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BEECHER, SPURGEON, AND HIGH-CHURCHISM.

well startle many of his Pedobaptist brethren, ed by the inhabitants. The unbroken forest Whilst he expresses his readiness even to still comes to within a short distance of the immerse those who prefer that mode, he re- river. The abundance of fine arable land appointment, will recoil without besitation tion. from his teaching, on this subject, as worthy of serious thought,

other aspect, and with similar boldness attacks with Dr. Spurden officiating at the desk, the great error of Baptismal Regeneration, The fervent petitions of the brethren will, as taught by the Church of England. We we trust, be a precursor of blessings to this had no intention of making more than a church and people. passing notice of this sermon, but as it has The military band discoursed its enlivening been made the subject of attack by the High strains opposite the officer's quarters, and B. Kempton. Lower Granville-Rev. I Wal-Church Clerical Journal, and the article re- attracted a number of the inhabitants and lace. Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmothave concluded to publish the sermon entire, in the evening. -the first part of which occupies the first | Learning that the Cathedral would be open page of our present issue, -so that church- for a quarter of an hour in the morning, we men and others may see and judge for them- were up and on hand before the verger made selves of its merits. The Clerical Journal his appearance. The trim clerical looking re- Porter, Halifax-Granville Street-Dr. D. MeN. takes the opportunity of denouncing the evan- sidences, the quiet which reigned around, and Parker. N.S. Baptist Education Society-Rev. ters, in the following terms :

have truckled to Mr. Spurgeon for this sharp any other place in these provinces. The chastisement, administered, too, in the presence congregation consisted of between 12 and 20 cer, T. H. Porter, D. McKeen, J. Chase, Jas. of two or three thousand people on Sunday, persons. The service comprised the reading Newcomb, L. B. Gates, S. W. DeBlois, N. ViJune 5, and since more widely made known by of the Litany and the morning prayers.

Newcomb, L. B. Gates, S. W. DeBlois, N. Vidito, Wm. Hail, J. L. Read, R. Philp, A. fraternize with schismatics rather than with many of their own brethren."

The Clerical editor appears not to remember that schism is rather division in a body We have no desire to apply the term " schisto members of other denominations. We shall give the remainder of said sermon in our next.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION AT St. JOHN, N. B.

Fredericton, N. B. Having but a few hours the castor oil plant was quite a curiosity. Brundage, J. F. Masters, J. H. Harding, Asa. there, we could only pay a flying visit to " the Its handsome leaves were about 18 inches Coy, Hon. A. McL. Seely, P. M. McLeod (Lie).

WHAT WE SAW THERE.

logical excursion of in some of the N. B. ty and careful cultivation. counties, we received from him a cordial in- The Exhibition Building is quite an ornavitation to the University. Without delay mental structure, drawing near its completion. spot for an educational institution. The to thousands in October when it is to be taste displayed in the approaches to it, shew opened. that whilst Nature laid the foundation, Art | Returning to St. John the scenery comes - has added to the fine park-like surroundings into view in different order from that on goof the College buildings. The slope in front ing up the river, so that there is no monotony, is covered with handsome deciduous trees, but a constant succession of interesting tea-The porter's lodge at the entrance to the grounds, gives them quite an English appearance. A little below the College is a substantial building,-the gymnasium,-supplied

latter on "Baptismal Regeneration." Both so as to show the character of the soil and given; but in reality it is not a recess at all, of these powerful preschers are peculiar in the productions of each county in the prov- The ceiling consists of a series of groined they take ground wide as the poles asunder, cation time, however, workmen had been en- of Italian brocatello, while the walls are of person's own conscience and choice. After formed by a bend in the river, sufficiently harmony. The whole, we are informed cost administering the rite to sixteen infants, be raised to prevent inconvenience. It has a about \$12,000. The architect and general judgment, without reference to Scripture, ciduous trees, and gives a good chance of done himself great credit for the taste dis-This is indeed a bold stroke, and such as may cultivation and gardening, which is not neglect. played, duces the matter to one of so trifling a na- still untouched, will eventually afford abundture, that all who regard baptism as of divine ant returns to the rapidly increasing popula-

