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REVIVALS.

There are not in these days many religious teachers among the denominations usually denominated Evangelical who are openly opposed to revivals.

It is worthy of note, however, that it is the revival of the present day especially which arouses suspicion or alarm. The great historic spiritual movements of christianity—those of apostolic times, of the reformation period, those great revivals by which the life of christianity has often in the more recent past been quickened and refreshed are generally accepted as genuine works of grace as manifestations of the right hand of the Most High in the salvation of men.

In the conduct of a revival, no less than in other matters, there is need of wisdom, and no doubt that for the lack of wise guidance there is sometimes a failure to reap the largest and best results at a time when the Spirit of God has moved graciously and powerfully upon the hearts of the people.

THE STANDARD DICTIONARY.

About a year ago we noted with pleasure the appearance of the first volume of this dictionary, and expressed our opinion as to its great value. The highly favorable impressions which we had received in reference to the work have been confirmed by such use as we have been able to make of the one volume during the year and by the reception of the second volume, which, from such examination as we have been enabled to give it, will, we are sure, wholly fulfill our high expectations and most worthily complete the work which the first volume so admirably began.

Anyone who carefully examines the Standard is likely to be impressed as never before, with the fact of the rapid multiplication of new words in our language. Notwithstanding the immense enlargement of the vocabulary in recent dictionaries, one finds in the Standard many thousands of words which have never appeared in any dictionary before.

In placing the Etymology of words after the definitions, the Standard has followed the most convenient and common sense plan in a work intended for popular as well as scientific reference. A valuable feature of the work is the reference of disputed spellings, and pronunciations to an Advisory Committee of fifty philologists in American, English, Canadian, Australian and East-Indian Universities, and representative professional writers and speakers of English.

great care has evidently been taken that the work in this important particular should be as thorough as possible, and trained specialists have been employed in all classes of words in which this was necessary to secure accuracy. Among other valuable features of this great work we may notice, the frequent reference to synonyms and antonyms of words defined: the arrangement of many words under a general heading as in the case of the word Coin, Gem, Apple, etc. and the use of the Denomiation table Index by which reference to words under any particular letter of the Alphabet is expedited. The illustrations are a fine and very valuable feature of the dictionary. They are given to illustrate not to ornament, but many of them, as e. g. those of gems, flowers and birds, are very beautiful. It seems scarcely necessary to say that the paper, the typographical and the mechanical work are of the highest class. The work, we conclude is one that well deserves its name. It is likely to be generally recognized as the standard dictionary of the English language for many years to come.

Unit, or The Story of a Useful and Beautiful Life.

In this memorial booklet of 50 pages, beautifully printed on heavy calendered paper and having as its frontispiece a fine and life-like likeness of the subject of its pages, Mr. Parker has presented a fitting tribute to the memory of Mrs. Unit Chipman Eaton, whose lamented death occurred on the 23rd of December last, and in so doing has performed a service for which, we feel sure, he will receive the thanks of many. This little book will have a value for those who were not privileged to know her in whose memory it has been written, for no one able to appreciate the worth and beauty of such a life can read without interest, these few pages which hint at rather than tell, the story of it. And for that large number of persons, in these provinces and beyond, who numbered "Unit Chipman" among their most highly valued friends, this beautiful booklet will be treasured as a grateful memorial of a beautiful and helpful christian life.

It would have been hard enough if this tragedy had occurred in Protestant Nova Scotia and not in the West or Toronto; but to happen in Rome the sacred centre of the papacy. What a comment on the centuries of influence poured down on the people from a succession of popes, on people who lived in sight of the Vatican—the children of the church.

Notes from Halifax. In my enumeration recently given in your paper of the various exercises in religion at Acadia, I omitted one of much importance. Since Miss Graves retired from the Seminary, Dr. Sawyer has conducted a class in Bible history, composed of the whole school. This will be very satisfactory to all the friends of the college. In a private note from the Professor of History, I have learned that he has obtained a number of text books on the subject of bible study for colleges, has examined them, and will be prepared to begin work at the commencement of the next college year.

The North church is still looking and praying for a successor to the Rev. G. McDonald. In the mean time they are supplied with brethren who preach the word most acceptably. Rev. Dr. Carey takes this pulpit next Sunday. In recognition of the services of George A. McDonald, of the Book Room, who has, for about twenty years, been an earnest and successful worker in the Sabbath

school, the church presented him with some pieces of valuable plate, suitably inscribed. The same token of high appreciation was given to Mr. W. T. Harris, who for many years has conducted the music of the church. W. W. Pickings and W. T. Harris were elected deacons to fill the vacancies of two whose places were vacated by lapse of time. The venerable Norman McDonald begged to be excused from re-election.

