

if possible, even in a worse condition than himself, for he, too, could scarcely move; all his powers were frozen, and he appeared just on the point to die.

When he saw this poor man, the traveller, who was just going to lie down to sleep, made a great effort. He roused himself up, and he crawled—for he was scarcely able to walk—to his fellow-sufferer.

He took his hands into his own and tried to warm them. He chafed his temples, he rubbed his feet, he applied friction to his body. And all the time he spoke cheering words in his ear, and tried to comfort him.

As he did this the dying man began to revive: his powers were restored, and he felt able to go forward. But this was not all; for his kind benefactor, too, was recovered by the efforts he had made to save his friend. The exertion of rubbing made the blood circulate again in his own body. He grew warm by trying to warm the other. His drowsiness went off, he no longer wished to sleep, his limbs returned again to their proper force, and the two travellers went on their way together, happy, and congratulating one another on their escape.

Soon the snow-storm passed away, the mountain was crossed, and they reached their homes in safety.

For the Christian Messenger.

Horton Academy Examination.

On the 5th inst., the Annual Examination of Classes of Horton Academy took place in the Hall of the Institution.

During the morning Session the Senior Classes in Mathematics, Classics, &c., were examined in the presence of the Faculty of the College, and other gentlemen, interested in the Institution. The exercises reflected the highest credit upon both Teachers and Pupils. It was evident that thoroughness and accuracy had not been aimed at in vain.

The afternoon Session was devoted to the other departments, and the interest greatly enhanced by oratorical exercises and original essays. This examination fully sustains the high reputation of the Institution, and affords an additional pledge of future prosperity and increasing usefulness. A large class, we were informed, expects to enter the College at the commencement of the Summer term. The number attending during the year averaged fifty-five. The Institution seems to provide all the necessary appliances for an excellent course of study. Application and industry are the only things essential to complete success, and evidently such have, to a large and gratifying extent, characterised the pupils during the past year.

With very great satisfaction the friends of Horton Academy enjoy their annual and increasing assurances of hope realised, and brighter days yet to dawn. There must however, be one serious drawback upon the pleasurable emotions; arising from the comparative smallness of the number attending, upon means supplied, at so great an expense, and in so much solicitude for the youthful population of our Province.

There is reason to fear that the Baptist denomination is but half alive to the importance of educating their youth, at an institution so well suited to meet the demands of the times. If the Baptist denomination has allowed a spirit of apathy to prevail, we trust shortly to see them rally from such a blighting influence, and send forward scores of those ardent, active, talented youth, with which Nova Scotia abounds.

May the blessing of heaven abundantly rest upon an Institution, so capable of influencing the public for good.

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Western Baptist Association.

The report we are able to present to our readers of the proceedings of this body at its late session, is not so full as we could wish. The information we have obtained from Brethren who attended the meetings at Yarmouth, and from the Minutes which we have received for publication, (and shall forward to the Churches with all possible despatch) is of a very satisfactory nature and will be received by our readers with pleasure. The large gathering from all parts of the Western counties indicated the very gratifying degree of interest they feel in the progress of the cause of Christ. The Rev. R. W. Cunningham was elected Moderator, but was obliged to decline in

consequence of ill health—when Rev. G. Armstrong was chosen to fill that office, and Rev. J. V. Tabor and Mr. Joseph H. Sanders, Secretaries. William Churchill and Samuel Brown, Esqrs., Treasurers.

The letters from the churches showed that harmony and prosperity had generally prevailed. Some of the churches had experienced extensive revivals, and received considerable accessions to their numbers. The Church at Lake George, has had 43 added during the year; 296 members had been received by baptism and 86 by letter, making a total of 382 since the last session of the Association.

A proposal was made to combine the Home Mission operations with those of the Central and Eastern Associations under one Society for the whole province. After full discussion of the matter it was resolved to continue the plan heretofore pursued. The Report was not adopted, but a Board of Domestic Missions was appointed to be located at Bridgetown, with the Rev. W. G. Parker, Chairman, Deacon B. S. Fellows, Secretary, and Rev. G. Armstrong, Treasurer. It will be seen by a notice in another column, that several appointments of missionary labour have been made by the Board.

The hospitality of the Brethren of Yarmouth, showed that they know well how to "entertain strangers"—and we trust that the good which may follow, will prove that they, as one of old, "entertained angels unawares."

We give the Circular Letter in another column, and as it was requested, we shall also that of the Central Association, and probably that of the Eastern.

Central Baptist Association.

A visit to the country so as to be relieved for a few days from the din and dust of the town, in the month of June, is one of the most agreeable changes which can be experienced by those confined from week to week to city life. Our recent trip to Hantsport had not only this charm but the additional one of renewing our acquaintance with many dear friends and joining with them in fraternal intercourse; in looking over the way in which the churches have been led during the past year; and in consulting by what means we may continue to serve our Lord and Master and promote the interests of his kingdom.