The Baptist Church bell sounded a call to prayer at eight o'clock, which we readi'y

in Great Britain, between them and Disten- a devotional spirit. The interior of the cathedral is very beautiful, said to be more in "We must say that we do not pity those who harmony with correct ecclesiastical taste than

Wilmot is perhaps one of the greatest treats to be had in Fredericton. We gladly embraced un invitation to spend the short time so that whatever sin arises from it rather of this lovely spot. The most exquisite taste Cummings. belongs to those who form parties in the is displayed in arranging the flowers, and the matics" to either high or low churchmen, ed in reference to the great expense of keepbut beg to question the propriety of church- ing up such an extensive variety of rich and rare specimens,-that the cost did not Hopewell-Brethren J. Calkin, W. A. Calhoun. amount to more than some gentlemen expend Baptist Education Society-Rev. D. Spurden. in wine or injurious luxuries, and it gave N. B. Eastern Association- Rev. D. Crandell. In gratification to others besides bimself, and their own right-Revs. W. V. Garner, A. D. consequently afforded him additional pleasure. The rustic seats and tables, and a few large sombre pines and other ferest trees around C. Cady, J. Ring, A. B. McDonald, J. Rowe, and afford pleasing contrast with the gay colors brethren N. S. DeMill, C. G Berryman, Jas. In our last we addressed our readers from in close proximity to them. A specimen of Masters, F. A. Cosgrove, A. W. Masters, T. lions," and therefore devote but a few lines to across. In looking at its peculiar formation, one forgot the unpleasant sensations associated Finding Professor Builey on heard the as we should feel inclined to do if time would with this production. But we must not linger, Anna Augusta, returning home from a geo- permit, in the midst of so much natural beau-

we wended our way towards that well-chosen It will doubtless be the centre of attraction

tures, to admire in the lardscape,

LEINSTER STREET CHURCH.

Before commencing our account of the with all nescessary apparatus. We were met business of the Convention, we must mention most cordially by Dr. Jack, the President, that the edifice in which it was held is partments. The University is built of stone. In fts interior, it is certainly one of the most

The portico is of one story supported by two beautiful exhibitions of taste in the way of pillars, raised above the basement by several church architecture we have ever seen-a steps. The entrance hall is spacious, and perfect gem. The front is enclosed by a sub- Day were as follows :shews that no expense is spared in keeping it stantial ornate iron tence, having a smooth free in order. Corridors run from this to either stone base, and steps. The basement compriend, into which the various class rooms open, ses a spacious vestry and two fine class-rooms; also the Professor's laboratory, Library, Mu- provided with light bard-wood seats, having seum, and, in the apper story, the students' reversible backs to suit the Sabbath School rooms. The shades of evening beginning to classes. Three doors form the entrance; be-THE two most popular preachers on either appear, obliged us to busten on, and pass over tween these, rise two circular flights of steps, side the Atlantic-Henry Ward Beccher, of much that would otherwise have been of the to the body of the Church. At the other end New York, and Charles H. Spurgeon, of deepest interest, and would have furnished is the pulpit on a low platform. At the back London, -- bave each recently preached and sufficient for several bours careful exemination. of this is an artificial recess, estimated variouspublished a sermon in reference to Baptism. The geological and botanical specimens are very ly by spectators as extending from one to rix the former on " Infant Baptism," and the extensive, and arranged with the greatest care, feet back -so perfectly is the light and shade their way, and often say out-of-the-way things, ince. The apparatus for chemical investiga- arches, the heavy ribs of which are in white yet both are held to be Christian men and tion is very extensive, and there is no lack of stucco, while the pannels between are a light evangelical in their teaching. Whilst proba- the best furniture and appliances for illustra- blue. The pillars supporting the gothic bly they would not differ on many points in tion in each department. An observatory is arches which rise in front of the gallery are Theology, yet on this subject-Baptise - built just outside the College. It being va- fine imitation of Sienna marble, with capitals Each of these sermons is making some sensa- gaged in repairing and cleaning the interior a light drab in rough plaster. The coloring tion in ecclesia-tical circles, by the boldness of the building, so that we saw it under not presents a combination most pleasing to the eye. of its enunciations. We gave a brief extract the most favourable circumstances. Stepping The pews, galleries, and pulpit are all neatly or two from Beecher's Sermon a few weeks out on the portico, we had a splendid view of carved and are of polished butternut-wood. Jas. Spencer. Centenary, 6 p. m., Rev. Dr. since, from which it appears he remorselessly the city and surrounding scenery. The dense The windows are frosted, having a slight Pryor. Germain Street, 11 a. m., Rev. Dr. easts away all the old supports on which toliage hid much of the former, but the course salmon colored tint, with an ornamental Tupper. Partland, 6 p. m., Rev. A. H. Intent Baptism has been depending, and of the river, and bills beyond, could perhaps border. The large window in front is all of Munro. plainly declares that it has no precedent or be seen from no other point to so good advan- stained glass, and contains several scriptural precept in Scripture, but rests simply on a tage. The city stands on a curve of land, emblems, the colors of which are in beautiful pronounced that christian liberty allows him level surface and fine alluvial soil, which is superintendent, Mr. E. M. Marshall, is, we to make use of Ordinances according to his highly tavourable for the elm and other de- believe, a Nova Scotian, and certainly has