The Editor of the Casket (Antigonish) will please accept my thanks for a marked copy of his paper in which he reviewed an article by me in the Halifax Herald, referring to the Pope in History by Archbishop O'Brien. It is to be regretted that the newspapers do not offer sufficient space to enter fully into a discussion of the subject, showing the part popes have played in history. But it is only fair to say that the Roman Church is not all bad; neither in doctrine nor practice. Many of the truths of the christian religion she holds and advocates with fearlessness—the trinity for instance. The family too has a stout and staunch defender in the Roman Catholic church. All these facts are taken for granted when the hierarchy is arraigned for its deficiencies and its designs which do not bear the light of revelation. I said this in the Herald:—"Since the Italians have taken things into their own hands, the popes childishly play prisoners when they are at liberty to go and come as they please over the face of the whole earth." Says the editor of the Casket in reply to this, "I wonder if (Dr. Saunders) ever read the newspaper accounts of the funeral of Pious IX, and of the scenes of violence enacted by the Roman mob on that occasion. This Halifax preacher has the audacity to declare that a living Pope might move in safety through those streets in which patriotic citizens stoned the corpse of his predecessor." Paul did not fear stones!

Yes I had forgotten that unhappy incident. But now it comes back to the memory, but what a commentary on the papacy and its centuries of labor! In Rome, holy Rome, the seat of the papacy, the home of all the popes, just where the light of the popes' presence, person, power and fatherly life had poured their celestial beams on the faithful for all the past generations, there, just where, when good Pious IX was dead and in his splendid coffin, the faithful children of the church, instead of weeping and wailing at the loss of their father in God, actually howled with rage and pelted the coffin with stones! Tell it not in Gath! publish it not in the streets of Askelon, that this is the best that the papacy can do for her children when she is in submission and has control for centuries! No Baptist, Methodist or Presbyterian heretics there to corrupt their ways.

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Why popes could be buried every day in any protestant city under the sun, and every day would be lifted as the corrigees moved through the masses of sober people. Here is room for a satisfactory explanation to those who see in this incident condemnation of popery by results.

Rev. Geo. A. Lawson has gone to Fort Hilliard to spend a Sunday. The West End church has indulged in the hope that they might secure his services as pastor. The Halifax papers state that the Wolfville church has extended a call to the Rev. Thomas Trotter, Professor of Homoeotics etc., at McMaster. To-day the papers say that Professor Trotter will resign his present position that he may accept the call to Wolfville. Assuming this to be correct, McMaster will sustain a great loss and Wolfville will have a pastor, no stranger in the Maritime Provinces; but well known and much beloved. If Professor Trotter does come down to the sea, he may confidently expect a hearty welcome from all the Baptists.

Mr. Editor—I have read with unfeigned sorrow and astonishment Mr. Denovan's reply in your last issue, in which he presents the grotesque notion that the church universal is confined within the limits of the Baptist denomination and winds up with the announcement that on reflection he deliberately and 'calmly repeats the statement' which has caused so much scandal—in my view, the unconsciousness of a child playing with fire is as nothing when compared with the way Mr. D. uses his word which to me at least is one of the most awful in the language—How he could so completely miss its meaning and force it all its members with all that goes to make it a church, and so on have as Mr. D's statement, a church absolutely abandoned by God. Now in this realm there is no neutral ground so that if God is not there we know who is, and Mr. D. cannot escape the alternative, but men and women there have been delivered from the power and guilt of sin. Can satan cast out satan? Are we not seriously near to blasphemy? And is not the entirety of the offence apparent? Will not multiply words. Mr. D's peculiar method of dealing with the case has forced me to put the matter thus plainly. He states, do doubt inadvertently, that I made a demand on him, when I only expressed a hope. I repeat the hope that he will yet modify at least his original statement and thus end this painful affair.

Rev. Edward G. Sibley.

