

about seventy Nasal Organs. This department, marked 26 on the plan, would suit any young man or Bachelor of quiet and sedentary habits, who will find this a quiet retreat. The property is well looked after as the doors are of iron, and double locked; the windows have iron bars to keep Thieves out. Apply to the Mayor and Magistrates.

N. B. Good attendance, and a man-cook is kept."

For the Christian Messenger.

From New South Wales.

A few lines on business matters from Dr. Hobbs, of Sydney, New South Wales, are just received and are accompanied by a note from Mrs. Hobbs. As they both have many friends who would be pleased to hear of them we take the liberty of making a brief extract from the latter.

Wellington St., Kingston, Newtown, July 31, 1867.

My Dear Sir,—

The Dr. has not forgotten his friends and will write soon. There is now much sickness, and doctors are kept busy, in fact, he has not much rest either night or day. The weather lately has been clear and beautiful, but in June we had a week's steady rain, which caused dreadful floods in the low lands which have swept everything before them, houses, stations with hundreds of stock, farms, gardens carried down with the current, but worse than all great loss of life. Numbers were saved by the police boats; as the last resort, they were clinging to the roofs of their houses. One family of seven perished with many others, the wind and rain were beating so furiously upon them that they perished before the boats could reach them, in Windsor a place about thirty miles from here, there were 500 houses under water. Many other places were also visited. Subscriptions were at once forwarded in food and clothes and although much has been done and the people have acted generously, much more is required to set the poor farmers on their feet again. We are now having October weather, had a slight hail shower on Monday but never have snow in this northern part. Gardening and farming are going on all winter, the oranges are now ripe; in December we have the other fruits coming in till March.

We like the country very much and have many friends and much to be thankful for. The Dr. preaches for those who are without a minister, gives each one a turn. There are three churches without pastors, I mean Baptist. The Sons of Temperance are prospering wonderfully. The Church at Araluen which was formed by Mr. Hobbs is prospering we are in constant communication with them. The Dr. spent two months with them last winter and on his return home was thrown down by his horse and had his shoulder dislocated, he was some time recovering, but I am thankful to say that his health is very good, and he is growing quite corpulent, the three children are very healthy, and as I have passed seven years in this climate have taken a change for the better and am now very well.

I hope you are all well. We do not forget our friends in our own dear country. Would you please make a note in the C. M. that we are all well.

With the kindest christian love from myself and husband,

I remain your sister in Jesus,

ANNE HOBBS.

P. S. It is now 12 midnight, and I must hurry. You are now thinking about dinner. We often talk about paying you all a visit and long to see our friends.

For the Christian Messenger.

British American Book and Tract Society.

This Society is now fully organised. The American Tract Society will close its Colporteur work in this Province December 1st. Funds are needed without delay to enable the British American Book and Tract Society to take up and prosecute the work from that date. A stock of Books and Tracts must be ready for the supply of colporteurs. A Depository is required. Means are necessary for colportage and grants to the destitute. The Committee desire to employ at least half a dozen colporteurs. They are now at work in connection with the American Tract Society and are prepared to go on in the work if the Churches will enable this Society to employ them by furnishing the means.

When we consider that there are many thousands in our land, living without the gospel, that printed truth and the personal efforts of private christians are means owned

and blessed of God, in saving souls and advancing his kingdom, and that in the providence of God, these means are within our reach, is it not a duty to use them in disseminating among the perishing multitudes the saving truths of God's word. Will not the blood of souls be upon us if we neglect to do so?

A faithful colporteur can make about three thousand family visits in the course of a year, and distribute by sale and grant from three to four thousand volumes and ten or twelve thousand pages of Tracts, all full of saving truth. While doing this, he will converse on personal religion with a large proportion of the families he visits, reading God's word, and praying with and for them, exhorting the impenitent to immediate faith in Christ and repentance towards God, holding prayer meetings and encouraging and aiding in the formation of Sabbath Schools in destitute neighborhoods.

Will the Christian community sustain the Society in prosecuting this work? At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on Aug. 16th, the following resolution, after prayerful consideration, was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved,—That in order to carry on successfully the operations of this Society, it is necessary to raise the sum of five thousand dollars, viz., three thousand dollars for a (permanent) Publication Fund, and two thousand dollars for Colportage and grants for the first year.

Contributions to the above will be thankfully received. One dollar constitutes an Annual member of the Society; twenty dollars a Life Member. Two hundred and fifty dollars will support a colporteur for a year.

Congregations may constitute their pastors Life Members, and Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes their Superintendents or teachers. Congregations, Sabbath Schools, or an Association of Christians may support a Colporteur and receive quarterly Reports of his labors.

Donations may be sent to Geo. H. Starr, Esq., Treasurer, 137 Upper Water street, or A. McBean, Secretary, 112 Cunard street. Halifax, N. S., October 7th, 1867.

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HALIFAX, OCTOBER 9, 1867.

Foreign Missionary Meeting.