THE CONVENTION

assembled at the appointed time. The President of last year, Rev. I. E. Bill, occupying the chair. After singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Topper, the names of Delegates and members were taken as follows :-

Spurgeon presents the subject in quite an- accepted, and found there a number assembled, Amherst-Rev. G. F. Miles. Bridgewater-Rev. Geo, Armstrong, and Bro. S. Selden, This Eaton, William Cogswell, and H. K. Eaton -Cornwallis, 3rd- Brethren Jas. Bligh, and H. Porter, Great Village-Dea, H. Fountain. Horton, 1st-Prof. R. Von. C. Jones. Horton, produced in the Halifax Church Record, we visitors to promenade the street till quite late Brethren A. T. Baker, and J. E. Pearson. Nictaux-Rev. W. G. Parker, J. M. Parker (Lie.), and Dea. Daniels. Port Medway - Rev. J E. Goucher. Rawdon-Bother H. C. Creed. Yarmouth-Rev. H. Angell. South Yarm with Rev. A. H. Munro. Acadia College-Rev. J. the text ? M. Cramp, D. D. Members in their own Right Revs. Dr. Pryor, J. E. Balcom, D. W. C. Dingock, Jas. Parker, J. Davis, R. Morton, Dr. Tup-A visit to the garden belonging to Judge Chipman, J. F. Kempton, D. McKeer, J. Moore, and brethren D. Moser, J. W. Barss, S. W. Curry, T. A. Bischador (Lie) N. S. Western Association-S. L. Chipman, Jos. Shaw, A. Longley, N. S. Central Associatios -left at our disposal among the gay parterres Mayhew Beckwith, S. Seiden, R. D. Eaton, than the separation of one body from another, and blushing beauties which filled every corner N. S. Eastern Association-W. F. Cutten, W.

Sears .- Portland - J. M. Eaton, J. S. May, J S. Gray. Cureton-Rev. Geo. Scaly, Dea. G Thomson, W. F. Corey, W. A. Coleman, I. E. Bill, H. Vanghan, J. Lawrence, G. W. Sprin-P. O. Rees, A. Fowler, A. Estabrooks, D. V. Roberts, G. A. Garrison.

vited to a seat :- Rev Dr. Warren, Sec. A. B M. Union; W. H. Wyekoff, LL. D., Cor. Sec. and Rev. C. A. Buckbee, Rec. Sec. A. Bible Union ; Bro. N. P. Kemp, Trees, of the N. E. Branch A. Truct Society ; Rev. A. W. Sawyer ; Rev. Chas. Corey; W. McKenzie, and J. A.

The following are the officers of the Convention, elected for the present year:

President,-Rev. J. Davis. Vice Presidents,-Hon. Judge Johnston, Revds. N. Vidito, D. W. C. Dimock, J. A. Smith, W. A. Coleman, and Hon. W. B. Kin-

Secretary for Nova Scotia,- Rev. S. B. Kempton, Do. for New Brunswick,- Rev. E. C. Cady, Treasurer, -F. A. Cosgrove.

Treasurer.

