

REV. JOHN B. SAER, B.D.

THE EARLIEST CONGREGATIONAL PASTOR OF THIS CITY.

A Brief Sketch of His Life and Career. Where He Received His Education—His Work in the Church Here and Abroad.

The Congregational church though weak in the provinces, is one of the leading denominations of England and the United States, from both a financial and an intellectual standpoint.

Rev. John Benjamin Saer, B.D., the pastor of the only Congregational church in St. John was born at Saint Clears, South Wales, in 1853.

While at Yale Mr. Saer had several calls to the ministry, but he did not accept them. He decided to spend six months or more of rest and study.

In 1882 Mr. Saer was ordained in Wingham, where he was very popular and received many tokens of kindness from the people.

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was especially interested in natural science, taught by Sir William Dawson. Mr. Saer was very successful in theology, and was one of the best Hebrew scholars in the class.

At this time Mr. Saer received several calls, but decided to prosecute further studies, either in the United States or England.

When he went to Wingham there was no church there, but during his stay a fine edifice was erected and the congregation doubled in a very short time.

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He established a city mission and preached frequently in country villages and towns. At this time he was impugned by his friends on all sides to enter the ministry.

As a result of the controversy, I have read the conflict between Augustus and Pelagius and the Anselmic view of the doctrine; the formulations of Thomas Aquinas and Duns Scotus; the theology of the reformation; the creed of Arminius and the opposition to it by the synod of Dort; the criticism of the commercial view, by Socinus, and the construction of the governmental theory and the more recent New England positions of it; the views of Schleiermacher, Routh, the conception of the fact, by Wood Campbell and Coleridge, besides others of more orthodox stamp and of repute.

There is no hope to scold the dark thunder clouds that hangs across the moral heavens. The death of Jesus a recognition of the ill desert of sin. To my God manifest in the flesh, enduring what he might have inflicted was the greatest moment in the history of the Supreme.

Its nature is not commercial, but a supreme moral excellence through which Jehovah exercises mercy to the offending. The extent ample provision for all. My conclusion is—whatever it means or does erected on which a platform has been met; the divine and the infinite may hands. Life and immortality are brought to light and death abolished.

Mr. Morley received an offer on Friday, from Rev. Vaughan Coulson of New York, for his choir and organ. The position is worth something over \$2000 per annum.

Concerning Dickens and Redburn. The representative of PROGRESS who listened to the Redburn portrait story forgot both his note book and memory upon that occasion.

As for the game itself, the men from Halifax were so thoroughly overmatched that the only interest attached to the very nearly perfect work of our boys in the field and at the bat.

St. John cricketers will postpone their Halifax visit this year. The boys can't get off. The best of them are business fellows who work hard and well in the office as on the field and the management can't get a representative eleven together.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

(CONTINUED FROM FIFTH PAGE.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Saunders are making an extended trip through P. E. Island and Nova Scotia. Miss Smith, of St. John, is visiting her brother, Dr. Stephen Smith.

Mr. James Watts, of Boston, spent a few days in town last week. Miss Ramsay, of Gibson, is making a short visit to his sister, Mrs. W. F. Drysdale.

John Stewart, Esq., superintendent of New Brunswick railway and Mrs. Stewart, accompanied by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Indianapolis, Dr. and Mrs. Innis, Houlton, have gone this week to fish the head waters of the Miramichi.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of New Zealand, have been for a few days the guests of Mrs. Z. Chapman. Miss Emma Whitlock has returned to Fredericton after a brief visit to her brother, Mr. J. S. Whitlock.

Mr. Henry Todd and Miss Maggie Todd have returned from St. Andrews. I notice with pleasure the marriage of Mr. Heber Clewly, formerly of St. Stephen, to Miss Mabel Ellis, one of Boston's fair daughters.

During the violent storm of Saturday night the lightning struck the Methodist church in Calais, Milltown, damaging it to the extent of several hundred dollars.

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SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

(CONTINUED FROM SEVENTH PAGE.)

On the inside of this paper, at the head of the sporting column, appear certain comments and criticisms on the work of Mr. George Whitehead, for which I desire to tender him my personal apology.

This growl and grumble about Al. Turner's umpiring, Thursday, makes me very tired. Of course the men from Halifax would kick—they had to account for their defeat in some way—but that our own men should join in to do so, and with little reason, is the extraordinary thing.

As for the game itself, the men from Halifax were so thoroughly overmatched that the only interest attached to the very nearly perfect work of our boys in the field and at the bat.

The race at Moosepath, between Daley and Farren, did not turn out to be as interesting as the hundreds who went to the park to see it anticipated.

I hear that Farren has decided to give up running, preferring not to be a sprinter if he cannot be a good one. This is right.

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