

that church. He was baptized in the year 1658, chosen to the office of elder in 1667, and died in 1685. During the harassing persecutions through which the church passed he was truly its earthly mainstay. His house was open for worship whenever it was deemed more prudent to meet in a private manner. When the pastor was in prison or compelled to be absent, he was ready to occupy the post of labour and danger. He was wise in counsel, kind-hearted to the poor, and fertile in expedients to baffle persecutors, and provide for the church's spiritual wants. A dissenter and a Baptist from conviction, he stood firm to his principles, though despoiled of his property and not unfrequently committed to prison for maintaining them. In many instances, when tyrant-magistrates thought they might stretch their power with impunity, he checked their violence by employing the best legal advisers, and thus securing the church from unlawful oppression. In a word, he lived for the cause, and his memory is blessed.

Having acquired considerable property by his marriage, he resolved to devote it to the Lord. By a deed executed in 1679 he placed a large portion, perhaps the whole of his estates, in the hands of trustees, the income derivable therefrom to become available, as it should seem, after the death of his widow, and to be expended on the education of young men for the christian ministry. This was done, he said, "for the glory of God, and the propagation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the true love and affection he hath and beareth unto the congregation of which he is a member." With this object in view he directed that £100 a year should be paid to "a holy learned man, well skilled in the tongues, viz., Greek and Hebrew, and doth own and practise the truth of believers' baptism, as a pastor or teacher to the congregation." The pastor thus employed was to spend 34 days in each week in the instruction of young men, not exceeding twelve, members of any baptized congregation in or about Bristol. Ten pounds a year were also to be paid to any four of the students whose friends might be unable to support them. These benefactions may be said to have laid the foundation of Bristol College. By them, Mr. Terrill's usefulness is perpetuated.

Yours truly,
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From my Study,
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The Baptist Association Anniversaries.

As a large number of our readers are interested in these gatherings of our churches and whatever is connected therewith, we continue our

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BRIDGETOWN, situated in the midst of one of our finest agricultural districts and at the head of navigation in the Annapolis river, has a degree of activity in business and of improvement and progress in the general habits of its people, which can be said of but few of our provincial towns. Being connected with Annapolis and Digby by the steamer which runs daily between these places, and having a prospect of daily communication with the metropolis, with these advantages, in addition to its vast agricultural resources, it must become a place of considerable and increasing importance. Having a day at liberty, and being desirous of turning it to the best account, we arose at 4 part 4 in the morning and took passage in the "Experiment" for a short visit to Digby. We proceeded in threading the windings of the river at the rate of from 12 to 15 miles an hour. What with admiring the charming scenery of the valley as we obtained views from various points of sight, together with the pleasant intercourse of the ministers and other brethren returning to their homes from the Association, we found it an opportunity of receiving no small amount of gratification. The recent rains had given a freshness to vegetation which heightened if possible the ordinary beauties of this lovely "open book of nature." Of Digby we need not speak. It is well known as one of our most charming watering places, affording famous opportunities for sea-bathing. If we were to attempt even a description of its varieties of scenery we might be charged with exaggeration. We, however, doubt if any more extensive prospects with finer combinations of sea and land, mountain and

valley, gentle undulation and abrupt promontory can be found anywhere. Although it may not have the position to render it a place of commercial importance, yet it cannot fail becoming a favorite resort for seaside visitors. The steamers running from St. John N. B. twice a week and from Bridgetown daily, make it comparatively easy of access from all parts. The latter boat has now become a necessity on the Annapolis River, and will continue to be more and more so, as the people learn to appreciate rapid travelling. Its name might well be changed to a more permanent one than that of "Experiment," which she now bears. A cordial invitation to breakfast with the captain and his lady was highly acceptable, after enjoying the sea and land breezes for four hours and a half. After calling on a few good friends until about 11 o'clock, we again embarked and retraced our steps eastward. The steamer staying 4 of an hour at Annapolis gave us an opportunity of visiting the Court-house, and listening a few minutes to a case of some interest then in progress—a dispute between two parties about a mill-stream, which the learned in the law were trying to settle for the disputants. In this case we learned there were on both sides about seventy witnesses. After a look at, and one of the party taking a sketch of, the birthplace of General Williams, now one of the principal lions of the place, we stepped on board and were soon again threading the sinuosities of the river. A polite invitation induced us to land a few miles below Bridgetown, and proceed the remainder of the distance by land, or we should have arrived at the wharf again soon after 5 p. m., nearly 100 miles, without the slightest weariness or inconvenience. Our pleasant associations formed with Bridgetown and its enterprising and industrious people will not soon be effaced from our memory.

Staying a night in Paradise, under the hospitable roof of a warm-hearted friend, and being helped by him on our way, we passed on through the picturesque district of Wilmot, thence across the plains of Aylesford, and at length arrived at

BERWICK.

