

THE WESLEYAN.

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DANGERS IN RELIGIOUS TEACHING.

A sincere desire to do good is not the only qualification needed by him who would serve his Master in saving men.

We have somewhere read of a man who, in his native village, performed some surgical operations of such rare character that a friend of science took him from his forge and sent him to a medical college.

Serious, indeed, are the responsibilities assumed by him who undertakes to teach the eternal truth of God in pulpits, Sabbath-school, paper or home.

In dealing with popular errors the religious teacher often makes a sad mistake. In some instances he even becomes an advertiser of Satan's wares.

Even greater, perhaps, is the danger resulting from the quotation of the objections, or contemptuous remarks of the noted haters of Christianity.

That error must be refuted, we believe, but many a teacher is prepared to teach Jesus and the resurrection, who has none of the peculiar mental powers and special training required for the difficult and dangerous art of grappling directly with evil.

wisely who abstains from raising doubts he may be unable to dispel. At the same time he avoids becoming an advertising agent of what, when public attention is directed to it, may be productive of injury he may be unable to undo.

A BRAVE ACT.

The Rev. George Brown, a Methodist missionary to New Britain, whose punishment of a group of treacherous natives, a year or two since, called forth conflicting opinions from the friends of missions, again appears before the public, as an actor in a transaction, concerning the merit of which there will not be two opinions.

IS IT TRUE?

We borrow a statement from the editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate. We believe as he does, but lack his happy faculty of 'putting things.' As we think of the marvellous work to be done by a religious paper, and of the effects to be produced by its weekly visits to the homes of our people, we long for the physical and mental strength of a giant, and for a baptism of power which would make the very letters speak out as if filled with life.

It is a very unwise pastor who does not make the religious press tributary to the success of his work. He cannot visit every week his whole flock, but he can command a 'helper' that enters every home to instruct, delight and bless it.

No one attempts to forward any party or project without a printing press. The world is alive to the powers of this engine to influence men. It is repetition that drives the nail home. A speech may agitate the waters, but the press opens a channel for their continual flow.

THE ENGLISH STATIONING COMMITTEE.

This description of the constitution and procedure of the Stationing Committee of the English Conference, from the pen of the English correspondent of the Western Christian Advocate, will interest some readers:

An attempt was made some years ago to assimilate our procedure to that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the appointment of a committee of ex-presidents who should formulate the stations and present them for the confirmation of the Conference.

Latest telegraphic advices inform us that the Burials Bill has passed the English House of Commons. Of the precise form in which it was sent back to the Lords we cannot yet speak, but doubtless in its passage through the Commons it has been lightened of a good deal of its bulk.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Methodists of Burlington purpose holding a Fancy Sale and Tea-meeting near their church on Thursday, September 23rd. Preparations are also being made for a similar gathering at Brooklyn about the 15th inst.

A lady connected with the Graton St. Church in this city, and by no means wealthy, read Dr. Stewart's appeal in the Wesleyan of the 20th ult., and took the first opportunity of placing two sovereigns in the hands of the Rev. S. B. Dunn, to aid in the purchase of a boat for the use of the minister stationed on the Labrador coast.

We regret to observe that Sunday excursions on our harbor by steamer are receiving patronage from the public. Those who are selfish enough to rob the employees of the boats of their Sabbath rest will soon have to give up their own, in accordance with other demands. This is merely the human aspect of Sabbath breaking.

Several favors, which will keep, are being kept over, until we can find space for them. Our correspondents will bear in mind that brief articles will frequently find insertion when the appearance of longer articles must be delayed. Our inside columns are printed on Monday, consequently any matter belonging to that part of the paper should be sent in before that day.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Sackville, who has been in the city for a day or two, left by train yesterday morning.

The many friends of the Rev. G. B. Payson will be glad to know that he is recovering from his illness, though unable to leave his bed.

Rev. W. W. Colpitts, of Woodstock, in company with Rev. J. Read, of St. John, has been spending a week at Eel River lakes.

Rev. John Lathern, of Yarmouth, made a flying visit to Fredericton last week, and was cordially received by his numerous friends.

Mr. C. H. St. John, a native of Harbor Grace, Nfld., and resident of Somerville, Mass., is about to publish a new volume of poems.

Rev. F. Smallwood, of Charlottetown, paid us a brief but pleasant visit on the 26th ult. His general health is good, but his voice, once so powerful, will now only permit him to preach the Gospel at the bedside of the sick and in the homes of the poor.