THE LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

The arrangements for preaching on Lord's

BAPTIST CHAPILS, - Leinster Street, 11 a. m., Rev. Dr. Cramp, President of Acadia College; 8 p, m., Rev, C. A. Buckbee, of Am, Bible Union, New York; 6 p. m., Dr. Wyckoff, do. Germain Street, 11 a. m., Rev. Mr. M. Kenzie, A. M., of Providence, R. I.; 6 p. m., Rev. Dr. Cramp. Brussels Street, 11 u. m., Rev. A. W. Sawyer, of Saratoga; 6 p. m., Rev. Dr. Warren, See, cf Am, Bap, Miss, Urion, Boston, Portland, 11 a. m., Rev. H. Angell ; 6 p. m., Rev. S. W. deBlois, A. M. Carleton, 11 a. m., Rev. J. Wallace, A. M. ; B p. m., Rev. C. Randall; 6 p. m., Rev. Willard G. Parker, Marsh Bridge, 8 p. m., Rev. E. O. Read. Bethel, 3 p. m., Rev. J. Kempton.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHAPELS .- Carleton, 11 a. m., Rev. John Goucher; 3 p. m., Rev. N. Vidito. Waterloo Street, 11 a. m., Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

WESLEYAN CHAPELS .- Carleton, 11 a. m.,

These services had many features of peculiar interest, but want of space forbids our noticing them. The presence of brethren from Boston, New York, and other parts of the U. States, with those of our two provinces, rendered it more than ordinarily a season of retreshing. The discourses will, we doubt ot, be long remembered, and we trust a means of good to many.

Morning Prayer meetings at 1 past 6 o'clock were held during the session.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Credentials and Correspondence :- Rev. G. F. Miles, Dr. Tupper, Wm. Hall, C. Rardall, H. Angell, W. A. Cole-NOVA SCOTIA CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES .- | man, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Spurden, J. Parker, Merch. Cornwallis, 1st. - Brethren Chas. arrangement had the effect of saving the time and promoting the harmony of the ses-

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

On Monday morning, in consequence of the absence of the Rev. D. Freeman, appointed last year, the Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Warren, of Boston, He took tor his text 2 Cor. ii, 14, and delivered a most comprehensive and instructive Foreign Missionary discourse. He enquired first : Have our Missions been successful? or Have gelical clergymen for the friendliness existing the lovely morning seemed all in keeping with A. S. Hunt. Ministerial Education Board- success as to enable us to use the language of

In answering this question, he referred to the origin, progress, and present condition of Foreign Missions under the American Baptist Missionary Union. To five faces of mankind has the gospel been sent by that organization -the North American Indians, the Chinese, several tribes of Asia, -in Burmah and Siam, and to Europeans in France and Germany; and in Western Africa. In all these places have there been converts gathered into churches on the New Testament pattern, and held together by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The first church was organized of Burman NEW BRUNSWICK CHURCHES AND SOCIE- converts by Judson about 45 years ago. various English and Foreign plants which Tirs - Leinster Street-Dea. Kinsman, and Bro. These are now increased to about 200, but J. March. Leinster Street-Union Society-R | that is only a small part of the success which has followed the ministry of the gospel by the missionaries under this Board, The list of churches is now about 400, and of members about 35,000. These are formed into 18 Associations, which are fast becoming a issionary bodies. The first convert became a preacher of the gospel, and was set apart to the work by Dr. Judson. About 600 are Teachers and Native Preachers. Fifty of these are ordained to the ministry, and 70 are being trained in the Theological School, under Dr. Binney. With these facts before us, we may answer the question proposed,-Have the Missions been successful? and may we not also take up the sentiment of the text; Resolved-That the following Brethren be in . Thanks be to God who always causeth us to triumph "? In addition to all these results thousands have been turned from darkness to light, who have gone home to glory. Then there are the translations of the Scriptures, books, and tracts. If such has been the result of the past fifty years' labor, what may we not suppose will follow the next ball-century's work. [Here the preacher told some touching incidents, shewing the influence of the gospel on the heathen; after which he went into a calculation of what had been expended in bringing about these glorious results.] In all it had not reached \$4,000 000, and not quite 400 men. What a contrast to the blood and treasure lavished on the present war. Not only had this vast amount of good been done, but every contriand conducted by him over the various de- a new one, finished but a few weeks since. last year, except that Ansel T. Baker is the donors, in enlarging their hearts, and making them the happier, because they were

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