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FROM THE RETIRING EDITOR.

More than five and a half years have passed since the brethren composing the Maritime Baptist Publishing Company did me the honor to appoint me editor and general manager of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. What has been regarded as a call from above makes it necessary to pass over into other hands the high trust committed to my keeping at that time. A few words may not be out of place, as I lay down the editorial pen.

It is gratifying to know that the union of the two old papers, which many viewed with little aversion, is now thought by all our people, almost without exception, to have been a wise step. It pays its weekly visits to about 75 per cent. more homes than the old papers entered. The single paper, with its one policy, being read by all our people, has tended to unify them. It is hoped that it has been an agent to make our people better acquainted with our peculiar and precious truths, to make them more loyal to Christ, to help them to higher ideals and a more earnest Christian life and purpose, and to aid the young as well as those of more advanced years in the culture of right principle and a strong and worthy character. The MESSENGER AND VISITOR has also sought to help forward to the utmost all departments of our denominational work, while it has striven to encourage and stimulate the pastors of the churches in their high and responsible duties. The retiring editor is only sorry that more has not been done in all these and in other directions for the great work of God in human hearts and for immortal souls; at the same time, an honest attempt to this end has been made, and he can only leave what has been done, where all attempts at service must be left, in the considerate hands of Him who can make imperfect effort advance His glory.

On leaving the work, I wish, in all sincerity and humility, to thank the patrons of the paper generally and the pastors of the churches especially. I had been led to expect that the work of editing the denominational paper would be attended with much to grieve and wound. The editor has had very strong convictions as to the soundness and value of certain principles, and has not shunned to express them. He has also had to use his editorial prerogatives very frequently, and decline to publish communications which did not commend themselves to his best judgment. Notwithstanding all this, he has seldom had to complain of an unkind or harsh word, and he has the great pleasure of numbering those who have differed from him among his best friends. The great mass of the rank and file of our people have been only too appreciative of his efforts and have taken occasion, by correspondence and at public gatherings, and in their homes, to make him sensible of a good will which has kept his heart in a glow of warm desire to help them through the columns of the paper.

But most of all has the heart of the editor been cheered and strengthened by the cordial sympathy and co-operation of the pastors of our churches. He has met them at anniversaries and has visited many of them on their fields and in their homes; he has been honored by being made a confidant, and has listened to their troubles and longings, and he never expects to find a body of brethren with whom it will be a greater pleasure to labor, or who will seek to aid him with a more earnest and considerate kindness and co-operation.

I have also to acknowledge, gratefully, kindly resolutions passed at denominational gatherings since I decided to accept the appointment at Toronto. It is scarcely necessary for me to be speak for the esteemed and trusted brethren to whose keeping the interests of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR are entrusted, the same kindly and considerate treatment which has lightened the rather onerous duties of their predecessor. It must be expected, however, that it will take a little time for them to get thoroughly in harness, so as to be able to do their best work. The patrons of the paper will bear this in mind, I am sure, and will not be too exacting at the beginning, assured that, in a short time, if not from the first, they may expect improvement and not retrogression.

I may be pardoned for adding that it is not easy to lay aside the work which so long has absorbed all my working power. The thought that I can have no active part in forwarding interests which have become very dear to me, and that I shall be separated from fellow-workers whose friendship is so highly prized, is not a little saddening. At the same time, I shall hope, in a more quiet way,

to do a little for the work in which we have a common concern, and shall ever watch, with the deepest sympathy, the progress of the great denominational interests of the brethren of the Maritime Provinces.

And now I end these closing words which have savored too much of a personal character, and gladly drop out of sight, with the hope and prayer that God's best blessing may rest on the paper, the churches, and the work of Maritime Baptists. C. GOODFREED.

FROM THE NEW EDITOR.

Feelings of profound regret were doubtless experienced by the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR when they learned the decision of Dr. Goodspeed to vacate the position which he has so honorably filled as editor of this paper, and resign to other hands the work which he has so successfully carried forward. These feelings of regret will be deepened as they read in this issue our brother's words of leave-taking.

