

sted and so earnestly engaged in the promotion of our educational and spiritual prosperity.

We are assured that we are but expressing the sentiments of our predecessors, and of our Denomination generally, when we say that your zeal in the cause of truth, your untiring efforts in behalf of our denominational welfare, and the faithful discharge of your official duties in connection with Acadia College have won for you the lasting esteem and gratitude of all with whom your name is familiar.

It is our earnest prayer that you may long be spared to enjoy the rich fruits of a life so usefully and nobly spent in advancing the best interests of our fellow men.

May the evening of your life be calm and bright; and may the Sun of Righteousness illumine your pathway to the "Christian's home in glory."

In behalf of all the Students, W. M. GEORGE, Rufus SANFORD, W. M. H. WARREN, J. R. STUBBERT.

Dr. Cramp's reply is subjoined:— REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—

I heartily thank you for the expression of kind feeling contained in the Address to which I have just listened.

It has been my desire and aim to discharge the important duties of my office in such a manner as to secure both the respect and the esteem of those over whom I have been called to preside. If I have succeeded, I have reason to be thankful, while I devoutly acknowledge my indebtedness to the grace of God, "whose I am, and whom I serve," and whose "strength is made perfect in weakness."

I have laboured hard for these eighteen years past to promote the prosperity of Acadia College. An encouraging measure of success has been vouchsafed to my efforts. I rejoice exceedingly in the favourable prospects of the Institution, and hope to witness, ere I die, such an extension of its usefulness as shall gladden our whole Denomination in these provinces, and greatly advance the cause of truth and religion.

Although I retire from public life I shall not cease to regard with deep interest the progress of our educational enterprise, and I shall be happy to contribute, in every possible way, to the welfare of the students of the College. Continue, Gentlemen, to look upon me as your friend. Receive the assurance of my desire to aid you, by advice or sympathy, to my utmost ability, and give me frequent opportunities of testifying my kindly intentions.

May God bless you all! May we meet where friends part no more, and dwell together for ever in the land of light, and love, and holiness! J. M. CRAMP.

June 4th, 1869.

The National Anthem was sung, and the Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M., pronounced the benediction.

We have been obliged to defer our report of the Alumni Dinner till next week.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

We have frequently had enquiries arise as to the most appropriate form in which property in places of worship, &c., should be held by Baptist Churches. Parties building new church edifices are anxious that the Deeds shall secure them from misappropriation, and they often propose to deed them to the Association with which they are connected; but seeing that the Associations are not incorporated bodies, they cannot, as such, hold real estate.

When there is no question about the proprietorship of such property, it is not of very material importance what is specified in Chapel Deeds; but when a question is raised on the right of ownership, and the specifications and provisions of these documents are appealed to for a decision as to who are the legal and rightful owners, it becomes of vital importance that it should be stated clearly in whom such property is vested, and for whom it is held.

Less care is often taken in preparing Deeds of Churches than of property belonging to private individuals, and in some cases the consequence is that it is diverted from the purposes to which it was originally intended to be appropriated. In some cases, by a change of sentiment, in one or two not very scrupulous individuals, having such property in charge, it has been entirely perverted, and very improperly taken possession of by persons belonging to another denomination. We have heard of several meeting houses, originally erected by Baptists, which, subsequently, when no Baptist minister was settled in the locality, have been, by a bold stroke of policy, taken by others; who having thus become the occupiers, have afterwards actually prevented Baptists having the use of said buildings. These things ought not to be, and it becomes us to use our endeavours to have all property intended for the use of Baptist congregations so conveyed and held that it may be preserved from misappropriation in all future time.—It may not be easy to provide against every

possible contingency that may arise, but some assistance may be rendered by the more experienced to brethren struggling to secure for themselves a Sanctuary in which to worship God.

There is no reason why the independent character of our churches should place us in a less favorable position in these respects than other religious denominations. We have some advantages arising from our independency, but there are other apparent disadvantages which may require a little thoughtful attention to overcome and guard against. This is perhaps one of them. We would suggest for the consideration of brethren, whether a form of Chapel Deed may not be prepared and printed, leaving blanks for names and other particulars to be filled in in writing, accompanied with such directions as may seem desirable for the purpose of preventing injustice being done in reference to such property in future.

If a Committee were appointed by the Association at their coming session for the purpose of preparing such forms, the subject might be considered, and facilities afforded which would be of essential service to brethren who have had but little experience in these matters. We offer the suggestion, and shall be glad if it may become of any value to the brethren concerned in these works of faith and labors of love.

It is a melancholy comment on the perversion of the initiatory rite to the Christian Church that, by thousands, it is made a mere ceremonial for the purpose of giving the subject a name. But it is infinitely worse to find it applied to ships, bells, &c. A paragraph from the "Chronicle's" Paris letter of last week gives an account of what was called the baptism of bells, as follows:—

"The Emperor and Empress, having given a bell to a chapel in the Faubourg St. Antoine, presented themselves during the week at the baptismal ceremony. A good many chapels are still short of bells, as during the Revolution they were melted down into money. On the occasion in question there were three infants to be christened. The sweetest toned was named Eugenie—and such was engraved upon it. On a platform raised a few feet from the ground, and covered with a white cloth were the bells. The Archbishop of Paris, assisted by his clergy, offered up prayers, chanted, and anointed them, and struck each three times. The Sponsors were invited to do the same, but the Empress was so tightly gloved, that after seizing the tongue she was unable to ring, and a clergyman acted for her. It is usual after every baptism to distribute bonbons, and the Imperial Sponsors had provided some two or three hundred weight of such, which quickly disappeared among the applicants."

NEW ZEALAND.—A letter from Mr. G. H. Cunnebell of Wanganui, New Zealand, dated March 10, 1869, written to a relative in Halifax, received May 31st., in 82 days, via London, says:

"I am sorry to have to say our land here is in a very disturbed state with the native war. The times are very dull indeed.—Money very scarce, and trade much depressed.

My brother-in-law, G. B—, from St. John, came here in August last, they disliked the place so they returned again almost immediately, but they never came farther than Wellington.

Mr. Porter went to Dunedin, he remained there for a while and then went to Melbourne, so that I have not seen him."

Miss DeWolfe will please accept our thanks for a copy of the Annual Report of the Burmah Baptist Missionary Convention containing Reports of the Stations, &c., and the Statistics for the year 1867-8, with the Minutes of the Third Annual Meeting held at Bassein, Nov. 1st-4th, 1868, printed at the American Mission Press, Rangoon, Burmah. This Report forms a pamphlet of ninety pages, and gives an enlarged view of the extensive missionary operations which are being carried on in British Burmah. Some of the statistics are given in another column.

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