

and more especially to that church with which you are individually connected. Let your consecration of yourself, to your Saviour, be renewed as often as you meet Him at His table. Remember that you are not your own. As often as the emblems of His broken body, and shed blood, are received by you, let the language of the poet be yours:

“Were the whole realm of nature mine—
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my life, my soul, my all.”

If with these feelings, we, from time to time endeavour to meet our Lord, the formality otherwise inseparable from a statedly recurring observance, will disappear. It will be a source of never-failing delight. We ourselves quickened and renewed, will advance in the life of God, our usefulness will be increased, our sympathies drawn out. This largely experienced will make the church to be wonderfully admired and multitudes will join themselves to us.

Resolved, That the letter now read be adopted and printed with the Minutes, and that the Editor of the “Christian Messenger” be respectfully requested to publish the same in that paper. Passed.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. E. Goucher be requested to furnish a copy of the excellent Introductory Sermon to which we have listened and forward it to the “Christian Messenger” for insertion in its columns.

The Report of the Committee on the “Christian Messenger” was presented and adopted.

REPORT UPON THE “CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.”

It having been the practice to have a Committee upon the subject of the *Christian Messenger*, and a Report prepared annually for adoption at each recurring Association, the following is submitted as containing the views of the Committee appointed during the present Session.

The *Christian Messenger* has heretofore and hitherto proved itself an invaluable auxiliary for the promotion of evangelical objects in connection with our denomination. While its readers have at the same time been supplied with a large amount of useful secular information, and the current news of the day. Your Committee therefore recommend it to the warmest sympathies of Baptist families and Baptist Churches. No higher or better guarantee for its future management, while under the control of its present Editor, is, in the opinion of your Committee, required, than a reference to its past history.

Under these circumstances it would scarcely seem to be necessary at each succeeding Association to appoint a Committee with a view of recording an expression of opinion upon the subject of its merits or its management.

All which is respectfully submitted.
J. McCULLY, Chairman.

Pereaux, June 26th, 1871.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.
Adjourned until 2½, P. M.

Afternoon Session, June 26th.

Singing, and prayer by Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D.

Voted, That Rev. I. J. Skinner be Chairman of the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Fund was presented and adopted.

Voted, That the Board of the Infirm Minister's Fund be re-appointed, substituting the name of Bro. Edward Beckwith, for that of Mayhew Beckwith, Esq., deceased.

Voted, That the Association do now adjourn to allow the Home Missionary Society to hold its Annual Meeting.

The Annual Session of the N. S. Home Missionary Society was held and the Officers and Board of Managers for the ensuing year elected. Good speeches were made in setting forth the claims of Home Missions on the churches.
Prayer by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

The business of the Association again resumed.
Prayer by Rev. James Parker.

The Committee on Questions in Letters presented their Report:

That the letters received from the African Baptist Churches at Halifax and Hammond's Plains, asking for admission into this Association, not containing sufficient information as to the reason why they receded from the organization known as the African Baptist Association. We therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the merits of the case and report at the first session of the next Association.

They also recommend that our next Association be held with 2nd Cornwallis Church, at Berwick.

R. R. PHILP, Chairman.

Voted, That the Report be taken up clause by clause. After considerable discussion on the first clause, it was unanimously adopted. Second clause passed unanimously.

In accordance with the above Report the following Committee was appointed, viz., Revs. J. M. Cramp, D. D., James Parker, J. E. Goucher, E. M. Saunders, David Shaw, T. C. Delong and Deacon David Thompson:—

Voted, That the Treasurer of this Association be instructed to pay over the moneys in his hands, to the Treasurers of the various Boards for which they are designated.

Voted, That Rev. D. Freeman, A. M., preach the Association Sermon next year, and that Rev. I. J. Skinner be his alternate.

Voted, That Rev. T. A. Higgins write the Circular Letter.

Voted, That any two members of this Association visiting the Prince Edward Island Association be our delegates to that body.

Voted, That the church at Waterville be retained on the Minutes for another year; Brethren D. M. Welton, and I. J. Skinner having requested its continuance and engaging to enquire into its standing, and report next year.

Voted, That the Burton Church be also retained at the request of Brethren S. Selden, and F. Webber, they also agreeing to make enquiry concerning it and report next year.
Voted, That Brethren S. Selden, A. Clarke, Revs. O. E. Read and A. A. Pineo be a Committee to make arrangements with the proper authorities, for the usual reduction in Railway fares to those in attendance at the Central Association, at Berwick next year.

Voted, That the Ministers be requested to read from their pulpits the Circular Letter from this body to their respective churches.

Hon. Judge McCully delivered an eloquent address in favor of Female Education, Ministerial Culture, and Benevolence.

After prayer by Rev. J. L. Read, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning Session, June 27th.

Moderator in the chair. Meeting opened by singing the 23rd Hymn, and prayer by Rev. S. B. Kempton.

Committee on Missions reported. Report laid on the table.

Minutes of last Session read and adopted.
Letter read from the Burton Church, (African.)

Voted, That the Committee appointed to visit said church be relieved from the duty imposed upon them by the resolution of yesterday.

