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CENTENNIAL AT CAVENDISH, P. E. I.

As noticed by us on the 9th inst., it was the purpose of the descendants of the Simpson, Clark and McNeill families of Cavendish to celebrate the centennial of the settlement of their ancestors here. This was carried out on the 10th inst., by a social entertainment on the grounds of Wm. J. Simpson.

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of grain known. The grinding of grain was by hand-mills. The first inhabitants grew and manufactured all their own clothing. The wants of these times were few and easily supplied.

The first William Simpson had ten children. The daughters were Mrs. Clark, Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Dockendorff, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Bagnall. The sons were: Thomas, William, James, and John. At the gathering there were three of the grand-children of the first William. The descendants of this worthy pair are found in all parts of P. E. Island, and all over this continent.

The Rev. B. F. Simpson, of Maine, and Rev. John Simpson, of Kentucky, and other absent members of the family, sent letters of greeting. This family has also provided good wives for three of our Provincial ministers, viz. Rev. W. F. Warburton, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, and Rev. C. C. Rogers. The two first named were present at this entertainment.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Prince Edward Island at this season of the year has much to charm the stranger. The sea and land have taken on their most delightful forms. The air is breezy and clear. If for a few hours the glass runs up to an uncomfortable point, the cooling sea breeze soon lowers it. The nights are cool, the shades all ways grateful. The soil is unsurpassed in these provinces for agricultural purposes, and what is especially noticeable is a Nova Scotian, is the uniform and unbroken stretches of arable land. Scarcely is there seen an untillable spot, either on hill or dale. Large areas are under cultivation. Potatoes, oats and wheat are staples. The crops have a promising look. The absence of fruit trees is noticeable. Here and there are seen in some well sheltered spot a few apple trees. Their healthy appearance and the quantities of fruit set upon them indicate that fruit culture might be a success if properly conducted.

The intellectual entertainments of the day began by Arthur Simpson, Esq., taking the chair and giving a brief address of welcome to visiting friends. Historical sketches and pleasing reminiscences were given by several of the older members of the family, who were called to the platform for this service. Impromptu addresses were also given by several members of the families from abroad. Among these were Rev. Allen Simpson, of Halifax, Presbyterian; Rev. D. H. Simpson, of Bear River, Digby Co., N. S., Baptist, and Mr. Fairbairn of Lawrence, Mass., who represented the McNeill family. In these speeches we had wit and humor and philosophic thought happily blended. These exercises were also made the more enjoyable by the singing of old songs by a large choir. As "Home Again," with its touching refrain, and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung many a heart was moved, many a tearful eye was seen among the aged ones. A choir of children sang in a pleasant way of "One hundred years to come."

Addresses were also given by the local clergy of Cavendish and vicinity. The Rev. Mr. Archibald, Presbyterian; Rev. J. C. Spurr, Baptist, and the Rev. Mr. Crawford of the Disciples.

There was also on exhibition the elder Simpson's watch, and a small piece of his wife's wedding dress. The latter was of silk, and is said to be 130 years old. In the evening an hall hand by was packed with an audience which was highly entertained by informal speeches and songs, in which the wit, wisdom and fun which had been bubbling up all day had an opportunity to effervesce.

The brief sketches of the history of the Simpson family given are worthy of record. Not far from the middle of the eighteenth century, William Simpson, of Scotland, or of Scottish descent, and Jane Winchester, an English lady, were married. In 1775 they came to this Province. Their first residence was in the vicinity of Charlottetown, or Belfast; from here they removed to Cavendish in 1790. This Township—or Lot 23, as it is here called—was then an unbroken wilderness, without roads. Charlottetown, the nearest place of trade, was some 24 miles distant. The first vehicle in use was a drag, which was made of two poles attached to the collar of the horse at one end, while the other ends dragged upon the ground, with a suitable box to hold freight fastened upon these. It was many years before roads for wheels were made. The implements of primitive farming were few and simple. The reaping-hook was the chief and only harvester

cord of thanks for affording us a very pleasant drive from Tryon to Bedouque. This aged brother is among the first fruits of the toils of our Baptist fathers in the city of Halifax in the long, long ago.

