

Such a course, although not enjoined by any Scriptural authority—is a very prudent and desirable one to pursue; and yet, so far as practicable, churches should do their own work, in their own way, without the aid of councils, since it must be confessed that in ages past they have been the cause of great misfortunes to Christianity, corrupting its doctrines, and destroying the independence of the churches.

But why or whence so much misconception and misrepresentation on this subject as we have seen of late? Why any ignorance or ignoring among us of the fact that councils have no ecclesiastical authority—that their true mission is solely to advise the churches?

Whence the necessity for a certain resolution offered, but not passed, at our C. Association this year? Its synchronism and juxtaposition with the unhappy case in Halifax, were indeed sufficient reasons to justify its rejection. But why pass a resolution at any of our representative gatherings to the effect that in cases of difficulty in our churches, it is eminently desirable to call in the aid of councils from without and to abide by their decision or conclusion? Have not our churches understood their duty in this matter?

Well, trc. Editor, whatever may be thought or said of the past, although some acrimony has unhappily been indulged in recent oral and written discussions, many rays of valuable light have thereby been thrown on the entire subject of Scriptural Church-polity, and especially on the true and proper relation of ecclesiastical Councils. My humble, but firm opinion is that occasional circumstances in our smaller, if not larger churches, require, in order to wholesome discipline the aid of advisory councils—not mutual councils, ordinarily a most objectionable procedure—but an impartial council, called by the church in difficulty, and secured through the solicited acquiescence of churches, rather than by more private and personal means.

And I confidently believe that our churches will continue to call such councils. I am not seriously afraid of the name or term Council.—Etymologically it means simply *called together*.

Let us, like our denominational "fathers," carefully regard the sole object of such assemblies to be to "give advice." Only my prayer shall be that the painful necessity for calling together such an advisory body may seldom occur, and that as often as counsel from abroad is needed and sought by our churches, they will call to mind and act on the principle enunciated on that superb resolution in the C. M. of Aug. 5th, from the head and heart of "An old-fashioned Baptist." May he long live to inculcate such scriptural sentiments as aids to our churches and the cause of Christ.

What! no use or even sense in such sort of councils? Read the following from J. Moser's recent letter to the *Ch. Visitor*: "We appeal to ministers and commentators, and go to theological schools; but then the final appeal is to our own judgments. I think this consideration will set the matter of councils in its true light. Let the church seek counsel, but follow its own convictions. How would a resolution * * * appear on a church-book, with a view of bringing each member to respect the opinion of all others; the conclusion [of which resolution] being that the opinions of commentators be accepted as a final settlement of the question at issue?—It would be despicable."

Since Crowell has been much quoted of late let me conclude these remarks by a brief extract from Dr. Hiscox's "Baptist Church Directory." "Parties calling a council, should cheerfully receive its advice, and implicitly abide by its decision, unless such a course would, in their opinion, require them to violate their consciences or go contrary to the Word of God." The Inspired Volume, Old-fashioned Baptist, and Dr. Hiscox well agree. May our churches ever be guided by such counsel.

A. C.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. ELIJAH SPROWLE—Mrs. HIRAM MARSHALL,

Died at Clarence, among the many valued friends that the death angel hath borne from our communion to that of the more holy and blessed above, were sisters Elijah Sprowle and Hiram Marshall.

Sister Sprowle after some months of gentle, but solemn admonition on the 16th of April last, was called to her Father's house on high. Being of a remarkably mild and amiable disposition, and being brought under the sanctifying and saving influence of divine grace, she was greatly beloved at home and throughout the church of God. Hers was a steadfast faith and constant attendance on all the means of grace. She was at the early age of 27, ripened for her

heavenly home. Her end was peace, and her rest glorious.

Sister Hiram Marshall was also among the devoted followers of the Lamb whom we greatly miss in the domestic circle and in the church of God. Two short days only were allotted her for her last sickness. She died in the 48th year of her age. Her work of faith and labours of love were ended in joy and peace and glory.

REES STRONACH, ESQUIRE,

Of Wilmot, was born June 13th, 1808, and died August 17th, 1868.