In a quiet and secluded, yet beautiful, little village in Colchester Co., N. S., variously named Wittenberg (after the fortified town in Prussian Saxony on the Elbe), our dear brother was born and converted; and there amidst his miniature mountains passed to his eternal home, aged 59 years. Converted at the early age of 13, he was baptized by Rev. Alfred Chipman. Immediately after uniting with the church he began active service for his beloved Master, going from house to house reading his precious Bible and praying with the people. From that time forth the salvation of the souls of others was the one burden of his heart, frequently leading his unweary friends away to the woods or some secluded spot to pray with and for them. He preached his first sermon at Wittenberg. He entered Acadia, but had to leave in 1880 on account of failing health, never to return to complete the course. On recovering enough health to preach he took charge of the field containing Westchester, Greenville and Tully Lake. But here he fell a victim to typhoid fever, which left him with one lung very weak. He eventually he went to California hopeful of regaining health. While there he was ordained and held two pastorates. Coming north in 1888 he came pastor over a church in New Hampshire, but soon weakness compelled him to lay down the shepherd's crook and return to his mother's home and wait till the Lord called him home. His dear aged mother was most devoted to him and spared no pains to ease her "minister son" in the long period he was invalided. Three or four years la grippe attacked him. The second attack left his throat so seriously affected, that it gradually grew worse, till the Sunday before last Christmas, his voice entirely left him. Up to this time he occasionally preached, and in every way possible sought to advance the kingdom of Christ. Those who knew him through life say they can remember only his complete consecration to the Master's service. Through his aims and sacred ambitions were many times defeated through bodily weakness, discouragement never found a place in his life. But he would cheerfully rise to the duty nearest to hand. Even last summer, when he could under only by a painful effort, he would lead the prayer meetings in Wittenberg with his accustomed earnestness, and what his voice failed to do, he tried to make up by the pen. Unwittingly he wrote day after day, and in every word words of exhortation, cheer, and encouragement. His one burning and shining thought was that no one should be satisfied with merely being by the means of the Lord, but that the Lord should be saved and filled with holy service. Possessed by this Pauline idea, he labored earnestly to get christians far and near into active service. During his entire illness not one word of murmuring, repining, or complaint was ever heard from his lips. His thoughts seemed turned away from self and lost in one desire, viz: to cheer and comfort those around. At times the desire and longing for work would arise, but it was always in submission and he was heard to say, if it was the Master's will that he should do no other service he could at least do so for Him. The morning before the one on which he left earth for heaven, he said to a friend, "These words have been constantly in my mind this last week, 'Unto you therefore which believe He is precious,' and my one desire is during this waiting period to show to those around how I would have been content to follow. As nearly as could be understood his last words were, 'I'm going home.' At 9.30 Thursday morning, March 14th, this world was one beautiful life poorer, and heaven one chastened and sanctified soul fuller than before.

Special Offerings for Home Missions.

Fort Hawkesbury church, \$5; Walton \$6.75; Hamilton S School \$3; Grace Bay, W M A Society \$5; Temple church, Yarmouth \$10.00; Kingsburg \$1; Hillsboro church 95 cts; Brookfield church, Colchester county \$10.14; Billtown church \$6; Lake George church \$3.90; Moser River \$5.85; Liverpool \$11.50; Brooklyn Section, Liverpool church, \$2.85; Three Rivers \$1.00; Amherst Point \$10.02; North Temple \$5; Ohio \$4.75; Lower Economy and Five Islands \$6.00; "Friend" Middleton church \$3; Henry Hunter, Greenville \$1; First St. Mary's \$10.00; Fort Hilliard \$4.75; Dalnour \$1.00; Pleasant Whitman, New Albany \$1; Second Hillsburg church \$5.00; Forbes Point \$2.31; East Pabuco \$5.02; Barrington \$5; Fort Clyde \$2.57; Country Harbor church \$2.75; Parrishboro \$3.00 and Upper Rawdon Section \$3.25—\$167.55. Balance reported \$490.95. Total to date \$558.33. Those acquainted with our churches will see that the names of a large number of the small churches appear above. There are at least 200 churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and we need to help in this work. If all will do as well proportionately, this whole debt will be wiped out.

PERSONAL.

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Dr. Goodspeed's Pamphlet

This pamphlet was mailed or sent by express last week to all who have ordered it. If in any case it fails to reach its destination, the friends failing to receive it will kindly communicate with me. Those who have not remitted will kindly do so at once in order that all obligations to the publisher may be met. There are some copies on hand, and the old orders have been filled, and I will be glad to supply them at the same rate, \$1 per one hundred copies or less, per dozen.