That which voices most loudly the discouragements of our pastors is the fact that so many of our church members neglect or refuse to take the Messenger and Visitor. The reasons given for this neglect are often such as greatly to perplex the earnest and anxious pastor, and to fill his heart with inexpressible sorrow for the members of these households who are destitute of that religious culture so necessary to their religious life and usefulness. In every well regulated, religious family the religious paper is now taking a prominent place.

LAST CALL.

The convention year is almost closed. There is no more time enough for churches that have not contributed, or have not made up all their contributions to Convention Fund, to remit in time for their donations to appear in the accounts of this year. Would it not be well for each church and each member to consider seriously whether the record of what has been given to carry forward the Lord's work at home and abroad is pleasing to Him. With myriads as worthy of the gospel as ourselves awaiting to receive its blessed boon through us, and with the pressure of the unspeakable claim of the Saviour's sacrifice and love upon us, let us consider anew whether we have contributed as the Lord hath prospered us, and as the urgency of the needs of men and the declared will of God demands. If not, let us all set promptly and send in our remittances to Dr. Day, at Sheffield, Sunbury Co., N. B.

THE WEEK.

There has been no little stir in British political circles over the recent speech of Parnell at the conclusion of the debate on the salary of the Chief Secretary for Ireland. In it he made distinct advances to Balfour for an understanding on the Land Purchase Bill of the government. Balfour met them in a most conciliatory spirit. The members of the house almost held their breath in wonder at compliments between those who have ever been the most deadly foes. Some suppose that the expenses of the plan of campaign are proving too burdensome to be longer carried, and that Parnell wishes to make the best terms with the government. However this may be, his action, if it really means that he is prepared to come to terms and compromise matters with the government, is a godsend to Salisbury, and will be a great blow to the Liberals, who are opposed to the measure. Parnell's own followers are disinclined to follow him solidly in this matter, and if he and Balfour come to terms, it may be at the expense of his position as leader.

The Austrian minister of war recently astonished the parliament by a demand for one hundred and twenty millions of florins to raise the peace-footing of the Army. After saying that the nations were now ruining one another by military expenditure, he expressed his conviction that things as they are cannot last long; they must lead either to a catastrophe, or to the definite settlement of peace under much healthier conditions.

China is just awakening to a consciousness of her latent greatness. The United States have been violating her treaties with China, and have been allowing Chinese in their country to be harassed by mobs and to be hampered by oppressive laws, while all others are being excluded. China appears to be about to retaliate. The time has passed when a small squadron could compel terms at Peking. This great Eastern power has been developing her strength, and by pure force of numbers could overwhelm any ordinary force. She is also attending to her military armament, and would be no mean antagonist. She is proceeding with the fortification of her Russian border, and that power is straining every nerve to press on her great railway through Siberia, in order to forestall her in an immense tract of territory in dispute between the two realms.

The famous Louisiana Lottery Bill, which proposed to license the gigantic lottery of this State for twenty years at \$1,250,000 per annum, has passed both houses of the legislature. In each it had the exact number of votes requisite to pass it, showing that the lottery men did not care to buy up any more votes than necessary. The governor has vetoed the bill in a stinging message; but the legislature will doubtless pass it over the veto, and then it will be submitted to the people. It is so feared that a majority of them will be bought up likewise, and the State be completely in the power of the managers of this gigantic swindle.

The Prohibition party in the United States has lost one of its strongest men in the death of Gen. Clinton B. Fisk. He was the nominee of the party for President in the last presidential campaign. As the nominee of a party pressing a principle so sacred and important should ever be, he was a most devoted Christian, and died a triumphant death.

There are rumors afloat that Blaine is about to resign his office of secretary of state because of the provisions of the McKinley Bill. It is supposed he wishes to be a candidate for the presidency at the next election, and that he sees there is a sweep of public sentiment toward free trade; in order to get the support of free traders he will boom his idea of reciprocity among American States, while he will hold to the most pronounced protection policy toward all others, in the hope that this attitude toward non-American powers will enable him to hold his protectionist supporters. He may find it a rather difficult feat to harness Cleveland's heifer to his plough and still have the Republican heifer make one in the team.

By the Ocean Spray.

That there is some strange, weird fascination in the mighty deep, is evident from the frequent mention of the sea in Holy Scripture—that Book in which every man can read his heart, and which should be the dearest treasure of every man's heart.