Report on Missions taken up. Addresses by Bro S. Selden, Revs. E. M. Saunders, S. T. Rand, S. B. Kempton, D. Freeman. Report adopted.

Committee on Education presented their report.

Deeply interesting addresses were delivered on this subject by Revs. D. Freeman, Dr. Sawyer, D. M. Welton, G. D. Cox, Jas. Parker, and Bro. Rufus Sandford. Report adopted.

Bro. T. H. Rand moved the following Resolution, Seconded by Prof. D. F. Higgins.

Whereas, The erection of buildings for a Male and Female Seminary, and also for our College Library and Museum in connection with our Institutions at Horton is an immediate necessity, the entire cost of which would probably be about \$25,000:

Therefore Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Governors of Acadia College to divide the same in shares of \$250. each, and the benevolent of the denomination be solicited to take one or more of these shares till the whole are taken up.

Voted, That the Revs. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, and Bro. S. Selden be requested to prepare an Abstract of the Letters from the churches for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the brethren, sisters, and friends, of the fifth Cornwallis Church, and vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session.

Voted, That we adjourn to meet with the Second Cornwallis Church, Berwick on the first Saturday after the 20th of June, 1872, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp.
Benediction by Moderator.

E. O. READ, Moderator.
STEPHEN MARCH, Secretary.
WM. E. HALL, Assistant Secretary.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

A BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN BURMAH.

HENTHADA, April 10th, 1871.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

You and our friends may be pleased to hear something of the sayings and doings at our late Association. We left on the morning of March 1st, very early, for our first stage of travel, twelve miles, must be accomplished before the sun is too hot, and to keep with the coolies and our breakfast, we must go very slowly. Travelling in these jungles, from village to village must be somewhat like it was in our Saviour's day—substituting the words *ponies and carts*, for camels and asses. We journey on whiling the time away with singing and conversation till we reach the cool inviting, and quite spacious chapel at Plau-nee-nan. I have called this large, (twenty-one feet square) for many of them are mere nut shells.

We stay here, rest and talk with the people until the heat of the day is past, which begins to diminish between four and five, then we are on our way again; with a little ride of two hours or more, we arrive at the next stopping place where we spend the night, this is one of the “nut shells,” a floor, roof, and mats serve for sides. These have excellent places for ventilation, above, below and around. We find a box and stool for a table. From these we take our tea in camp style—sitting on the floor, so that our cups and mouths are in close proximity. The people come to visit us. We endeavour to talk with them—but they are Pwo Karens, and understand so little Sgau, while we do not talk their language at all. So they soon retire, and after prayers so do we. Next morning we were on our way so early, our guide led us astray, taking us to a brilliant light ahead, which proved to be the lights of a “Pway” or theatrical performance. Their theatre was open on all sides, and one could not avoid seeing what was going on inside, the actors were dressed according to Burman ideas very elegantly, their dresses glittering in the light with all the jewelry they could wear, and long necklaces nearly down to their knees. Two actors near them on the stage (which appeared to be slightly elevated) conversing in song; this I am told is their habit. These Pways are got up by individuals, sometimes the head man of a district or village will give them for the entertainment of his friends; they are attended with feasting and drinking, and kept up all night. We passed quickly on after inquiring the way, and a little more diligent search brought us into the right road.

Eight o'clock found us among our brothers and sisters of the Association, many of whom had come out to meet us, from quite a distance from their own village.

We could tell by the cordial grasp of the hand, the expression on the face, how pleased they were to find the “Teacher” had come, for, “had he not what would they have done.”

They never have conducted an Association without him and it would be awkward making a beginning, though from the known wish of their teacher they have chosen Moderators from among themselves for the past few years, while depending on the Teacher's guiding hand for the order of business.

We finally arrive on the spot, find they have erected two large temporary buildings of bamboo matting, one to hold the meetings in, and to furnish sleeping rooms for them, the other, for taking meals. These buildings are not made to last, merely a shade from the sun, while we are convened, and are carpeted with paddy straw, have two long seats behind the table for the accommodation of the teachers, resembling those in our school rooms of long ago—none being thought of for themselves.

We commence our meeting Thursday afternoon, much as you do at your gatherings, open the meetings, make the appointments, &c, have a letter or two read from some of the Churches and adjourn.

As we come together again for Evening Service, we are especially struck with the strange wild light, cast over everything, it is given forth by the native lamps making a large flickering blaze and considerable smoke. They are fastened every

here and there to the posts of the house, while the one sitting near feeds the wick with a stick. This evening religious exercises and more letters. Friday. We have four meetings to day, at six, ten, two, and six. Again religious services and news from the Churches. Saturday. Resolutions

are read, spoken to and passed: Would you like to see them? they were put in the form of questions this year hoping they would take hold of the people more than they had formerly.

In this district each ordained preacher, has so many churches, he visits twice or thrice a year, when they baptize if there are any candidates, and administer the Lord's Supper. They were uncertain what ought to be done with the balance of the collections taken up on these occasions, after paying expenses. The first question was therefore, “What shall be done with the sacramental collections? They satisfied their mind on this, and passed on to the next.