I shall refrain from any elaborate eulogy of the work of the retiring editor, knowing well that the eulogy which he chiefly values is the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, the praise of work well done. Of such eulogy no one certainly can deprive Dr. Goodspeed, as he looks back over the period of his connection with the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. The interests of the paper have prospered in his hands even beyond the expectation of its friends. No man could have been more laboriously faithful in the discharge of the duties of his office, no man could have labored more conscientiously in the interests of the paper and the denomination, and certainly no one man among us could have achieved more gratifying results in building up the paper in all its interests.

In reference to the relations into which I have lately entered, at the call of the directors, as editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, it seems necessary at this time to say but little. I am in the position of one who is putting on the harness, the character and value of whose work remain to be seen. The call to this position came to me as a surprise. Very highly do I appreciate the honor conferred upon me and the confidence reposed in me by my brethren in calling me to a place of so great responsibility, and one so vitally important in its relations to all our interests as a people.

While I most heartily wish that I were able to bring with me to this position a much larger measure of ability and experience, I have at least sufficient acquaintance with the duties of an editor to enable me to understand very clearly that the office is no sinecure, and not exactly a bed of roses. Large and constant demands must necessarily be made upon the intellectual resources, the industry, the judgment, the sympathies, the patience and forbearance of the editor of such a paper as the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. He is in a larger sense than almost any other man a minister to the people and a servant of the denomination. He, therefore, needs not only an ample measure of divine grace, but also the generous sympathy and support of his brethren. These, I know, the retiring editor has enjoyed, and I hope and trust they will not be withheld from me.

In regard to the conduct of the paper I have only this to present to say, I shall give to the best I have. There will be much for the new editor to learn and readers may have the opportunity to cultivate the grace of forbearance. I can, however, promise them that the editor will make an honest effort to serve their interests.

The MESSENGER AND VISITOR now finds its way to some seven thousand homes. In many of them it has come to be regarded as an old friend, an honored guest. It will be my ambition so to conduct the paper that it shall not become less welcome as a visitor and none the less a messenger of good than it has been in the past.

In conclusion let me say that I am happy in having as my associate in the work my esteemed friend and brother, Mr. Saunders, who is well known among our Baptist churches, and who is held in the highest esteem wherever he is known. In accordance with the announcement made two weeks ago, Mr. Saunders, by the appointment of the directors, now assumes the business management, while the responsibilities of the editorship will devolve upon the new comer. The readers of the paper will, however, be glad to know that it is expected that, to some degree, there will be an interchange of duties between the business manager and the editor, to the great gain, I am sure, of the editorial department.

DO NOT DREAM.

The end of the Convention year is close at hand, and whatever is to be done either by churches or by individuals to enable the treasurers of the denominational funds to make a satisfactory showing in their annual reports must be done very shortly. Many of our churches send forth their contributions with promptness and liberality. There are others which have not availed themselves to the full of their privileges in this matter, not having yet learned, it would seem, how blessed it is to give. In some cases, it may be, where there is a real intention to aid in the good work, the intention fails, or partially fails, of its effect for lack of systematic effort. Sometimes funds which are contributed fall through unnecessary delay to get into the treasurer's hands in time to be accounted for in his annual report to Convention. Such contributions are not lost, of course. They may do just as much good as if they had reached the treasurer in time to be accounted for in the report of the year for which they were intended. But it would be more satisfactory to all concerned if all these amounts were sent forward in time to reach the treasurer before the closing of his accounts, and thus obtain mention in his report.

In material things we are being blessed. The year has been a fairly prosperous one. As a people, we have much cause for gratitude. Have you, friends, done all for the cause of Christ this year, all that you intended to do, all that gratitude demands, all that your ability and the opportunity makes possible? If each church and each individual member will observe the divine rule to give "as the Lord hath prospered," the financial results of this year will exceed any in the history of the Convention. We sincerely hope that this may prove to be the case.

Opportunities for the employment of devoted men and women in the different departments of Christian work are yearly becoming more numerous, and the demand more pressing. It is hard for our Boards to say nay to the urgent appeals continually coming to them for men and money to carry on the work of Christ; especially when there are young men and women ready to engage in the service, and who are saying, "Here am I, send me." He that sends the gospel abroad is lending to the Lord and laying up treasure in heaven. It is an investment which will yield blessed returns after all material riches shall have perished.

PASSING EVENTS.