Here, by the great ocean, we are having meetings—every Sunday evening, which seem quite as attractive to those who have frequented them for years, as to those who, like myself, are enjoying them for the first time. And why not, when all our talk is about the dear Jesus and how we who love Him a little can get to love Him more, and how we may win those who do not know His love to taste and see if the Lord is not gracious? We have, indeed, such a gracious time, and such a gracious company.

Last night, or rather last evening, for the hour is from six to seven, we had dear Bishop Thoburn from "India's torrid shore." He looked thin and worn, and browned by the Indian sun, but I think he loves the Master and His work as much as he ever did; and that is a great deal. How many seas he crossed to reach this distant shore! The Bishop preached in the morning in the auditorium, a model building of its kind, to some seven thousand souls. They also had come, if not from the furthermost part of the earth, at least from many distant places. May we all meet in the land where there is no more parting, and no more treacherous sea.

Then we had at the surf meeting, also, a brother bound for China—S. T. Gracie, the consul to Foo Chow. He did not seem to love the Lord any the less for having loved Him for a long time. Earthly loves may cool with time, but heavenly love grows hotter every day until the time comes when we shall see Him as He is, and then we shall love and love forever without a cloud to come between.

I think those who have not attended a "surf meeting" may be interested in a description of one. Come, then, with me and look and listen. Put on a warm wrap, for there is always a fresh breeze, and we are going right on the shore. The sun is near its setting, gradually descending to give a new day to western hemispheres. No matter how warm the day has been, and it is hot here, there is always a little chill at this time, at least to those who have seen a good many sunsets and are nearing the city where the Lamb is the light thereof.

There is a broad walk of many miles in length, high and dry above the beach; from this there is a broad flight of steps leading to a large platform, which is also high above the shore. And then there is such a shore, a great expanse of sand, and then the ocean waves rolling in with a loud shout of praise—like good Methodists at a camp meeting. Glory to God, they say, glory to God, for the Lord omnipotent reigneth. "The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves."

Punctually to the moment, at six o'clock the meeting opens, for our honored President, the Rev. Dr. Stokes, is as punctual as a school-bell, and grey as he is in the Master's service, he is not yet tired of it. He begins with reading sentences from the Scriptures, chiefly from the Psalms, suitable to the occasion. The people respond, as printed papers are handed round on which the programme is put down. Several verses of a hymn are sung at intervals, and short addresses are given. At seven punctually the benediction is given, for the evening service at the Auditorium opens at 7.30.

At these surf meetings the broad walk above the speakers is covered with a standing audience. The broad, rough steps leading down to the platform are packed with those who need to be seated, and a few ladies have camp chairs on the platform, where most of the speakers stand, and the leader of the choir. He, I may add, is a business man from Philadelphia, who comes over every Saturday and returns every Monday at day-break. Mr. Harding told us something of his experience at the first meeting, how a "drummer" could serve the Lord, and how he could do his business for this world quite as well when he asked God about it.

At the close of each meeting, Bro. Yaman is always called on. If he is ever cross, or ever discouraged, or ever depressed, though he does not look as if he suffered any of these afflictions, set him to make a haul of sinners with his gospel net.

and you will see something worth seeing. He just goes straight to the point with some text from the "Old Bible," nor has he any fanciful ideas about salvation. He wants 'heart conversion, that is all; but, then, that is a great deal, and he knows it. We also had Bro. Chapman, from Johnston, with a heart full of joy and thanksgiving for his escape when the mighty waters rushed down on his devoted city. He thanked the visitors to Ocean Grove again and again for their help, and assured them that their assistance in the hour of need would never be forgotten. The new church is opened, the membership good, and the dear Lord's work is going on.

Thank God there are so many holy and loving hearts in this great country; it would take a great many floods to quench the fire of love which they kindle.

But to the speakers on the platform the sight in front of them must be most imposing. It is difficult to estimate numbers in a great crowd out of doors, but I think there could not be fewer than three or four thousand on the shore between the speaker's platform and the great ocean. All appeared to me to be listening intently, they looked at least as if the voices of the speakers reached them above the roar of the waters. Young and old, rich and poor, babies in arms, babies tumbling about on the sands, little thinking of the troubled sea of life on which they have but just embarked.