Miss Lillie Starr, daughter of John Starr, Esq., and Mr. Robt. Ross of Montreal, were married yesterday morning at the Brunswick Street church. The Revs. Dr. Stewart and R. Brecken officiated.

A brief sketch of the golden wedding of the Hon. John Rorke and lady, of Carbonear, Nfld., appears in another column. The style of the communication reminds us of that of one of the three Methodist ministers who robbed Mr. Rorke's household of as many junior members, not, of course, without the parents' consent.

The female students at Swiss Universities have this year carried off nearly all the honors, not only in philosophy but chemistry and medicine as well.

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.

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The study of the National and State Constitution, made obligatory in the public schools of Wisconsin, has been attended with excellent results.

Mr. H. B. Pickard, A. B., of the University of N. B., has won the Gilchrist Scholarship. The Governor General telegraphed his congratulations from Newswater.

Wm. L. Goodwin, a former Sackville student, who successfully competed for the Gilchrist scholarship in 1877, has lately taken a prize of \$500 at Edinburgh University.

Three thousand boys have passed through the hands of Dr. Shera at Wesley College, Sheffield, into the world during his twenty-seven years head mastership. There are now two hundred and twenty-nine on the school-roll.

A woman has just been placed in an important educational position in France. It is Mlle. Juliette Dodu, who has been appointed, by M. Jules Ferry, Delegate-General for the inspection of the schools established for the reception of little children under six years of age.

The Board of Governors have appointed Dr. Schurman to the chair of Political Economy and English Literature in Acadia College. Dr. Schurman has spent two years in London, one in Edinburgh, and two in Germany.

Three hundred and eighty-five girls applied for the Oxford Senior examination this season, and three hundred and fifty three for the junior examinations. In addition to the ordinary examination of boys and girls, another examination for young women over eighteen years old began at the same time, thirty-five offering themselves for the preliminary examination.

In the profoundest sense there can be no such thing as over-education. Our faculties are framed for a continuous and eternal development, and our life hereafter is a perpetual unfolding of that which is always growing deeper, and yet never finding its depth. Education is not only the natural and healthy occupation of man's life, it is his reward for eternity.

At the annual dinner of the "Associates of Kingswood and Woodhouse Grove School" on the 22nd of July, Dr. Moulton alluded to the recent success of the school in again obtaining the first place in the London Matriculation Examination. In the last four years three Kingswood boys had occupied that proud position. It will be remembered that this school has been carried on solely for the education of the sons of Methodist ministers.

Of the twenty-five applicants for Grade B, at the recent examination of the Truro Normal School students, twenty-one obtained the license applied for. The candidates have been successful beyond all former precedent, Miss Emma Lewis, of Onslow, winner of the Governor General's silver medal, made the highest general average. The Directors of the General Protestant Academy, St. John's, Nfld., have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Lewis, who arrived there by the last steamer, to act as assistant to the Principal of the Academy.

THE LATE JAMES OLIVE, ESQ.

Isaac Olive, Esq., died at his residence Carleton, N.B., yesterday. Mr. Olive had lived in Carleton 32 years. He was born here about five years after the landing of the Loyalists with whom his father, an Englishman, came to St. John from New York. Such a long life covers a very eventful period of the world's history, for the Bastille was destroyed after Mr. Olive was born; he was a young man before D'Israeli's birth, and he was twenty-seven years old when the battle of Waterloo was fought.

The funeral of Mr. Olive was largely attended. The interment took place in the old Methodist burying ground. Five ministers Messrs. R. W. Weddall, Henry Daniel, D. B. Partrick (Episcopal), D. D. Currie and H. McKeown, accompanied the remains to their last earthly resting place.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Blackwood's Magazine for August has the following contents: 'A Reindeer Ride Through Lapland; A Talk About Sonnets; The Blackbird; Hans Preller; A Legend of the Rhine Falls; Bush Life in Queensland, part ix.; Central Asia; The Meeting Place of Empire; In the Deer Forest; A Day Bewitched; Dr. Wortle's School, part iv.; Irish Distress and its Origin; Ministerial Progress.

Published by the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay St., N. Y.

The Authorship of the Fourth Gospel: External Evidences. By Ezra Abbot, D.D., LL.D. That John wrote the Gospel that bears his name has seldom been questioned. It doubts exist, they must be entertained in those Unitarian circles in which Dr. Abbot moves.