Persons who have a taste for the horrible must have had their appetite satiated as they read last week, in the daily papers, the account of the execution of Kemmler by the new method of electricity. From the many fatalities resulting from accidental contact with electrical wires, there seemed no reason to doubt that electricity properly applied carried with it the certainty of instantaneous death. Whether the man really died under the first shock of the electrical current, lasting about 15 seconds, and the writhings, frothings, gaspings, etc., which followed its removal, were simply muscular contortions, or whether they were symptoms of life and returning consciousness, is a point upon which witnesses and experts differ. However this may be, the horrible details of Kemmler's death will result, in a popular sentiment of disgust and horror at "electrocution," and it is scarcely likely the experiment will soon be repeated.

The wheat crop is a most important consideration to Canada, but owing to the contingencies of drought and frost in Manitoba and the North-west, is not a very certain factor. It is most gratifying, therefore, to know that the excellence of this year's crop is an assured fact. Last year the crop of Manitoba and the North-west was less than 8,000,000 bushels, giving but a small surplus for exportation. This year, in spite of a very destructive wind and hail storm which, it is said, has destroyed 100,000 acres of Manitoba wheat, the crop will more than double that of last year, which will afford a surplus for export of some 12,000,000 bushels.

In the midst of so many rumors and prophecies of war from Europe, it is encouraging to read accounts of peace conferences which have lately been held in London and Paris. The London conference closed July 18. It was attended by a number of representative Americans—ministers of the gospel and others. France, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and almost every European country except Germany were represented in the conference. Hon. David Dudley Field, the eminent American jurist, presided.

The Paris conference, held later, was composed of members of parliament—though not in their official capacity—from the various countries represented. The London Daily News says:

The movement is making way, as shown by the fact that the number attending this conference is double the number which attended the first held last year in Paris. Moreover, Mr. Philip Stanhope, speaking in the name of the chairman, Lord Herschell, has announced that letters of approval had been received from 1,000 legislative members who were unable to be present. We notice that Lord Herschell sends some

ground for hope in the very horror of some of the new inventions for destruction.

There are said to be twenty-five millions of men in Europe ready, at the command of their leaders and in the supposed interests of their countries, to turn against each other all the terrible engines of modern warfare. But the people do not want war but peace. Popular sentiment, until it is inflamed by those whose aim is gain or glory, is everywhere against war.

Such conferences as those referred to being held from year to year, by inculcating the duty and the benefits of peace and by becoming a more and more effective medium for the expression of public sentiment as to the iniquities of war, should do much towards bringing in the days of universal peace.

Another plot against the Czar has been discovered in the Russian capital. Two officers of high rank in the army have committed suicide, being implicated, it is supposed, in the conspiracy. A professor and several students of the University of St. Petersburg have been arrested as being concerned in the plot, and many persons in Moscow have been taken into custody on the same charge.

Emperor William of Germany has lately been on a visit to England. He was received by the Queen with demonstrations of affection, and a banquet at the Osborne House was given in his honor.

The New York Independent has been at the pains of gathering statistics showing the strength of the different churches in the United States and their increase during the year. The total membership is set down at nearly 22,000,000, and during the year there has been an increase of 8,500 churches, nearly 4,900 ministers, and nearly 1,090,000 members.

In regard to the number of communicants in the different bodies, the Methodists lead, with 4,980,000; the Roman Catholics come next with 4,676,000; then the Baptists, with 4,292,000; Presbyterians, 1,229,000; Lutherans, 1,086,000; Congregationalists, 491,000; and Episcopalians, 480,000.

The increase of the Catholic population during the year was 421,700, the gain in communicants over 238,000.

The growth of the Protestant membership was 668,000. Of this the Methodists gained more than 256,000, the Baptists more than 213,000, the Lutherans 95,000, the Presbyterians 49,000, the Congregationalists more than 46,000, the Episcopalians about 9,500. These figures are understood to represent the net gain after deducting the number of deaths.

It is not wise, of course, to put our trust too implicitly in numbers. But, so far as numbers go, this seems to be a very satisfactory showing for the year, and certainly indicates that Christianity is not altogether losing its vitality, or its hold upon the people.

McMaster University.