Halifax, April 10.

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Silver Wedding.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Eaton, of North Kingston, N. S., gave them a genuine surprise on the evening of April 13th, on the 25th anniversary of the celebration of their marriage. While they were seated in conversation with a few friends, suddenly there came trooping in a long procession of neighbors and friends to the number of about fifty. The minister had preceded them about half an hour. The groom and bride of twenty five years ago were called for; and presenting themselves, John H. Hall, Esq., on behalf of the company, in a brief, earnest, and eloquent address, offered the congratulations of the party, and expressed the feelings of respect and esteem which were entertained by all present towards them, and desired that they may long continue to enjoy the blessings of health and prosperity, and the rewards of a happy and useful life, even to the day of their jubilee celebration. Miss Zula Hall, then in a chaste and beautiful address, presented on behalf of the company, to Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, a valuable silver oak leaf basket, suitably inscribed, as a mark of esteem and a memorial of the occasion. The Rev. S. March then read an original poem with special reference to the occasion above referred to. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton responded feelingly, and expressed their high appreciation of the motive which had prompted the gift, and the pleasure which so unexpected and beautiful a token of regard had evoked within their feelings so strong for present utterance. The bridesmaids of the evening then passed around refreshments. Miss Letitia Brooks, of Acadia Seminary, discoursed every music. Prof. E. J. McKenna, and his choir did not fail to sing and play merry as a marriage bell. The pastor read 100th Psalm and offered prayer; and thus closed one of the most enjoyable gatherings it has ever been our privilege to attend.

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DENOMINATION.

All months (except by special arrangement) are open to the public. Foreign Missions, Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, N. S. Prussian Saxony, on the Elbe, our dear brother was born and converted; and there amidst his miniature mountains passed to his eternal home, aged 59 years.

PORT MEDWAY, N. S.—Miss J. H. Hall, Esq., on behalf of the company, in a brief, earnest, and eloquent address, offered the congratulations of the party, and expressed the feelings of respect and esteem which were entertained by all present towards them, and desired that they may long continue to enjoy the blessings of health and prosperity, and the rewards of a happy and useful life, even to the day of their jubilee celebration.

MAURICE BAY.—This was a good day with present. It happened on the 7th. Believers. Our meeting and a good time generally. We are a church at the upper end of the bay. The kind friend of the Lord will send us a little love.

WOLFVILLE.—Rev. Th. of Bridgetown, legs Y. M. C. A. at College Hall on Sunday. The kind friend of the Lord will send us a little love. WOOD'S NUMBER.—The number of the Standard is 14th. inst. ten copies. Lord in the ordination. Nine of the ship with the church. John F. B. church. Still going on. It is above named day, boldly over to the peculiar feature of the nearly all the converts.

NETAUL.—I have had a unanimous call to the Netaul church on April 1st. We have services at Tor Bro. Gates, Methodist, 1st time engaged in preaching. Day, April 7, it was baptize a brother. April 14, two more followed their baptism. There seems to be a revival; some who were heard for years are anew. The church is prospering.

FAZOUT.—After series of meetings at Fazyout led the church to active effort for the Master's Kingdom. attended; the gospel claimed the divisions and secured, and added to the church the good confession. On March 31st and eleven candidates. Christ in baptism. When the service was many more are looking of God, we expect next Lord's day.

MILL VILLAGE, QUE.—Our conference on Easter morning was a joy for a long time of those long faithful converts and the rest. Some who had long been looking for a service were joined our services. On Easter morn they were baptized and fellowship. William H. Kates, Christian worker and Zelma McKinnon, wife of Christ and will His appointed way.

KINGSTON, KING.—Baptist church in the celebration the anniversary on Wednesday. Their list of worshipping roll will be called, and all the members who names or send a com their continued life and its work. An report afterwards when addresses and vided. Rev. S. M. laboring with the past year, expects to meet with it, at the sent month. Pleasant associations it is believed, will of good, hereafter greater fruitfulness, of consecration to the part of all concerned.

WEST YARMOUTH.—ly been received into baptism, one by experience. Names: Pearl Durkee, Egbert Bathine, Augustus W. Wm. Bethune. The fruit for the Master. Two valued sisters called away by death and Mrs. Jas. Scott. Sister Bethune, mother of Craig, mother of Weeks, was given to us. We have had some paragon from friends and relatives to which we prize her.