The numbers of The Living Age for the weeks ending August 21st and 28th respectively, contains the following articles: Recent and Future Arctic Voyages, and Thomas Chatterton, Quarterly; On the Sources of German Discontent, Contemporary; A New Study of Kinty Canham, Temple Bar; Climbing Plains, Popular Science Review; Country Life in Portugal, Blackwood; Street Nuisances, Saturday Review; About Cats, Queen; Nature's Hygiene, Nature; and for fiction, 'Harry Martin's Wife,' and instalments of 'Bush Life in Queensland,' and Mrs. Parr's 'Adam and Eve,' and the usual amount of poetry. Published by Littell & Co., 17 Broomfield St., Boston.

Oliver Ditson & Co., Boston, have just published Song Bells, by L. O. Emerson, a music book for common schools and juvenile classes. A book endorsed by Mr. Emerson will be received with confidence by teachers. The first part of Song Bells contains the usual elements. The rest of the book is devoted entirely to songs and tunes, of which there are about 125. A few very popular songs that are universal favorites are introduced, and a few sacred tunes for opening and closing; but most of the compositions are quite new, and all are likely to please young singers.

The September number of the North American Review, D. Appleton & Co., New York, contains several articles. The first is the initial paper by M. Charnay on 'The Ruins of Central America.' It is illustrated from photographs, which aid materially in the study of the text. An expedition under the auspices of the American and French governments, of which M. Charnay is in charge, is now in Central America, and the explorations promise a new chapter in American history that shall establish the origin of the remarkable race of which nothing but splendid ruins were left when Columbus discovered the new world. Following this article is one on 'The Perpetuity of Chinese Institutions,' from the pen of S. Wells Williams. The writer has been a resident in China for many years, and is thoroughly conversant with the language, institutions and social conditions which he discusses. The surviving member of Mrs. Surratt's counsel, writes upon 'The Trial of Mrs. Surratt' He believes her innocent of the crime for which she suffered death. 'The Personality of God' is treated by W. T. Harris. E. R. Forbes gives some valuable suggestions in reference to 'Steamboat Disasters.' The Rev. Edward Everett Hale follows with a paper upon 'Insincerity in the Pulpit,' that may draw some protests from his brother clergymen. The number closes with a review of several recent works on the Brain and Nerves by Dr. George M. Beard.

The Maritime Board of Foreign Missions of the Canada Presbyterian Church advertises for a fourth missionary to go to Trinidad.

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

At the recent Finance decided that a Convention of mutual help religious experience and list of both Ministers and to be held for two days in Bridgetown. The draw out a programme of following order of exercise time is too short for a member will enter at one of the Topic assigned to:

FIRST DAY, Tuesday, 8 a.m. till 12. Praises. The meaning of con. JAMES ST. JOHN. The Manner of con. CALBB. Consecration as taught in Hymns. Open E. 2 p.m. till 5.30. Promises. Old Testament and New JAMES SHARP. Modern Examples. Our Duty and Privilege. 7.30 p.m. Sermon by the Open E.

SECOND DAY, Wednesday, a.m. Subject: MR. THE PULPIT. The Prayer-meeting and Work. J. The Sunday School. Open E. 2 p.m. Communion with God. Consistency of Life. A Sense of Responsibility. Open E. 7.30 p.m. Address by Rev. Open E.

N.B.—The opening will be limited to twenty minutes each. It is hoped that Laymen will attend and take part will be provided for all. A. W. N. W. H. B. D. W. J.

MISSIONARY.

ST. STEPHEN. Circuits. Dates. St. Stephen ... Local arr. Milltown ... Do. St. Andrew's ... Dec. 9th. St. David ... Oct. 11. St. James ... Sept. 20. Bocabec ... Sept. 16, 17. Deer Island ... Oct. 21.

MIRAMICHI. Chatham ... To be arr. Newcastle ... Richibucto ... Bathurst ... Derby ... Campbellton ... Baie du Vin ... Tabusintac ... I. N. P.

ST. JOHN. St. John ... Local arr. Sussex ... Oct. 3, 4. Apohaqui ... Oct. 3, 4. Upham ... Oct. 4, 5. St. Martin's ... Oct. 10, 11. Grand Lake ... Oct. 16. Jerusalem ... October. Welsford ... October. Kingston ... September.

R. W. WEDDALL. ST. STEPHEN. St. Stephen ... January. Milltown ... Do. St. Andrew's ... Do. St. David ... Do. St. James ... Local arr. Bocabec ... Do. Deer Island ... Do. C. W. DUTTON.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT. For the General Conference Brunswick and P. E. I. Col. Richibucto, \$3.24; Milltown. Sept. 1st, 1880. 14-STOP ORGANS.—In an issue will be found the new Daniel F. Beatty's new which he is offering to the living on board cars at only \$8. It is by far the Mayor Beatty. Read the