As I return to the discharge of duties in connection with McMaster University, I am very conscious of the personal changes during my year of absence. Dr. Castle and Prof. McGregor have gone to their reward. Dr. MacVicar, after years of valued service, has resigned his office and enters upon important service in connection with the schools and colleges under the care of the American Home Mission Board. Dr. Hall, of Woodstock College, leaves to enjoy a scholarship for original investigation under Stanley Hall of the Clark University; while the Principal of Moulton and two of her associates have left Toronto. Three active members of the Senate and the Board of Governors have become non-residents—Revs. Messrs. Denovan, McDiarmid, and J. Stuart. These are certainly very striking changes to have occurred within twelve months.

But the work moves forward. Much time during the past two years has been given to earnest discussion of educational problems in the Senate and the Board of Governors. It is not too much to say that these discussions have tended to serious and enlarged views of the work in hand, and to deepen the conviction so strongly possessed by some that the Baptists are called to as high and independent work in the department of liberal education in Ontario as in any other country on this continent.

The recent meetings of the Senate and the Board of Governors have been characterized by great earnestness and a growing openness of view. The Arts department opens its doors for its first class on October 1st next. Great pains have been taken in the recent appointments made in the several departments of the University to secure men and women of sound and varied culture, and of sympathies warmly enlisted in behalf of the great principles underlying the educational policy adopted by the body and reaffirmed by its Boards after searching discussions.

The Faculty of Arts will begin its work with the services, in whole or in part, of seven professors and a lecturer. The recent appointments are: Professor Alex. McKay, B. A., Mathematics and Physics; Professor M. S. Clarke, B. A., Modern Languages, and Thomas McKenzie, B. A., M. D., Lecturer in Biology. These are all men of known ability and large experience as teachers. The

Faculty of Theology has been enriched and strengthened by the appointment of Professor Calvin Goodspeed, D. D., Systematic Theology and Evidences of Christianity, and Professor Thomas Trotter, B. A., Homiletics, Pastoral Theology, and Church Polity. This gives the department the services, in whole or in part, of six professors. These new appointments are every where warmly received, and the fresh earnest life thus secured cannot fail to strengthen the hands of the able and devoted brethren who have for years labored so arduously in this Faculty. The Woodstock Faculty retains the valuable services of Mr. N. Wolverson in Mathematics and Manual Training; Mr. H. S. Robertson, B. A., takes the Natural Sciences; the Preparatory department being entrusted to Mr. Bewell. Principal Houston and his associates have in charge the best equipped school in Canada for boys and young men. Its endowments are sufficiently large to make the selection of students a practicable thing. Thus the high tone of the school is assured, and the difficulty of discipline is reduced to a minimum. The Faculty of Moulton College will be presided over by Miss Adelaide L. Smiley, M. A., a lady of wide experience, and of whom Rev. Dr. Cephas B. Crane writes as follows:

She is a woman of the noblest pattern, of exalted character, of earnest and intelligent piety, of strong and wise and healthful influence, of fine scholarship, of remarkable executive ability, apt to teach, one to be sought as the head for any school for girls, even though it be of the highest grade.

Miss Smiley has both been a student and had experience as a teacher at Colby Academy, The Ordeal, and Vassar. She is upwards of fifty years of age.

The Faculty of Moulton has five lady graduates in the literary and scientific work—of whom Miss Blanche Bishop is one—a resident teacher in music in addition to special arrangements with the Toronto College of Music, a good studio in charge of an excellent teacher of drawing and painting, and a special teacher for students who are not qualified to enter upon the regular courses prescribed.

From this hasty outline, the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR will gather that our educational work has passed into the condition of earnest activity. It will be found, I doubt not, that when the arts department is in full and happy play, our constituency will supply three times the number it now does of students in the field of liberal study. This means among other things, a greater supply and finer quality of material for the Theological department, and an ever increasing stimulus in the great work which Woodstock and Moulton have in hand.

We rejoice in the prosperity of Acadia and her associate institutions, and we trust that graduates of Acadia may avail themselves of the great advantages offered in Toronto Baptist College.

THEODORE H. RAND. McMaster Hall, July 30, 1890.

Foreign Missions.

