Review for September justifies its promise of a "new departure." The leading article by Dr. Gregory, in his series on "The Preacher and the Preaching of the Present Crisis," treats of "The Preacher and his Furnishing." It emphasizes the absolute necessity for "a different and better training," logical and theological, if the preacher is to have that "complete mastery of the situation of himself and of the Bible message," that is requisite in order to the highest success at the present day. Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnall Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York City, \$3 a year.

The special feature of the Atlantic Journal for September is a series of "Editorial Talks with Writers," by the editors of some of the leading magazines, including E. W. Glider, H. M. Alden, Horace E. Scudder, F. M. Bird and B. Arkell. The same number contains an article on "Fashions in Fiction" by Martha McCulloch Williams; "Authors Societies and their Work," by Chas. Burr Todd, one of the founders of the American Authors' Guide; "Authors at Work," by Geo. Newall Lovejoy; "Why Writers Work for Nothing," by E. Benson Perlin; portraits of Amelia E. Barr, Geo. Parsons Lathrop and Henry M. Alden, editor of Harper's Magazine. The departments "The Manuscript Market," "Current Literary Articles," "Among the Periodicals" and "Notes of Authors," are as usual filled with valuable information for writers. The Authors' Journal Pub. Co., New York.

THE ARENA FOR SEPTEMBER.—The September ARENA opens with a vivid description of the weary battle now being waged in the legislatures over the agitation for raising the age of consent. The facts are marshalled in order by Helen H. Gardner, the well known and popular novelist, and deal this month with the arguments, pro and con on the recent legislation in Nebraska, Colorado and Missouri, where the age has been materially raised. Prof. Joseph Rodas Buchanan whose portrait forms the frontispiece of the number, contributes a striking and valuable article on "The Marvels of Electricity." In his paper called "After Sixty Years," Mr. B. O. Flower, editor of the ARENA, touches upon the disillusion of the career of the reformer, and tells of the career of one who, in a lifetime of sixty years service, has not lost faith in humanity, James J. Clark, of California. Stinson Jarvis tells

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We are laborers together with Him.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER.

This a great blessing may follow the Convention meetings. For all the officers of the W. B. M. U. and members of our Missionary Societies that they may all be consecrated to the work of the Lord.

To the Members of the W. B. M. U.

MY DEAR SISTERS,—I can hardly realize that it is nearly four years since we left our native shores for this dark land of heathenism. How kind the Father has been to us and how lovingly He has led us! As the process of acclimatization is over, we find our health much better than when we closed our first and second years. We have been able to spend every year as yet on the plains and if our lives are spared we hope to spend another before taking a rest and change on the hills. When the touring season began last year, I hoped to spend nearly all the time on tour with Mr. Morse, but Marion took the whooping cough in January and did not get well until March, so I was unable to get away after the New Year began. Before that time, however, I visited four villages and was greatly impressed with the needs and opportunities. This year I hope to see our entire mission field. It is a great disappointment to us that there are not more baptisms to report, but it would not be true if we said that the people were not nearer the Kingdom this year than last, for we believe there are many who have accepted Christ for their salvation, but who have not yet had the courage to come out and show before the world their belief in Christ and disbelief in heathen gods. As I write I can think of ten on the Rimil field who, if they enjoyed the religious liberty of the home land, would no doubt now be acknowledged followers of Christ. Through all the hopes and fears, discouragement finds no room in our hearts and we enter upon another year hoping and praying that a greater blessing than ever before may rest upon our work.

Sincerely yours,
Miss P. Moss.

Bimilpata, July 13th.

A letter received from Port. Madway gives the following account of a meeting held there. The pastor presided and gave an earnest address. He was followed by Miss Stedman, who urged upon all their duty towards those who have not heard of Christ. Mrs. D. Freeman read a paper on "Giving." Professor Trotter gave an eloquent address from the subject, "To the uttermost parts of the earth," Acts 1:8. Several appropriate selections were given by the choir. There was a good audience and a collection of \$10.00.

The Mission Band in connection with the Fredericton Baptist church is called the "Wright Willing Workers." It was organized last February. Our meetings were held every Friday until June 25th, when they closed, for the summer months with a picnic. When we started there was only a membership of sixteen, but now that number has increased to forty-seven. On the last Sunday in March, and also the corresponding one in June we had a very pleasant entertainment in place of our regular Sunday School exercises, consisting of readings, recitations and music, by members of our Band. Collections were taken in aid of the Foreign Mission. L. A. S. Sec.

PERSONAL.

Rev. P. A. McEwan has resigned the pastorate of the Windsor church which he had held for nearly five years. Mr. McEwan came to Windsor from Ontario. He has been blessed in his work and is held in high esteem in the community as well as by his brethren generally in the ministry.

Rev. M. B. Shaw who, on account of the breaking down of Mrs. Shaw's health, felt compelled to return to America, is now pastor at Ontario, California. With the exception of Mrs. Shaw, who we regret to learn, is still an invalid, Bro. Shaw's family are in good health, and he finds himself able for a good deal of hard work. He is being blessed in his ministry and converts are being added to the church.

A Georgia correspondent of the New York Examiner makes the following reference to Rev. Dr. Young, who is a son of Hon. Edward Young, U. S. Consular Agent at Windsor, N. S., and who was for a time instructor in English in Acadia College:—"Another busy man is Dr. W. H. Young, the pastor of the First Baptist church at Athens, Dr. Young's pastorate has made quite a revolution in the work of the First Church. In addition to his work as pastor, he finds time to invent a calcium lamp, to give lectures illustrated by stereopticon views, to edit a church paper, and hold preachers' institutes. While he does all this, there is no neglect of the pastor's office, and it is reported that there is more life in the First Church than ever existed in it before."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

On Thursday, Aug. 19th, the members and congregation of the First Church, Fredericton, held a basket social, which was largely attended. A good time was enjoyed by all and as a result of the social they presented me with the handsome sum of \$85.14, after which an address was given by Dr. Weldon, M. P. Prayer was then offered by Rev. David Blakney, after which we parted by singing "God be with you till we meet again," and benediction. My prayer is that God will bless the fruits for this as well as for all their kindnesses.
PASTOR A. RUTLEDGE.

Cherokee Vamings kills worms every time.