Bro. S. was baptized in the spring of the year 1836; and was a steadfast and useful member of the church with which he united, to the close of his life. He was a man of prayer, both in his family, and in religious meetings.

Though he declined holding the office of a deacon, yet at the deacons' request he frequently took the lead in prayer meetings.

Bro. Stronach faithfully discharged the duties of a magistrate during the last 23 years of his life. He was also an active promoter of the Temperance cause, and filled the office of Secretary of the Total Abstinence Society on Stronach Mountain about 18 years. He likewise labored diligently in the Sabbath School, of which at times he was Superintendent.

Our departed brother was an affectionate husband and kind father. He has left a sorrowing widow and 8 mourning children; of whom all, except the youngest, who is quite young, are members of a Baptist Church, or churches. When visited by his pastor during his last illness—16 days of acute suffering—he expressed patient submission and steadfast hope. Near the close of his sickness he requested to be carried into another room, and laid on the lounge, where he prayed audibly and fervently for deliverance from this world of sin and death, and for Jesus to be with him while passing through the dark valley and shadow of death. He entreated the family not to mourn for him, as the separation would be short, till they would meet again.

On the day before his decease he became quite free from pain; and in the issue his prayer appeared to be graciously answered, as he passed quietly and peacefully away, without a sigh or a groan.

His funeral was attended by a large and sympathizing assembly, who were addressed by the pastor from 1 Thes. iv. 14. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."—*Com. by Rev. C. Tupper.*

Missionary Intelligence.

Burmah.

A YEAR OF WORK.

Mr. Van Meter of the Pwo Karen Mission in Bassein, presents the following report of his labors for a year. It is a good illustration of the Apostle's saying—"In labors more abundant."

I have gone out among the villages during every month of the year, in all, 32 times. I have made 80 visits, at some places repeated several times. I have travelled 2,341 miles,—on foot 343 miles,—(barefoot about 50 miles),—all in direct missionary works in the Bassein district. The greatest distance of round trip has been 300 miles. Baptized, 45, I have preached, or conducted religious services about 500-times, usually three times, and occasionally as often as five times, in one day. During these visits, I am constantly distributing books,—for pay, when they are able to pay,—establishing schools, prescribing for the sick, in some critical cases where a few days' more neglect might have been serious, if not fatal. I have at the same time given the people instructions as to the care of their houses, themselves, and their children, seemingly, perhaps, of a trifling nature, but really affecting to a great degree their health and comfort. Especially have I had to call attention to the severity of the tasks too often imposed on the women. The gospel for women is still a great need among the Karens. I consider nothing beneath my attention, that affects their welfare. The people know this, and give me in return the warmest love of a thousand hearts. And this I would not exchange for all the gold that California ever has produced, or ever may produce. In addition to the above, has been the care of the city school, the editing of the "Pwo Herald," revising the gospel of John, receiving visitors with all manner of wants and inquiries, distributing Burman and Karen newspapers, occasional preaching in English and pastoral work among the English residents.

GOING TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. S. L. Smith presents the following account of the method of going to the Karen Association near Henthada, showing that the gratification is purchased with no little inconvenience.

Jan. 30, 1868.—A week from to-day we expect to go to the Karen Association, which meets with a church thirty miles south of Henthada. It is a different thing to travel here in the jungles from travelling in America. You must take your pots and kettles, dishes, sugar, salt, bedding, &c. Part of the way we shall go by boats, and then take carts and ponies for the last five miles over exceedingly rough paddy (rice) plains. I hope we shall go to do much good. If we remember who and what we are, and who is the Lord our Master, we may hope

that the meetings will not be in vain. Pray for us, that God will make us faithful. Pray for the Christians in these jungle churches, that they may be growing disciples, as well as for the poor, blind, deluded idol-worshippers.

Only a little distance from the house, a heathen festival is going on, and the music and shouts of the people quite disturb me while writing.

FORTY MEN WANTED.

Mr. Cushing, of the Mission to the Shans, under date of March 7, speaks of a visit to a heathen festival, and gives his impressions of the need of more laborers.