Missions have been and will be the subject of universal and permanent interest. The ever-increasing call for more missionary labor, and the demand upon the zeal and resources of the Christian church, are evidence that the true missionary spirit is being fostered and giving effect to the last and great command of the risen Saviour, "Go ye."

God has in His good providence graciously privileged the Baptist church to enter upon this vast and most important field of labor—the Telugu country—a country lying on the western shore of Bay of Bengal, with a population of 17,000,000, three and a half times that of Canada.

Though the Telugu missions, as a whole, have now reached an important position in the modern missions—with some years of missionary labor behind them; yet our mission, in connection with the Board of the Maritime Provinces, is at its early stage.

Statistically we have not much to report; yet a vast, grand, pioneering foundation-laying work has been done. The Telugu country is the citadel of Hinduism and stronghold of idolatry. The Telugus are very religious people. Caste system is the most insurmountable difficulty in the advancement of our cause. Yet it is gratifying to learn that such work has been done to undermine and up-heave the old faith and prejudice and break down the wall of superstition and caste. The thick moral night that had settled upon them is slowly but surely being scattered. The baptism of two high-caste Hindus—Brahmins—by Rev. Mr. Sanford is the sure sign of the break in the ranks of heathenism. Up and down the land, in our tour of itineration, we meet with people who more or less are secret disciples—hundreds, again, who confess and say that they have renounced the hidden things of darkness, and who are living better and nobler lives. Superstitious fears are dying out. These are great advances upon heathenism to those who know and are trying to grapple with the difficulties of the question of the salvation of the heathen.

Consider for a moment that the debased and materialized minds of idolaters do not grasp the thought of one liv-

ing personal God, and our responsibility to do His will, and to obey His laws. Yet these thoughts are to be apprehended before any true sense of sin is felt. What may be most degrading and shameful to us, may not be so at all to a Hindoo. Morality is entirely divorced from religion, as may be judged by the fact that the most licentious rites had their temples with male and female ministrants—Appalling immorality! God helping, we shall raise the Christ's standard of holiness there until all darkness is dispelled and the glorious light of the gospel is shed abroad in their hearts.

In entering upon the Visianagran field, a wide, wide field of labor is opened—a field which had been the scene of the labors of the L. M. S. missionaries for years. The writer himself was privileged to be in the forefront of the battle for about a space of two years. Of this field I shall write some time else.

With these ripe fields before us, what is wanted is organized, systematic, itinerating work, which can only be done by thrusting more laborers into the field, so that the important centres may be visited oftener. Short visits are best at first. But longer and frequent visits are desirable, in order to make impression of the truth as it is in Jesus and disabuse their minds of old fables, myths, superstition.

Villages after villages are opened to us. Appeals and entreaties are made for frequent visitation or to send out a teacher or preacher. But we are hampered for want of more laborers, who would bear the message of salvation to the people sitting in darkness. Who will respond to this Macedonian cry and strengthen the hands of our missionaries?

I beseech you, by the agony of Jesus Christ, by the blood from His pierced side, that you would rise to your responsibility and do all you can to further the cause of God in that land.

SUKIK ABDUL AZIZ. U. B. Seminary.

We are making some progress in securing pledges to meet our heavy debt. Everywhere our appeal is kindly received, and could we visit every church the debt would soon be a matter of the past. So far Albert is the banner church in helping us. Bro. J. Harry King is now engaged in a thorough canvass of the county, and doubtless will give a good report. Many of our subscriptions are backed with earnest prayer in our behalf and are so doubly helpful.

Our outlook for students is exceedingly good, and applications come from all sections of the Province, and all denominations. All of our old students, so far as we know, that intend going to school this year, return to us. For this exhibition of confidence and appreciation we are deeply grateful.

The "dollar per member" plan commends itself to our people and needs only some energetic person in each church to take it in hand to make it a grand success. We will supply any one with copies of our appeal who will use them to secure dollars for us. There are young brothers and sisters in all our churches who, by a few days' canvass, could send us much needed help. We earnestly ask the co-operation of all to make this effort to entirely free our Seminary a complete success. If this "dollar plan" is generally worked, we are assured that some of our wealthier friends are ready to make larger donations to secure us needed apparatus, library, and endowment. Our fullest success for the present and the future depends upon a universal response to the request of our Board for a dollar from each church member. Remittances made to me or to your pastor will be duly acknowledged. J. E. HOPKES. St. Martins, August 2.