In accordance with the resolution of the Foreign Missionary Board, and the notice given in our pages, the Public Meeting, for the purpose of receiving Miss DeWolfe as the Missionary of the Baptists of these provinces to the Women of Burmah, was held in Granville Street Church, on Wednesday last. The severe storm on Monday prevented the arrival of several ministering brethren on the previous evening, and it was feared that they might be still further detained, and the meeting disappointed of their presence.

At the hour appointed a large congregation assembled. The Rev. E. M. Saunders, opened the meeting, by giving out the 881st hymn. After which the Rev. Mr. Angwin, (Wesleyan), read the Scriptures, and the Rev. Mr. Logan, (Presbyterian), engaged in Prayer.

During the time of the next hymn being sung, the following brethren had arrived, and entered the meeting, Rev. Dr. Tupper, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Rev. Jas. E. Balcom, Rev. E. O. Read, and Rev. D. A. Steele; Rev. J. Miller, also being invited, came to the platform.

Dr. Tupper by request took the chair, and spoke briefly on the past history and present state of our Missionary operations in Burmah.

Rev. E. M. Saunders introduced Miss DeWolfe as a devoted christian and member of Granville Street Church. He spoke of her as having secured the approval and confidence of the brethren, and as having been accepted by the Missionary Board to go to Burmah.

Rev. Jas. E. Balcom spoke of the great responsibility resting on the Denomination, in taking this important step in the foreign field.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock gave an address on the sources of encouragement to one engaged in laboring for Christ, and shewed that in all our work we have the hand of the Master to guide us and to sustain in every perplexity and trouble; his servants, wholly devoted in heart and life, may especially rely upon His support and blessing.

After singing the hymn, commencing—  
Go, messenger of peace and love,  
To people plunged in shades of night,  
Like angels sent from fields above,  
Be thine to shed celestial light.

the Rev. E. O. Read gave an earnest and appropriate address on missionary work.

Rev. J. Miller gave the charge to the Missionary.

The Rev. E. M. Saunders then referred to the examples in Scripture of the disciples going in the name of the churches to carry the gospel to the Gentiles.

The right-hand of fellowship was then given to Miss DeWolfe, by the chairman, Rev. Dr. Tupper. The remarks by our aged brother were expressive of the most tender sympathy and warmest interest in the evangelization of the benighted heathen. The scene was one not to be soon erased from the memory of any who were privileged to be present.

It was very touching to see the disciple of seventy-four years, who, while full of labors, was looking for the summons to "depart and be with Christ which is far better," extending a welcome to one—and she a young woman—just about to enter a field of labor for Christ, on behalf of her own sex, in a foreign land.

The meeting was a fine precursor of the series of meetings to be held in the same place on the following days in behalf of Young Men at home. Prayer was offered during those meetings for the blessing of Heaven on Miss DeWolfe and her labors, and we trust it may be a beginning of renewed life in both Home and Foreign Missionary work.

Miss DeWolfe left on Saturday morning for St. John—there to stay a few days previous to proceeding to Boston thence to embark with Mrs. Van Meter and others for Burmah.

Young Men's Christian Association Convention.

The past week has been one of great interest in relation to Christian efforts, on behalf of young men. Our readers have become familiar with the proposal to hold a Convention in Halifax with this object in view.

On Thursday afternoon a large number of christian men—Delegates from various parts of this province, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, assembled in Granville Street Church,—granted for the occasion—and after a brief period spent in devotional exercises, proceeded to organize the Convention, by choosing the following gentlemen, officers of the Convention:—

President—John S. McLean, Esq., Halifax.—Vice-Presidents—Hon. Chas. Young, L. L. D., P. E. I.; W. Norman Rudolf, Esq., Pictou; Andrew McVey, Esq., St. John, N. B.; T. M. King, Antigonish; Rev. J. L. Read, Aylesford. Secretaries—W. B. McNutt, Halifax; A. Lippincott, New Glasgow.

The following is we believe a correct list of the Delegates present from the country:

J A Thomson, Antigonish; Wm Jack, Pictou James Mitchell, Merigonish; J T Thomson, Antigonish; W Norman Rudolf, Pictou; Hugh Ross, New Glasgow; T M King, Antigonish; Alex Gunn, East River, St Mary's; Isaac Blair, Tatamagouche; Robert Trotter, Antigonish; George A Christie, M D, Pictou; David A McDonald, Sherbrooke; Clarence Primrose, Pictou; George Murray, New Glasgow; John M Hockin, Pictou; Jas L Hattie, Sherbrooke; John B Calkin, Truro; Andrew McKay, John Douglass, Wm Welsh, St John, N B; John Ross, Pictou; David J Miller, West River; James W Keller, Truro; Alex Cumming, St Mary's; Andrew Johnstone, Middle Stewiacke; Edwin Smith, Truro; James S Willie, Canning; Caleb McCully, Petersburg; Va; Wm Faulkner, Truro; A B Woodworth, Lower Stewiacke; Charles H Blair, Truro; Andrew Bars, M D Wolfville; B K McElmon, Londonderry; Rev. D A Steele, A B, Cape Canso; George B Nelson, Truro; John W Campbell, Middle Stewiacke; Alex Grant, Albion Mines; Rev W H Porter, Pine Grove, Wilmot; Rev D W C Dimock, Truro; James Gardner, Jr., Musquodoboit Harbor; Wellington Archibald, Middle Musquodoboit; Abram H Stramburg, Cape John; A N Tupper, Upper Stewiacke; J K Blair, Truro; Stephen Smith, Kentville; Pryor J Bishop, New Minas; Rev E Anand, Windsor; W H Blanchard, Windsor; Silas W Black, Clifton; James G Foster, Dartmouth; Joseph Prichard, St John, N. B.; David Page Truro; T B Layton, Londonderry; Rev Jas E Balcom, Hantsport; John D McKenzie, Pictou; Wm Heard, Charlottetown; Rev A Falconer, do; W E Dawson, do; Robert Dickson, Antigonish; Daniel A Vaughan Charlottetown; Robt McConnell, New Glasgow; Rev E O Read, Gasperaux, Horton; Rev James L Read, Aylesford; John B Dickie, Onslow; Rev Dr Tupper, Aylesford; Daniel Henney, Port; Hawksbury; Aubrey Lippincott, New Glasgow; D Hennessy, Hawksbury; D Bradley, Tatamagouche; D McLean, Shubenacadie; John Cook Gay's River; James Eisher Lunenburg; R B Husis, Amherst; M H Goudge Windsor; Rev M G Henry, Clyde River; Rev Thos Cumming; W Armstrong, North Sydney, C B.

On Thursday evening a Meeting of Welcome was held in St. Matthews' Church, J. B. Morrow, Esq., in the chair.

Rev. E. M. Saunders read the Scriptures

and engaged in Prayer. The Rev. G. M. Grant was appointed to give the Address of Welcome in behalf of the Pastors and Churches of Halifax. We should be glad to give a full report but must content ourselves with a brief summary. He commenced by stating that he had not been supplied with any formal address, and he therefore felt warranted in giving the delegates present what he knew to be a good thing—a Halifax welcome—a brotherly, christian welcome—to our city, our churches and our communion. (Here we think Mr. G. overstepped his commission, by referring to the communion to be observed on the following Sabbath in his own church. He well knew that the delegates belonging to other branches of the Presbyterian Church, to the Church of England, to the Methodist connexion, and to other bodies of Christians, have conscientious scruples which would prevent them from accepting such invitation, and we think he should have shown them more consideration. We mention this, as Mr. G. will know, not from any personal feelings, but because several ministers and members of different denominations felt it to be somewhat discourteous.)

Mr. G. said it had been asked, "what is the use of such associations?" and replied, my answer is, "Your question shows that you don't understand them. They are not so much for use, as in themselves a necessary development of life and sympathy; not primarily a means, but an end; not an arbitrary machinery, but a simple fact of Christian nature and society." Certainly they are fruitful and useful also; that is a necessary result of their being genuine; but it is for what they are in themselves rather than for what they do, that they are to be valued. The very vagueness and indefiniteness that has been charged against them has been charged against the Church. Yes, but you say the Church is indestructible by Divine promise and protection. I say, and with equal truth, that it is indestructible, because it springs from the eternal facts of nature and the christian religion, and that any organization that springs from the same facts can never perish; it will always exist in one form or another.

He then shewed that the fact of vice being social rendered it necessary that there should be social combinations to meet and rescue its victims.

Under the second head Mr. Grant referred to the need of young men as aids to ministers in the work of the church. He said, we don't pretend to be able of ourselves to do the work of the Church. The Church sprang from the people, and whatever the form of civil government be, the Church must be democratic. It must always have its roots among the people. Only thus can it have inexhaustible life and freshness. And if it would understand the real wants of each new age, it must embrace the young men of each new generation. This is where the church has often failed.— It complains that young men do not connect themselves with it, but the fault, I believe, and my own experience bears me out in this, has been the Church's own. The Church has not had faith in humanity or in the spirit of Christ. 1st. The Church has been hide-bound; the slave of rubrics or traditions, of forms and articles, instead of feeling that all those were her own creations. 2d. The Church has been timid; has not devised liberal things, has asked for God's work as if it had no right to ask; has been satisfied though its members gave a thousand dollars to objects by which self would be glorified if they only at the same time put half a cent in the plate. 3d. The Church has been sectarian and contentious. 4th. The Church has removed Christ to Heaven, and postponed its Heaven to the future. But its message should be, Christ is here and Heaven is now. And till it believes and teaches that, the young and the strong will have nothing to do with it.— In a word, the Church has lacked manliness, enthusiasm, spontaneity. Without these it can do nothing, and these are what young men can give it.

The Rev. M. Shannon addressed the meeting in a warm earnest speech on behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association. He said our Halifax Association is now about entering the fourteenth year of its existence, and I have been connected with it from its very commencement. We have had our vicissitudes during that period, but at the present time we are happy to say that the Association was never more flourishing, and we trust that the auspicious meeting this evening will encourage us still more to exert ourselves, and that the impulse given will not only stimulate us in this city, but be the means of aiding our brethren from the country and the sister Provinces in their own Associations.

He alluded to the recent Convention at Montreal, and the enthusiasm, it had kindled in the hearts of thousands of Christian