Day before yesterday I went with Mrs. C. to a great heathen festival. We took several thousand tracts and six native Christians. These natives talked constantly of religion, and we gave away all the tracts which we carried. The reader would have been amused at our little encampment. We carried our own provisions, had a tent, spread some grass over the ground and laid mats over it, and slept on a blanket. We enjoyed our stay. There were thousands of Burmans and Shans there and we were among them most of the time. O, the work to be done here! We need forty new missionaries in Burmah immediately. O that as many might hear the hopeless language of these perishing heathen who only pray for annihilation, and pity them.

SIAM.

CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE.

Miss Fielde, of the Chinese Mission of Bangkok, after speaking of the new native chapel at Bangplaso, writes,—
It is something to see in a score of homes the niche that a few years ago was filled with the trumpery of idolatry, thoroughly cleaned out, and a Bible and hymn-book only in its place.—*Macedonian.*

Marriages.

By the Rev. J. A. Moore, at St. John, N. B., Aug. 11th. Captain Thomas Churchill, to Ruamah third daughter of the late Joseph Crocker, all of Freeport Long Island.

At Wallace, Cumberland, on the 24th ult., by the Rev. James Anderson, Capt. John R. O'Brien, to Susan West, fifth daughter of Mr. Thomas L. Morris, all of Wallace.

At Waverley, on the 3rd inst., by the Rev. W. H. Bullock, M. A., John Thomas, to Eliza Philippa Ruddle.

On Tuesday, 1st inst., by the Rev. G. M. Grant, Mr. R. Rudland, to Miss Margaret Fraser, of Pictou.

Deaths.

At Gaspereaux on the 27th of August, Margaret Nowlan, in the 21st year of her age. Her end was peace.

At Cornwallis, July 2nd, aged 49 years, Lucy wife of Mr. William A. Rockwell, and daughter of the late Mr. William Bentley. After many months of severe suffering she came to her grave in peace. Christ was the foundation of her hope.

At Biltown, August 3rd, aged 77 years John M. Bil, Esq., Mr. B. was highly respected for his honesty and sound judgement, a widow and five children survive him.

In Melvern Square, Wilmot, of consumption, August 31st, 1868, Arelxine Gates, daughter of Ansley and Eliza Gates, aged 15 years, 5 months, and 5 days.

On Wednesday, Caroline, wife of J. H. Reynolds, aged 66 years.

At Cnatham, on 12th ult., after a lingering illness, George Letson, Senr., a native of Halifax, N. S., and for many years a resident of Chatham, aged 62 years.

On Friday morning, 4th inst., after a short illness Sophia, wife of the Hon. M. B. Almon, in the 62nd year of her age.

On Friday, Ellen, widow of the late Patrick Hibbets, aged 64 years.

At Dartmouth, on the 2nd instant, Mr. William Walsh, aged 67 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, Sept. 3rd, Ann Harwood, aged 64 years.

At Porto Rico, on the 15th ult., in the 36th year of his age, Captain John Paterson, of the brigantine *Golden Rule*.

On Sunday, 6th Sept., Joseph Jennings, aged 75 years.

On Friday, Sept. 4th, at the house of Miss Hannah Frail, Upper Dyke Village, Miss Sarah Frail, formerly of Chester, aged 70 years.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 30th, at Mink Cove, Digby Neck, Phebe, widow of the late Joshua Gidney, and mother of Mr. Angus M. Gidney, editor of the Bridgetown *Free Press*, aged 81 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, Sept. 1.—Brigs Thomas Albert, Joyce, St. Jago; T. W. Chesley Phinney, Wilmington, bound to London; Welsford, Corbett, Savannah; Mary Ellen, New York; Schrs Enterprise, Barrett, Boston; Cruiser, Walker, St. Mary's River; Elvinta, McDonald, Gowrie Mines; Triumph, Hood, do.
Wednesday, 2.—H M S Jason, Bermuda; R M S Delta, Shaw, Bermuda; brigs Spanish Main, Ham, Cienfuegos; Sarah Ellen, I auchlin, New York; Schrs Sunbeam, Curry, Sydney; Elizabeth, Joyce, Sydney.