A Great Missionary Gathering.

Plans are being perfected for a National Missionary Conference, to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 3-9, 1890.

Prominent Missionary-workers, evangelists and Y. M. C. A. workers will be present, among them: Bishop Wm. Taylor, of Africa; Dr. A. T. Pierson, author of "Crisis of Missions;" W. E. Blackstone, of Chicago, with his large map of the world; Robt. E. Speer, of Pennsylvania; T. C. Horton, Gen'l Sec'y Y. M. C. A., St. Paul; and A. Nash, State Sec'y, Neb., together with many Missionary volunteers from different sections of the country. As is well known to our readers, remarkable providences have combined in recent years to open the doors for the spreading of the Gospel among the nations of the earth. Especially may this be said of Africa and China. There are also many evidences of great movements toward the preaching of the Gospel to "every creature," and this meeting promises to be one of unusual interest and importance. The theme of the gathering will be "Shall the Gospel be given to all people, during this generation?"

Special railroad rates are being arranged for and it is expected that the good people of Indianapolis will provide entertainment for the delegates. For further information, address George S. Fisher, Y. M. C. A., Topeka, Kansas.

Thou Knowest

BY PASTOR J. CLARK, AND OTHERS. Thou knowest, Lord, what Dark hatred dwells In On this our earth wept; And o'er Thy soul's deep sea The surging tides of

Thou knowest, Lord, what Long toil was Thine I When birds and bees peep; Thou hadst not wh head.

Thou knowest, Lord, what Dark hatred dwells In breath; And fierce, relentless Pursued and smote The

Thou knowest, Lord, what A death was Thine, a By Thine expiring agonies We gauge the greatness

Regard, O Lord, our fre That, through Thy pressed, Our souls from sin, and And reach, at last, et

Foreign Missions.

The monthly meeting Mission Board was held 6th inst. The most for consideration was the Bro. Sheik Abdul Aziz for a helper on our staff of The secretary read the John McLaurin and Bro. McLaurin was introduced with Abdul's work, two years with him in Laurin said he liked Abdul and should be glad to appointed him. Sister she believed Abdul was worthy of kind treatment a very interesting statement Abdul relative to his conscience that time, and all desire to return and work sionaries, especially w the Board unanimous point Bro. Abdul. The arrange for work for h tion, when all the de chance to see and hear delivered a very interesting evening in the Brussels the manners and customs of India. He appeared in native costume.

Any church or mission ing an address from please address the und

St. John, N. B.

Religious Int

NEWS FROM THE

SUSSEX.—Since last been received by letter inst. an intelligent man came to us from Honolou deeply moved and earnest Saviour.

AMHERST.—The Beulah shoot from Amherst is agitating it impossible separate organization, B band, and to re-unite church. A good work among them, by the Staples and Wilson. four were baptized and experience from that stand ready to follow th

ELGIN, Albion Co., N ing to labor here, three Christian work has been ready twelve have been received into the fellow Elgin Baptist church, with us yesterday afternoon to a large audience will be necessary to call soon to baptize others w the way of life. August 4.

TRACADIE, N. S.—It to state that the Lord in our work here this people gladly hear this are centers in connection of the gospel. On the W. P. Anderson, of came over and baptized us, and administered all of the Lord's Supper. was present and the se impressive. There has improvement in the every way.

FIRST RAGGED ISLA July 27, Rev. Frank T sermon, took leave of of the First Ragged I which, for the last two pastor. At the same was presented on beh and congregation, an appreciation of the retir in all departments of C deep regret at his dep mentation was made of a ful labor in connection school, and his inter people. Kindly menti of Mrs. Potter and l fluence. The address appropriate reply from

LANCASHIRE.—The Sund presented to Mrs an expression of their result of a concert held Whitman wishes to ten ple her heartfelt appreci heret they manifested weekly, July 16, two so Leary, of Little Tancoc 21, and Isaac, aged 19, from fishing, when, causing and sink. Both were two young men were and will be greatly missed by the community. Much sympathy bereaved parents, who sorrow. Rev. R. R. brother, preached at July 19. A collection was, which amounted to