

inquished in favor of the Presbyterians of these Provinces. The Coolies are laborers who being hired in India for a definite number of years, commonly five, are brought thence and paid about fifteen pence per day to work on the plantations. After their term of service they are taken back, if they wish, but they often prefer to remain.

Rev. Mr. Rogers of Yarmouth, then addressed the meeting on the reflex influence of Foreign Mission on the church at home.

Rev. Mr. Sedgwick spoke on the necessity of prayer and the Spirit's influence to effect any good in this work. Rev. Dr. Bayne also gave an eloquent address.

Rev. Dr. King offered prayer on behalf of the Missionary. After which Rev. Mr. Milligan concluded by prayer and the benediction.

The English Baptist Union.

Some difficulty existed respecting the Autumnal Session of this body, as to where it should be held, until shortly before the time appointed they were invited by the Churches of Cardiff in Wales. We have a partial report in our English papers by the last mail. From these we learn that the session had been one of the deepest interest. The following is a comprehensive summary of the proceedings.

The preliminary proceedings will not soon be forgotten. Prayer-meetings, such as we seldom hold in England, witnessed to and expressed the earnest devoutness of the brotherhood, and gave a high tone to the subsequent proceedings. The Rev. S. G. Green delivered a peculiarly appropriate address on Wednesday morning, speaking on the fellowship of those who "walk in the light," and the reality of that "presence," which, being spiritual, is real and abiding, and the pervading influence of which is the secret of the blessedness of "the communion of saints."

Mr. Mursell's sermon to the young was as anticipated, one of the most attractive items in the programme. Bethany Chapel—almost a model of a Nonconformist place of worship, was literally packed. Never was opportunity of usefulness turned to better account. Taking for his text two passages: "The glory of young men is their strength," and, "Without me ye can do nothing," the preacher expounded with equal earnestness and force, the nature and comprehensiveness of the religion of Jesus, and urged, with a power, which took hold of the entire congregation; that young men should consecrate themselves, devoting their whole lives to the service of the Saviour. Tuesday night's missionary meeting was an enthusiastic one. The spacious chapel overflowed, and another, almost as large, was nearly filled with those unable to obtain admittance to the advertised place of meeting. Of the speeches made in Welsh we can say nothing, but that they reminded us, as Mr. Williams, of Southampton, remarked, of the "unknown tongues" in the Apostolic Church, and the wisdom of the precept, "If any speak in an unknown tongue, let one interpret." Those who did understand the language assure us that the Rev. Hugh Jones' speech was both argumentative and persuasive, thoroughly sensible, and as we "barbarians" could plainly see, very effective; while the Rev. U. Griffiths thrilled his Welsh auditory with a poetic eloquence, which made many regret their inability to comprehend his meaning. Mr. Williams, of Southampton, the Rev. Carey Pike, as representatives of the General Baptist Missions, and Dr. Warren, from America, also addressed the meeting, to the evident satisfaction of their hearers. Take it "for all in all," the meeting which G. F. Muntz, Esq., presided over with characteristic courtesy and skill, was as successful as could be desired.

At 10 o'clock on Wednesday, the Baptist Union met in session. Prayer after prayer, in which the people poured out their hearts in importunate supplications, ascended to heaven till the clock pointed to the hour for the Chairman's address. Our honored friend, Mr. Noel, was deeply moved. Referring to the fervid devotions which had just concluded, he remarked how difficult it was to pass abruptly to his written paper. In a tone of chastened earnestness Mr. Noel spoke of the love of Christ; and as he besought brethren to present themselves to God "a living sacrifice," tears started to the eyes of many, and the congregation caught the spirit of its eminently Christian chairman. For a while, the whole meeting felt that they were indeed in the presence of Christ, and at the gate of heaven. Nor did the address lower the tone of the feeling, but rather maintained and strengthened it. With beautiful simplicity and true manliness, with a conscientiousness which bespoke the warrior's spirit, and a charity which revealed a brother's heart, the Chairman stated and defended the principles and practices of the Baptists. Short as

the address was, we doubt whether any production extant presents so fair and full an account of our denominational specialities, and certainly none exists so well adapted for general circulation. The Chairman thanked for his address a deputation from the Baptist Union of Wales was introduced and suitably received. Then the real business of the session commenced. Mr. Williams, of Southampton, brought before the Union, his proposal to nominate a number of gentlemen to inquire into the practicability of making a provision by which the incomes of our poorer pastors may be augmented, and to report thereon to the next annual meeting. This was effectively seconded by Mr. Brown, of Northampton, and supported by Mr. A. Mursell, whose reception was most cordial and gratifying, and unanimously agreed to. This subject, therefore, is now taken out of the region of talk and transferred to the sphere of action. We need not say, how ardently we hope that this first step will be followed by others, and that the labours of the Committee, which is as representative as it can be made, may result in increasing the stipends of those ill-requited ministers, whose character and culture and capacity should secure for them, what it would in other professions, a competent maintenance.