One must hope that the parents did think, that they thought for themselves, and thought for their little ones. The ocean steamers often pass quite near the shore, or at least within hearing distance, on these summer evenings, and as the sweet voices of the multitude float outward to them, they salute in recognition. Who knows what grabe may come even from the very sound of holy psalms; recollections may be stirred up, remembrances of the family altar, for such as happily belonged to families who worshipped God as He loves to be worshipped.

And then how many at sea and shore may have recalled at these times the sweet story of Jesus standing on the shore of Galilee in the early summer morning, and asking his disciples, "Children, have ye any meat?" and how He sent them out to fish, and they came back with their nets full, and yet Jesus on the shore had provided a fire and fish and bread, and asked them to "Come and dine." One day He will ask us also to "come and dine" at the marriage supper of the Lamb. What should we not do, what sacrifices should we not make, to bring every one far and near to that eternal banquet.

M. F. CURRIE, (The Nun of Kentmere), Ocean Grove, N. J.

Queens County Quarterly Meeting.

We met at the Salmon Creek church, Chipman, N. B., and had enjoyable services on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (13th). A good representation of brethren from various churches was present, with the following elders and pastors: Revs. W. T. Corey, M. P. King, W. E. McIntyre, E. K. Ganong, B. M. Macondald, G. W. Springer, W. G. Corey, late pastor of Salmon Creek, and J. E. Hopper, D. D., of St. Martins Seminary. Bro. Milton Addison, licentiate and student from the Baptist Seminary, now spending his vacation on the field, was also with us.

As usual, the greatest interest centered in the exercises of the Sabbath. Bro. W. E. McIntyre, of Upper Georgetown, preached in the Salmon Creek church in the morning, on the Unity of the Church of Christ, considered in her family relationship. Elder W. T. Corey preached at 2.30 p.m., on God's Warning to Men, while Bro. J. E. Hopper diverted the usual course of exercises, common in our quarterly gatherings, and made successive appeals in behalf of the Seminary. On this account our collections for the Convention Fund were much smaller than usual. Dr. Hopper raised upwards of \$180 at the morning, afternoon and evening meetings.

Throughout the session the presence of the Master was felt to be with us, while the hospitality of the people was unbounded, making all feel that they were welcome, and we trust that in return some good has been done in the field visited by us. All left with the feeling that it was good to be there. Our next gathering takes place at Mill Cove, Cambridge, on the second Friday in October. Brethren M. P. King, W. E. McIntyre, and W. T. Corey were appointed a committee of arrangements; Bro. W. E. McIntyre to preach the quarterly sermon, with Bro. W. T. Corey for alternate. May our next session be still richer in enjoyment and blessing to all who may attend.

E. K. GANONG, Secy.

Last week a large number of the friends, both old and young, and of all the different denominations, gathered at my house in the evening and left with us many tokens of their esteem. A good time was enjoyed. I wish to express my gratitude for these kindnesses, and so have taken this way of doing it. Sheburne, July 11. T. M. MURDO.

Bro. W. G. Corey desires to express his earnest thanks to the people at Salmon Creek. Although not now their pastor, they have made him a donation amounting to about \$70.00.

Cumberland County.

The pastors come and go too frequently. They are no sooner settled than unsettled, in too many instances. Bro. Porter, a young pastor of much promise, has left Parrsboro and Diligent Promise and Port Greenville churches, a field needing constant supervision. They are supplied by Mr. Stackhouse for the present. The old and important churches of Pugswash and Wallace River are lying as sheep without a shepherd, through the resignation of Rev. C. C. Burgess. Advocate Harbor and Apple River churches, after enjoying the services of Rev. Mr. Jenkins, for just one year, are now called to bid him farewell, as he goes to the North-west. These short pastorates are not conducive to the best interests of the people. Great good is done in certain ways, but all these churches need the moulding hand of strong men, who are willing to work patiently, and await results. The evils of being pastorless for months are too well known to need any explanation. We trust that good and faithful men may soon be sent to these fields.

Our Ministers' Conference is disorganized, no meeting having been held for some time. We hope to get together again soon. The removal of brethren Revs. J. Murray and T. Munro, also within the year, have contributed to this result. Five pastors resigned in one year makes havoc of everything like a plan of county work.

