

Journal

The Prince
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Principal Dawson

My dear Sir

I hope that you and Mrs Dawson and family are all well. I am happy to say that my mother and I are both well at present.

I suppose that you have not much of "the beautiful snow" in Montreal just now. Well we have abundance. We could spare a good many car loads without missing them.

I lately received a letter from Mr Cambie who spent last summer in Brit. Columbia in charge of a surveying party. He returned to Ottawa not long ago. I wrote to him last October during the items of Metis news of interesting to him as he

lived here three years) I stated that you were putting up a summer house here. He says that he received my letter at Victoria on his way home and that your son was with him at the time.

As you take an interest in this place I make so free as to send you an account of our New Year's Festival. The B. A. P. has not given such a full account of this year's as it has done of former ones. As Miss Dawson has a taste for the Arts of Design I take the liberty of sending her a photograph of the parlour centre piece from a sketch which I made.

The priest spent some time examining the different articles exhibited. Afterwards I took him into my library and showed him Hebrew, Greek, Latin,

Syriac, French, German and Spanish books. Among these were the Vulgate and a Romish New Testament in French. It is as well to use an argumentum ad verecundiam with these lads.

We next went into the church. He looked into the pulpit. I bade him go in so that he could say that once in his life he had been in a Pusey's pulpit. The idea made him laugh but he did not go in. I intend to call on him. He is strong against intemperance though it is said he is only a "moderate". Well I will offer to hold an anti-intemperance meeting under his patronage at which I will exhibit my magic lantern. I am myself a thorough teetotaller. However we must go gently. I wish to have some intercourse with him to let him see that we Protestants

are not what his church represents us as being.

I lately had a fortnight of evangelistic services here. The people attended very well old as well as young. Very little impression however seems to have been made on the careless. The place of meeting was about 4 miles from here. I asked Mr Leggat to come up one Sabbath evening and help us. He refused. He seemed not well pleased at being asked. He said that there would only be a few children present and that I had plenty to help me without him.

You speak very plausibly in favour of Saul but I must say that your arguments fail to convince me. You say (1) God chose Saul. He did so as King. His physical qualities appear to have been the reason why

He did so. He chose the seed
of Jacob to be His people. He chose
the Levites to minister before Him.
But few of either were godly persons.
God terms Cyrus "My shepherd"
(Is XLIV. 28) "Mine Anointed"
(XLIV. 1) and says that He called
him (4).

(2) The Spirit of God came
on him. The same can be said
of Balaam.

(3) He was earnestly &c affected
&c. This is in fact the same as
the foregoing. Compare the two
passages indicated. A man may
be sincerely affected (in opposition
to hypocrisy) by religious services
yet be an ungodly man. Balaam
desired to die the death of the
righteous. Jews in Ezekiel's day
(Ezek. ~~XXXIII~~ 31, 32) Agrippa st.
most persuaded to Felix tremble.

(4) Had great sorrow for his sin
so had Judas.

(5) Was arrested by the appeals

of David & only for this moment. Goodness as morning cloud &c.

(6) Neither Samuel nor David speak of his being a castaway. This does not prove that he was not. In I Corinth. XV Paul speaks only of the resurrection of the righteous. This does not prove that the wicked shall not be raised.

Let us now notice some things which can be brought forward against Saul

(1) He disobeyed God's command (I Sam. XIII, 13, 14) (XV)

(2) He murdered 85 priests and the inhabitants of Nob.

(3) He consulted a witch (XXVIII)

(4) He took away his own life (XXXI, 4)

(5) He was more concerned about his honour than about his sin (XV. 30) and his soul (XXXI)

4). I have very briefly stated
the foregoing points, but you
will have no difficulty I think
in seeing my meaning.

I was down a few days
ago at Little Mitis. I then
for the first time saw the
new houses. A good deal has
yet to be done but I suppose
- should nothing unpleasant oc-
-cur to hinder him - Mr Leggat
will be "on time".

You saw the picture
which I was doing for Mr
and Mrs Cambie. I got it
finished before I went west.
A few friends subscribed \$5,
25 cts for a frame. Both Mr
and Mrs Cambie have very
feelingly acknowledged the re-
-ceipt of the present.

As you will see by the
slip I received a very nice
present at New Year. Three
or four years before a large

amount was raised for a present for my mother and me but a member of the congregation one of the collectors swindled us out of our hard-earned money to believe about two thirds. She is suffering the bitter of it to day.

But satis est orobrum so I shall conclude

My mother desires to be most kindly remembered to you, Mrs Javam, Miss Javam and the rest of the family. I say the same for myself.

Yours
Thrs Fenwick