Mr. Walters' paper on "Religious Liberty and the Baptists" was a remarkably forcible production. The brief sketch of the testimony of Baptists in all ages, and the *ad hominem* appeals with which the paper abounded, elicited rapturous applause. Dr. Underhill well sustained the interest, and Mr. Williams in a few sentences, acknowledged the services of other denominations of Nonconformists in the warfare with ecclesiastical intolerance, and asked his brethren never to isolate themselves from other Christians in the advocacy of religious liberty.

We conclude the article as the day closes with public worship. To-night, some twelve or fourteen preachers are proclaiming the glad tidings to listening hundreds. Bethany is crowded. The preacher, our ex-chairman, the Rev. John Aldis, has discoursed from the text, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." The touching graphness of the picture of the lost, the tenderly sympathetic description of the Saviour, and the gentle, yet faithful reprobation of the readiness with which all see others' evil while neglecting to do good, the earnest commendation of the example of Jesus, and the tender appeal to the lost sinner, left no room for emotions other than pity for the lost, the condemnation of ourselves, the love of Christ, and the desire to save souls. To-day a table has been prepared for us, and our cup has run over.

At the meeting on Wednesday morning, after the Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel had read his paper, referred to above.

The Rev. Dr. Hoby asked whether, since so much had been said of Pan-Anglican and Pan-Italian Synods, their might be called a Pan-Baptist assembly? He referred to the opening inspirations of the chairman before he came to his address. He moved that the best thanks of the session be given to the chairman for his excellent address, and that he be respectfully requested to print it. He admired the elegance, clear logic, and mighty power of the arguments which were calculated to win their judgments and hearts. (Great applause.) Though separated from the Church of England, the clergy still knew him, and marked him; and they should lift up their hearts and souls to the Father of Lights, that what they had heard would find its way to the hearts of those who had once been connected with him.

The Rev. Nathaniel Thomas seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Noel in responding observed, with reference to what Dr. Hoby had remarked, that on one occasion, after having read a paper before the Union, it was said of him by an Episcopalian, "Why, poor Baptist Noel is at length gibbeted as a Dissenter." He could not but ask what gallows had been erected, and left inclined to suggest whether it was like Haman's, and was intended to hang those who erected it.

The following are interesting extracts from the Message of the Committee of the Union to their brethren, in session assembled.

We are assembled, brethren, in a district which has been singularly favoured by Almighty God with rich spiritual blessings for many years past—blessings of which the Baptist denomination has enjoyed a share, at least, fully equal to that of any other Evangelical Churches. Before the commencement of this century there were but 7 Baptist churches in all the island of Wales; they now number, exclusive of membership, 453, and of these about 170 have come into being during the last 25 years. At the beginning of this century the church members of our denomination in Wales, probably did not amount to 4,000, they now exceed 52,000. This rapid increase, unequalled in any other part of the kingdom, is doubtless due, in measure, to the great development of trade and commerce, and the consequent growth of the

population in some localities; but it is due to our Welsh brethren to acknowledge, that under the Divine blessing, which always attends on such grace, it is mainly attributable to the holy and self-denying men, with which they have seized on every opportunity of founding new churches, and otherwise promoting the best interests of Zion.

On the present occasion, brethren, we invite your serious attention, both to subjects relating to our own internal and denominational welfare, and to others which affect our relationships to the whole professing Church of Christ.

The rapid spread of Rationalism, and semi-popery among the clergy of the Established Church, demands that we should once more assert the simplicity of the faith, discipline, and order which our Divine Lord and Master requires of His followers. We shall lay before you papers on this subject, together with a declaration and protest in behalf of the whole Baptist denomination against sacerdotal assumptions, sacramental errors and the union of the Church with the State.

A paper on the duties specially devolving on the female members of our churches, and some others, having immediate reference to the requirements of churches in the Empire, by whose generous hospitality we are now gathered together in Cardiff will be also submitted for your consideration. You will also be asked to take a preliminary step in reference to a Sustentation Fund for the pastors of our poorer churches.

We have pleasure in announcing that the churches in Bristol invite the Union to hold its next autumnal meeting in that city.

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon has been seriously ill. On Sunday morning, Oct. 8th, he appeared again on the platform at the Metropolitan Tabernacle after an absence of four weeks.

He was only able to limp slowly across the platform as he laboured under a considerable lameness in the right leg, and during that portion of the service in which he did not take a leading part he sat down. He was assisted in the giving out of the psalms and hymns, and the reading of the Scriptures, by Mr. Varley, of Nottingham, and preached the sermon, in the evening immense crowds of persons assembled at the Tabernacle, expecting that the Rev. gentleman would again appear. But they were disappointed in this respect, his strength at present not enabling him to preach twice on the same day. The evening service was conducted throughout by Mr. Varley.