The rain, which came down in such copious showers on Friday and Saturday morning, gave freshness to the vegetable world; and brought out the foliage in all its brilliancy; which in this province, during the month of June, is perhaps not surpassed by any other country in the world.

The short piece of railroad we have, tends in some measure to relieve the monotony experienced by travelling in a crowded coach, with our lower extremities doubled up and packed in with those of our fellow travellers, and is just enough to inspire us with the hope, that we shall at some, not very distant day, be able to pass, if not as rapidly as we would, yet somewhat more agreeably than by the present mode of conveyance.

The sociability common to those in suffering circumstances, whether in a stage coach or otherwise, ordinarily tends to reconcile them to some measure of inconvenience. The common experience, however, is that of pleasure in the anticipation of completing our journey; and in this if not in theology "the end sanctifies the means."

But we are forgetting that we were writing about the Association. Well, after enjoying the magnificent scenery from the Ardoise hill, and spending a few minutes with valued brethren in Windsor, we passed on to Horton, depending on some of our good friends to bring us back to Hantsport on Saturday morning. We were not disappointed. The clouds broke away about noon and the worthy pastor of the 3rd Cornwallis Church, Rev. Jas. Parker, invited us to a seat by his side. We know not what more was wanting to afford an hour's real enjoyment.—A ride from Horton to Hantsport with an agreeable companion, and a bright sun after a rainy day.

The rain delayed the arrival of some of the brethren from a distance, by rendering the roads very heavy. At about half-past 2 the Moderator of the past year, the Rev. James Parker, called the meeting to order. After singing and prayer the letters from the churches were received, and a list of Delegates obtained from them. A vote was taken, by ballot, for Moderator for the present Session, when the Rev. Dr. Cramp was declared elected. The Rev. S. W. DeBlois was chosen Secretary, the Rev. T. W. Crawley his Assistant, and Rev. J. Chaso, Treasurer. A Committee was then appointed

to take the list of Delegates and nominate Committees to consider and report upon the various subjects coming before the body. Whilst they were engaged in preparing these lists of names the "Letters from the Churches" were read. These presented a great variety of experience. Some had made but little progress, while others had been enjoying large gatherings of souls—two churches were added, making the number 36, while others had received accessions, some of upwards of 70 members during the year. On this fact of between 4 and 500 being added to the churches composing the Association, being ascertained it was suggested by the Moderator that it was cause for gratitude to Almighty God, and he requested one of the ministering brethren to return thanks on behalf of the Association, for the gracious manifestations of his mercy to the churches.

Sermons of great interest were preached on the Lord's-day. In the morning by the Rev. Dr. Cramp, from Rev. xxii. 5. "There shall be no night there."

As there were two or three hundred people who could not crowd into the meeting-house, notwithstanding the enlargement which had been recently made, the Rev. Mr. Harris, a native of Cornwallis, but now pastor of a Baptist Church at Ithaca, U. S., preached to them in the open air, a little distance from the chapel. In the afternoon the Rev. W. Hall preached, and again the chapel was crammed, and again it was necessary to have preaching outside as well as within. The Rev. James Parker conducted that service. In the evening the Rev. S. N. Bentley preached from Psalm cvii. 23, 24. The sea was used as illustrating the divine attributes and those whose occupation was on the sea were referred to as having peculiar claims on the christian effort.

On Monday morning the Rev. James Stevens preached the Introductory sermon from John iv. 36. "He that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." The passage was shewn to indicate, 1st united effort for the salvation of men, and 2ndly the mutual advantage and joy to those so employed. The discourse was exceedingly appropriate to the occasion. After the sermon the Committee to examine "the Circular Letter to the Churches" reported it approved, when the writer, Rev. Dr. Cramp, was requested to read it to the Association. In the afternoon in the course of the business the subject of Home Missions was taken up, and a movement commenced which will doubtless exert a powerful influence on the operations of the denomination in this department of labour. Difficulties were referred to, arising from the existence of the three separate Boards. Great want of efficiency had long been experienced but no adequate remedy had yet been provided. The Committee brought in their report which contained the draft of a constitution for a Society, embracing the whole Province and Prince Edward Island, and recommended its formation forthwith. After full and free discussion the report was unanimously adopted, and the business of the Association was suspended for half an hour, for the purpose of forming the Society. A large number of persons gave their names and subscriptions, some as Life Members, by the payment of £5. The meeting of the Society was then adjourned, and the Association resumed its sittings. A report of this and a subsequent meeting of the Society will no doubt be furnished by the Secretary.

The Bible Committee presented their report, on which a warm, earnest discussion arose. The Rev. Mr. Harris advocated the claims of the American and Foreign Bible Society. W. H. Rogers and others spoke on behalf of the Bible Union. The report was approved, and unanimously adopted.