Thursday, 3.—Schrs Busy William, Zinc, North Bay; Father Matthew, Bondroit, Bay Chaleur; Star of the East, do; Mary and Thomas, Arichat; Sarah, Sydney; Foam, Gerror, do; Maggie, Hartling, Bay Chaleur; Medway, McPhee, Newfoundland; Robert Bruce, Wolfe, Arichat; Mary Star of the Sea, Paspheblac; S R McKenzie, Pennelly, Western Banks; Alice Hooper, Eydne; Josephine, Farrell, Sydney; Annie, Woodin, Pictou; Margaret Ann, Thorne, Arichat; Frances, Buffett, Newfoundland; Mary Jones, McDonald, St. Ann's; Speculator, Hill, Tangier.

Friday, 4.—U S Revenue Cutter McCulloch, P E I; schrs Progress, Gowrie Mines; Vulture, Sydney; Progress, Cow Bay; Speedy, LeBlanc, Sydney; Kate, McIsaac, Port Hawkesbury.

Saturday, 5.—S S Alhambra, Nickerson, P E Island; R M S City of Durham, Jamieson, St. John's, Nfld; brig Attie Durkie, Crossby, New

York, bound to Sheet Harbor; schrs Lone Star, Farrell, Sydney; Olive Branch, Abbott, Western Banks; Newsboy, Messervey, Nfld; Henrietta, Shaw, do; Sweepstake, Romkey, Labrador; Sea Star, Boudrot, Sydney; Ann, Marchand, do; Mary Jane, Swain, do; Waldemar, Slattery, Bay Chaleur; B Wier, Rose, Sydney; Blue Jacket, Curry, Pictou; Amelia, Richards, New York.

Sunday, 6.—Brigs Miralla, Mundy, St Jago; Esk, Patterson, Turk's Island; Martha, McDonald, St John, N B; Devonshire, Vesey, Bermuda, 14 days; schr Mischief, Hopewell, Po to Rico, 21 days.

Monday, 7.—Steamers Carlotta, Colby, Portland; Cemmerce, Doane, Boston; schrs Messenger, Lunenburg; Mary Jane, Forrest, Gowrie Mines; Debonaire, Lenden, Cape Causo; Love Water, Tibo, Newfoundland.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Sept. 1.—Steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland; brig America, Doody, Boston; brig Wiley Smith, McPhee, Nasau via Port Medway; schr Bee, Goodwin, Argyle.

Wednesday, 2.—Brigs Delta, West, Kingston; Prince Alfred, O'Brien, Little Glace Bay; schrs Hannah, Brow, Charlottetown.

Thursday, 3.—Brig Isabella Thomson, Stevens, Sydney, C B; schrs Villager, Watt, Mirimich; Gladiator, Westhaver, Labrador; Isabella, Scott, Wallace; Euxine, McDonald, St Peter's, C B.

Friday, 4.—Barquentine Leda, Muller, Richibucto; brig Persia, Pendergrast, Richmond, Va; schrs Hannah, Irow, Charlottetown, P E I; Eliza Ferguson, Ferguson, Caruquette, N B; Vivace, Romkey, Sydney; British Pearl, Hadley, Guysborough; Conservative, Farrell, Cow Bay.

Saturday, 5.—R M S Delta, Shaw, Sydney; S S Alhambra, Nickerson, Boston; brig T W Chesley, Phinney, London; schrs George, Parney, Shelburne; Emma, Lewis, Cow Bay; James, Fraser, Sydney; William John, Greening, Porto Rico; Sarah, Fraser, Sydney; H B Lewis, Swaine, North Bay; Francis, Buffett, Barge, Nfld; Thetis, Poole, Labrador.

Monday, 7.—Brig Galveston, Merryman, Liverpool, G B; schrs Rover's Bride, Cleversey, North Bay; Flying Mist, Abbott, Sherbrooke.

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Sept. 9.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

O. P. MACALASTER, SURGEON DENTIST,

WILL spend the month of September in Wolfville and Cornwallis.

He is now at Wolfville where he will remain two weeks.

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- Ladies' Col and Blk French kids,
- 84 White Glace Alpaca,
- 84 Black Haiva Cloth,
- Black French Rolled Crapes,
- Muslin Dresses,
- Ribbons and Laces,
- Buff Mantle Lawn,
- Ladies' Spun Merino Vest,
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July 1.

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