NEWS SUMMARY.

The Expedition fitting out for Abyssinia, to enforce the release of Mr. Cameron, the British Council, and other British subjects, imprisoned and maltreated by King Theodore, continues to be the object of most interest in England. It will probably consist of ten or fifteen thousand troops under the command of Sir Robert Napier, an eminent and experienced officer of our Indian army, which will furnish the bulk of the force, and will start from Bombay to the coast of Abyssinia, on the Red Sea. It is likely to be a most expensive as well as a perilous expedition, but as there appears no other means left of bringing the talk of a barbarian King to reason, Great Britain cannot allow any of her subjects, much less those holding official appointments in foreign countries, to be injured or insulted. It is to be hoped that when the Abyssinian ruler finds that England is bent on redress, that prudence will induce him to ward off the consequences by giving up his prisoners.

Italian affairs, as regards the invasion of the Pope's territory, is still the subject of conflicting reports. Garibaldi is said to again have left the Island of Capri, to which he was restored by the Italian Government, after his late capture, and to be once more in the South of Italy, and does not at present seem probable, that unless there is such a general rising throughout the Papal States, as to successfully resist the means employed by the Pope to suppress the insurrection, and to indicate the general intention of the people to throw off his temporal authority, that the entire union of Italy, as the Government is likely just now to take place. That such will be the final issue scarcely admits of a doubt.

The dread of implicating the leading Powers of Europe in a general war, will for the present operate powerfully to induce them to defer, if possible, the solution of what is called the Roman question, and the abolition of the Pope's temporal power. The Emperor of Austria, Francis Joseph, is now paying a visit to the Emperor Louis Napoleon at Paris, since the Austrian reverses in the late war, and the consequent great enlargement of the strength and territories of Prussia, there appears to have sprung up a more cordial feeling between France and Austria, and it is more than probable that their mutual interests will hereafter lead to a more intimate alliance. The great difficulty

the Austrian Government have to meet at present, appears to be the general determination of the people, to get rid of the Concordat or Treaty with the Papal Government. This treaty made a few years since, gives great power to the Romish Priesthood, according to the Jesuits the whole control of Education throughout the country, with other concessions to the Catholic party, wholly subversive of all freedom of opinion in that country.

Notices, &c.

The Trustees of the Baptist House of Worship at Shelburne, are desirous of obtaining about one hundred and twenty dollars, for the purpose of liquidating the debt remaining upon the building, which was obtained some time since as a loan, for the purpose of preventing the property from going out of the hands of the Church. They have requested the Rev. T. C. DeLong who has been laboring with them in the gospel, to receive contributions from Christian brethren and friends for this object, and will be thankful for any help they may receive by his hands.

T. B. Fittell, Esq., of Liverpool, and S. Selden of Halifax, have also consented to receive and transmit any sums that may be sent to them for this purpose.

The Baptist Ministerial Conference of Annapolis, Co. will meet (D. V.) at Granville Ferry, on Tuesday the 23rd of November, at 9 o'clock. Preaching on Monday evening previous. Ministering brethren are earnestly solicited to attend. Wm. H. Foster, Secy.

French Mission Board. There will be a meeting of the French Mission Board at Hebron, on Wednesday the 13th day of November, at 2 o'clock. P. M. A general attendance is requested.

R. B. Moss, Secy. Letters Received. Hon. W. B. Kinneer, Esq., G. A. Garrison, Rev. G. D. Cox, G. W. Gates, Esq., Rev. Dr. Tucker, B. L. Telfer, Esq., Rev. S. March, Esq., Hawaii, Esq., to Oct. 10, 1867. Isaiah Tucker, Esq., G. V. Hand, Esq., J. W. Bigelow, Esq., Rev. J. H. Foster, Junr., Rev. L. B. Gates, Esq., to July 31, 1867. Rev. C. Morse, B. A. Foscoe, J. F. Sanders, Esq., Rev. B. Scott, Rev. D. O. Parker, Esq., to Oct. 10, 1867.

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We copy the following notice of the above from the Canadian Baptist: "Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., of Acadia College, has in course of publication a work bearing the above title. We have a guarantee of the accuracy and general excellence of the forthcoming book; in the fact that Dr. Cramp is its author. It will be illustrated by a portrait of Mennos Simon, and other engravings. It will probably be 12 mo. and will contain about 600 pages. A subscription list is now open at the Baptist Book Room, Toronto, and we invite our ministers, deacons, and thoughtful members generally to send their names to the office as soon as convenient, in order that a due proportion of the edition may be circulated in this portion of the New Dominion.

The work will be ready for distribution about the first of January, at which time the payments can be made, price \$1.50. Our ministering brethren would confer a favour by obtaining names of subscribers in their several churches and forwarding them with their own.