Here we found all hands busy in making preparation for the expected hosts. A shower of rain on Friday evening, although it caused slight inconvenience to some, was yet a delightful preparation for the travellers on the coming day. The arrivals in the village on Saturday morning, indicated that the occasion was one of interest to parties from a distance as well as to those dwelling in the immediate neighbourhood.

THE ASSOCIATION

met at 2 p. m., and elected Rev. James Parker, Moderator, Rev. S. W. deBlois and Mr. J. H. Sanders, Secretaries. The letters from the churches exhibited various degrees of prosperity during the past year, and of hope for further manifestations of spiritual power in the future. The contributions of the churches, although less than last year, yet considering the sums received by the Home Missionary Society formed during the past year, which instead of being a part of the Association as formerly, is now a separate organization, might be considered as no actual diminution.

On Lord's-day, notwithstanding the pastor had given injunctions to parties in other parts of his field of labour, to stay and occupy the places of worship in their own neighbourhood, yet so large a company gathered at Berwick, that the Baptist Meeting-house and the Methodist Chapel were crowded, and a sufficient number remained outside of both to have filled another of like dimensions. Six different pulpits within the precincts of the church were supplied with ministers from the Association, and all had large congregations. Thirteen sermons were preached, and about twenty ministers took part in the services. Not fewer than three hundred horses, the greater number with light waggons or carriages, lined both sides of the road for some distance. Such indications of a thriving people and abundance of all the necessaries and comforts of life could be brought together in but few places to a greater extent than appeared on this occasion. It may well be said when we see such a company as this in the country, that, although St. John may be New Brunswick, yet Halifax is not Nova Scotia.

The new chapel at Berwick is a fine, airy, handsome structure, elegantly furnished, having two large chandeliers of fluid lamps hanging from the ceiling.

On Monday business was resumed. Professor Sawyer, of Acadia College, preached the Introductory Sermon—a discourse of much beauty and originality—on Isaiah xi. 10, "His rest shall be glorious." As an

application has been made by the Association for the publication of this sermon in the *C. Messenger*, we need only say that we doubt not it will be read with deep interest.

The Circular letter was most effectively read, not by the writer, as usual, but by the Rev. Wm. Hall.

In the discussion of the various subjects brought before the Association, a degree of unanimity, combined with an independent expression of thought, prevailed here no less than was seen at Bridgetown the previous week.

The Temperance Report brought forth some slight difference of opinion, although all agreed that Prohibition was the only remedy for intemperance, and a Prohibitory Law the only means of destroying it, yet some thought the people were scarcely ready to carry it out.

On the observance of the Sabbath coming up for consideration, the propriety of changing the time of assembling the Associations from Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, to other days nearer the middle of the week, it was suggested would prevent the demand for labour and travelling on that sacred day, which the present arrangement necessarily involves. A resolution was agreed to, calling the attention of the churches to the matter.

THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

held its Annual Meeting on Monday. President, Rev. Willard G. Parker. The Secretary, Rev. S. N. Bentley, submitted the Report, which shewed some facts of much interest. Fourteen missionaries had been employed for longer or shorter periods during the year. Four permanent missions sustained. 166 weeks' service performed. Two new chapels commenced, and 902 families visited. The Report will shortly appear, and will, we trust, enkindle afresh the interest of large numbers of persons in this momentous work.

THE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

Held its anniversary on Tuesday morning. The Rev. W. Chipman, President, occupied the chair. The Secretary, Rev. A. S. Hunt, read the Report, which appears in another column. Brief speeches were made on the character and objects of the Society, and the facts contained in the Report.

This meeting and the warm interest manifested on behalf of Acadia College when the Report on that subject was submitted to the assembled delegates, shew that the interest of the denomination in promoting and sustaining our educational institutions is a deep abiding principle in the hearts of both pastors and people.

The late demands made on behalf of the College are good indications of life, and when the sources of its sustenance are properly applied to, no deficiency will be allowed to prevent a full supply of the necessities of life and activity.

The village of BERWICK, although but of yesterday, yet, as the post-road is now changed so as to pass through it, will doubtless soon become a country town of some importance. Already it has a considerable amount of trade, and the activity of its people, and taste displayed in their dwellings, give an air of cheerfulness and progress not seen in many older places in other parts of the country. The facility with which some of the good people supplied forty or fifty visitors at their houses with substantial meals for two or three days together, shewed that the wives and daughters understood and appreciated the injunction of the apostle, to "use hospitality without grudging." The pleasantest remembrances will, we doubt not, rest on the minds of all who partook of their favours.

WINDSOR.