Rev. J. M. Parker holds—rather, I should say, fills—the immense district from Nappan to Shule, including Maclean and River Hebert.

Rev. E. C. Corey has taken his old field of Oxford, Little River, Centreville and London; but has an able assistant in the person of Mr. Wilson, who spends his vacation on the northern shore.

Pastor McKen ministers to West Brook and Southampton, while the Centre, Amherst and her various outstations, is still held by her old pastor, assisted by Bro. A. B. Staples.

Springhill, amid all her other troubles, has not to mourn an empty pulpit; but is happy in the settlement of Rev. H. B. Smith, late of Canso.

Bapists have powers else to look except to the Lord of the harvest for laborers. This may seem to some to be a poor dependence, but it has always proved as good as that of our more highly organized bodies, and we propose to look to that quarter still; only let us be sure to do so, and we shall soon have the men. Bapists, like the "conies," are but a feeble folk, yet make their houses in the rocks! Their "policy" of depending upon God has never failed them yet. "My soul, wait thou only upon God," is a good motto for us. D. A. S.

I. B. Seminary.

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The Convention.

The Baptist convention of the Maritime Provinces will meet at Yarmouth, N. S., August 23, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Travelling arrangements have been made as follows: The Intercolonial Railway will return delegates free on presentation of certificates of attendance, signed by the secretary of convention. The New Brunswick railway will issue excursion tickets at all their stations on August 21 and 22, good to return up to 30th, at one fare, to and from St. John. The P. E. Island railway will issue excursion tickets from all their stations to Charlottetown, good to return up to Aug. 30, delegates to purchase return tickets at special fare going, and return free on presentation of certificate of attendance. Western Counties railway will return by delegate at one-third fare and ministers free, full fare to be paid going. Yarmouth Steamship Co. will return all delegates free on all their boats, and from Boston also. Steamers David Weston, Acadia and Solange, of the Union Line, and steamer Monticello, between St. John and Digby, will return delegates free on payment of full fare going. T. L. HAY, Chairman Committee of Travelling Arrangements.

Circular

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCH WARD DEL.

Dear Brethren,—In this, another Circular, I call attention to the relationship of pastor and pastor's work, and how help him."

The pastor's duty is church in spiritual preaching the gospel, ordinances, and careful religious interests apostle, in writing to the teachers "for the work of the edifying of the body."

The pastor is invested in the church which he possesses. Although exercise undue authority, yet there is a pastor's office and he is not expected to receive the apostle enjoins that "rule will be a double honor," and that have the rule over yourselves," and be faithful for their works' sake," then, in which they are people are to obey.

The pastor should do "as he has opportunity and particular with the flock over Ghost has made him the church of God, take thereof, not by constraint not for filthy lucre, but the object or aim of work is a grandly in no less than for the God and the immortal God has undertaken the apostate world. This the instrumentality which preaching and a conspicuous place.

To advance this kingdom, the preacher's and must not that object of which demands the heaven and earth, be why does the convert swell the songs of does the Word of God converts a sinner, from way shall save a soul in view of the work?

But the pastor has to meet with opposition and his hosts are opp of God is called upon take to himself "the God," and to "war a has to wrestle "against and powers, against darkness of this world wickedness in high place. Nor is it enough ground against the "of the air." But he an off-nave warfare and manfully to resist the enemy's grasp, to turn them "from the power of Satan to labor even for those who do not a liberty of the sons of sufficient for these things."

The pastor's work is used as a most responsible responsibility, against value and extent of it. He is called "a man that he is accountable Spirit has put him in the flock" and to carry may be saved. I do not say that able for the salvation come under his charge he will be answerable neglecting to employ an instrumentality in to save them. If a main ignorant, it has neglected to inst remain obdurate, it has neglected to n periah, it must not sought their "warn the unruly" to exhort with all long- "teaching them from house to house, add, finally, that his a wider range than field. He is in office to preach the gospel "as he has opportunity "as he has opportunity dant; but if they are ments thereto, and ed therewith, are or "When the Chief S ye shall receive a fadeth not away."

If it is not reason pastor to do all the any more than to ex army to do the fight. The church can help posed.

There is much that that might and ought