Reports were also presented on Sabbath Schools, Union Societies, Education, Temperance, Religious Publications, &c., and interesting addresses were given by various brethren. Opinions were freely expressed. Whilst the fullest liberty was felt by all to exercise their judgment on the different subjects, a remarkable and gratifying state of harmony prevailed, leaving impressions of the genuine fraternal feeling, which animated the whole. Nothing could exceed the kindness of the people of Hantsport, and the abundant provision made for the accommodation of those from a distance.

The Session was closed on Tuesday afternoon, about 6 o'clock, by singing the Union Hymn, and prayer by the Moderator.

Its next Session is appointed to meet with the Church at Berwick, Pleasant Valley, Cornwallis.

We observed the Hon. Joseph Howe present at several meetings of the Association.

Sabbath Desecration.

The Rev. Murdoch Sutherland has written a letter to the *Presbyterian Witness* of last week, showing the great profanation of the Lord's-day, on the Windsor Road. He speaks of the firing of guns and the driving of coaches, and of teams with loaded waggons, as frequent occurrences. He makes no allusion to the religious bodies with which persons so offending, are connected, except in one instance. He tells us, however, that he found one delinquent whom he asserts, is "a baptized member of the Baptist Church." We are not informed who this man is, or to what particular Church or people he belongs, whether he is a Mormon, a Campbellite, African or Nova Scotian. It is enough for Mr. Sutherland that he is "a baptized member of the Baptist Church." As we have no reason to doubt the truth of the statement, or means of determining why he makes this allusion to "a baptist," we presume he wishes it to be understood that others who are guilty of such practices are unbaptised members of Pseudo-baptist Churches, whether Presbyterian or otherwise, deponent sayeth not. He writes:—

"In the evening, whilst on my way to the Inn which I left in the morning, we first met a stage-coach and four horses driving along towards Windsor, next we met a man driving his team and three horses in the same direction. We stop this man to converse with him respecting such open violation of the law of God and such glaring desecration of the holy Sabbath. And pray who is he? He is a baptized member of the Baptist Church, a professed christian, who promised in his baptismal vows to observe all things whatsoever, which Christ commanded him. And here he is seen publicly breaking the fourth commandment of that law which is the only rule of practice to every true christian."

We find in the same paper a report of the Sabbath Observance Committee, presented by Mr. Sutherland to the Free Church Synod, on Saturday, the 20th inst., in which he says:—"The same instances of Sabbath desecration, to which they (the committee) called the attention of the Synod last year, are still practised. Sabbath visitations—whether on social visits or on the plea of visitations of the sick—still prevail amongst the members of our church."

So that it does not appear that Baptists are sinners above all others in this respect. The mention made by Mr. S. of this one man would rather indicate that he considered it an extraordinary case. We are much obliged to Mr. S. for the reproof given to this "baptized member"—but he may be mistaken about his being a member of the Baptist Church. If he will oblige us further by giving his name and also the locality of the church where he is a member they would be able to administer suitable correction so as to prevent its recurrence.

We may mention that the observance of the Sabbath is a subject which has for some years past regularly come before the Associated Baptist Churches at their Anniversaries.

At the Central Association held last week, the following resolution on the subject was unanimously agreed to.

"Whereas the Christian Sabbath is an institution connected with the right observance of which are promises and blessings of incalculable importance, and in the disregard of its laws we incur the just displeasure of its Beneficent Founder. Resolved, That we affectionately urge all the Churches and Ministers connected with this Association to aim at a higher and more holy consecration of the Lord's-day to sacred and divine purposes, and that the Ministers of our Churches be requested to preach on the subject at least once a-year, and to maintain discipline in their Churches whenever they consider its important precepts violated."

The Editor of the *Halifax Catholic* seems to be much displeased with the "Notes of a Tourist," which have appeared in some of the late numbers of the *Christian Messenger*. His intimate acquaintance with Italy, and especially after having spent some time there not long ago, no doubt entitles him to speak with authority. We hope our proof-reader will benefit by his castigations, and never again allow a letter L. to get in the place of S in Sorrento, and not let Museo Borbonico appear as Muse Borfonico!! or he may be visited by some more severe retribution than this gentle hint of our sapient neighbour.

As to our "Tourist" asking such a "wanton, unfeeling, and indelicate" question of "the solitary hermit" as whether "he ever had any ladies to visit him?" it really appears to the writer of that editorial article as a most shocking piece of profanity.

One would think the hermit never had a mother or sister, and was not aware of the existence of any such dreadful creatures as ladies, and for a "Protestant Tourist" to mention such a thing to him, or intimate the possibility of their visiting him, the editor thinks deserved "the tail of a rope." Well, well, we always thought the society of woman was calculated to exert a refining influ-

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