The arrival here of the stage coach from the west 5 or 6 hours before the train leaves for Halifax, whilst it is some annoyance to those desirous of passing rapidly forward, yet gives a good opportunity of looking round and enjoying the fresh air and delightful scenery of this classic locality. Soon after our arrival, the cars bring in their crowds of smiling faces. The "Emperor," all ready to start, gets up her steam. Passengers for St. John hasten on board, and in a few minutes are moving forward over the glassy surface of Minas Basin. The increase of parties moving about the streets, occasioned by the new arrivals, give the town an appearance of business and activity very different from its former stillness and quiet respectability.

The detention here was most opportune,—it being the hour appointed for the union for life of two willing hearts. We readily accepted an invitation to witness the ceremonial. Surrounded by youth and beauty, a few of those whose choice for life had been

already determined, were present to welcome the newly wedded pair amongst their number.

A visit to the handsome new Baptist Chapel, a description of which must be reserved for a future occasion, and an hour of pleasant intercourse with the highly esteemed pastor of the church, brought round the hour for the cars to start. A ride of three hours and we are again in the midst of City scenes, dust, toil, and responsibilities.

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.—This numerous Ecclesiastical body have been holding their annual Session in this city during the past week for the purpose of appointing ministers to the various stations and other matters important to the denomination. Large numbers are reported to have been added to the society in several places.

On Wednesday, the doors of Brunswick Street Chapel were thrown open to the congregation for public worship. In the evening the Auxiliary Missionary Society held its anniversary, when good speeches were delivered to a large audience.

AMENDE.—In the communication of "OBSERVER," of last week, in referring to an old number of the *Provincial Wesleyan*, the writer says:—"some customer having a just appreciation of its merits," &c. This, we beg to say, should have been, having no just appreciation, &c.

Books Received.

[From Sheldon, Blakeman, & Co., N. York.]

OLSHAUSEN'S COMMENTARIES. Vol. 5 and 6. \$2 per vol.

The latter volume brings down the Commentary to the close of the Epistle to the Hebrews. The Epistles of James, Peter, John, Jude, and the Revelation will be comprised in another volume, when the German work shall be completed.

This work is justly celebrated as one of the most learned commentaries on the New Testament, and should be in the library of every minister.

SPURGEON'S SERMONS, 4th Series.

In a letter from Mr. Spurgeon, forming the preface to this volume, he says, "I have much evidence by letter to prove that the former volumes have been useful to many individuals in America, and I humbly pray that a double blessing may rest upon this fourth of the Series. I have much ground to hope it shall be so, for the present sermons have even exceeded the former in immediate fruits of conversion in my own congregation. To God be all the honor."

THE NEW YORK PULPIT, in the REVIVAL of 1858. A memorial volume of sermons. Price \$1.

These sermons were furnished at the special request of the publishers by ministers of various denominations for the purpose of forming a memorial of the exhibitions of truth which have been so signally owned of God and blessed in New York to the conversion of sinners during the late revival.

GLIMPSES OF JESUS: OR, CHRIST EXALTED in the affections of his people: by W. P. Balfern. From the London 2nd edition.

This work fully answers its title, by directing attention to Jesus in the various positions he occupied on earth. Its object is to surround his people with motives and incentives to love and obedience.

[From Gould & Lincoln.]

ESSAYS IN BIOGRAPHY AND CRITICISM. 2nd series: by Peter Bayne, M. A.: Author of "The Christian Life," &c.

The name of Bayne is a sufficient recommendation to this valuable work. Those who have read the first will be fully prepared to enjoy and profit by this 2nd series. He treats of "Kingsley, Macaulay, Alison, Coleridge, Wellington, Bonaparte, The Characteristics of Modern Civilization, The Modern University, The Pulpit and the Press, and a defence of 'The Testimony of the Rocks.'"—

THE ANNIVERSARY AND SCHOOL MUSIC BOOK. Horace Waters, N. York. A cheap collection of juvenile pieces for public and private use.

MEXICO appears still to be in a most disorganized state, and it is not improbable must shortly become extinct as an independent nation. It has never really deserved the name of a Republic, being in truth an Oligarchy under the arbitrary rule of the leading faction of the day, which is always under the control of the ruling Dictator and his military adherents. In its outskirts it is constantly harassed by the insurrections of its large native Indian population, who, although nominal christians, are in as gross and stupid ignorance of all spiritual truth as they were when under the sceptre of Montezuma. The papacy has never yet done much more than change the name of a superstition. Intestine war has also for some time existed and still rages in most parts of Central America. It may indeed be truly said that all the Spanish American States have long been in a state of permanent revolution. In such a condition of things, progress or improvement is plainly impossible, and thus some of the richest portions of the earth are consigned to hopeless confusion and internecine wars.

The Admiral, Sir Houston Stewart, arrived from Bermuda, in the *Indus*, on Thursday last. We hear nothing further