2nd. Ought pastors to have any care of, or be obliged to ask for their support, or does it not belong to the churches to see they have it?

3rd. Ought we not to pay more attention to our children than we do to our domestic animals?

4th. Is it too much for every individual to give a pice (or cent) weekly besides general contributions for the cause of God?

You will see by this they never had done any thing of this kind. Some of them have already instituted the “Pice box” and given very happily. Their associational contribution this year exceed last by 330 rupees, altogether amounting to 1140, this does not include any of their expenditure for chapels, their pastors, schools, or the poor.

Sabbath morning comes, rather dark and cloudy, the early morning prayer meeting is very profitable and refreshing. The Associational Sermon is preached by a young man, a last year's graduate from the Rangoon Seminary; from the words, “For me to live is Christ, &c.”

All the morning the clouds had been gathering and just as the meeting closed the drops came pattering down upon us. The sermon, was powerful enough to move the most indifferent, and I cannot but hope will be long remembered. We discussed the time and place for holding a female prayer meeting, but as there was not a separate house, or place large enough, we were obliged to give it up. The afternoon's discourse is delivered by another graduate, from Prov. viii. 34 upon the blessedness of waiting at Zion's gates. We have another shower—heavier than before and go back to the chapel, and our Associational abode to find it dripping wet, they tell us they do not remember a shower at this time before.

The meetings close with an excellent prayer-meeting on Sunday evening. The people expressed themselves as enjoying very much all that was done. We hope they will not soon forget the instructions and resolutions.

Monday at daylight finds the village cleared of pastors and people, gone back to their homes and work.

May the Lord be with them and with us all, till we meet in the great congregation above.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
MINNIE B. DEWOLFE.

For the Christian Messenger.

ESSAYS ON DENOMINATIONAL MATTERS.

No. 3.

A LOAN FUND.

Among the many interesting events which characterized the Encenia at Acadia College this present year, not the least perhaps, was a proposition to the Governors submitted by a friend of the institution, for securing a “Loan Fund.” As none of your correspondents have favoured the public with any reference to what occurred in connection with this matter, I need not further apologize I trust for thus bringing it prominently before the denomination.

The project as submitted by the gentleman with whom it originated, is substantially as follows: That a fund, of at least \$4000 be raised,—\$1,000 of which he offered personally to contribute—which shall be invested in good securities, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum. That it be placed in the hands of trustees appointed for the purpose, with power to call it (for such portions as might be required,) in, from time to time, and lend it to students and young men destined for the ministry, to enable them to prosecute their studies in connection with the Academy and College

at Wolfville. The applicant on producing satisfactory testimonials, and giving his note payable with interest at say 6, 5, or 4 per cent (a rate to be fixed upon) payable annually, and the principal at some period more or less distant, would be entitled borrow such amounts yearly, or oftener

would suffice to complete his course of study. Such was the outline of the proposition, and it was one which seemed to meet the approval of as many of the Governors as were present at the meeting to which it was submitted.

The fact that the projector declared himself ready to back up the scheme, with one thousand dollars, as a donation towards such a fund, if the project should be favorably considered, gives it an importance deserving of the gravest consideration.

The first question that would seem now to suggest itself in connection with the matter, is this—Are there not to be found within the three Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, three other gentlemen who will each give a like sum, and thus reduce the scheme to working order without further delay?

Assuredly it would lay a platform for educating a Ministry for the Provinces for all future time. The fact once known, that such a fund existed, accessible to every lad producing testimonials of character properly authenticated and within the terms of the trust to be created, would probably call out from the Baptist churches of the Provinces, numbers of naturally talented young men burning with zeal to become labourers in the Lord's vineyard, otherwise unable to qualify themselves for the work.

It might not be amiss that I should here invite the attention of those especially who possess the means, to ponder seriously upon the propriety of investing a few hundred dollars in this joint stock company.

What returns—what profits does such an investment promise? That is the question that men of the world usually ask in such cases. The ultimate profits, a day of reckoning not very far in the future to many will make appear—when it is declared “that this man and that man was born there”—but the present, and less remote dividends, will likewise doubtless be all that can be desired. The qualification to be enjoyed by the donors, will largely consist in the consciousness, that they have laid the foundation for securing an Educated Ministry for these provinces for all future time. This is likely to be considered and more fully discussed at the ensuing Convention at Yarmouth, it seems, and when the question is there asked who will supplement the required \$3,000 to constitute the nucleus of a “Ministerial Aid and Loan Fund,” it were well that the contributors should be present, and ready to respond accordingly.

ESSAYIST.

For the Christian Messenger.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

I have perused with much pleasure “An Inquirer's” “Appeal” upon behalf of Female Education. and must say, that I heartily respond to the thoughts there expressed. It is a problem which I have long sought to solve, why the female mind should be limited to a certain expansion, or, rather, why the means of expanding that mind, should be limited, while for man, they are boundless? His aspirations and yearnings for that thorough education that will enable him to occupy any position in life, intellectually, morally and religiously can be satisfied.

Now, can those of Woman? I speak with reference to the Educational advantages of Nova Scotia only; in some other countries, it is, in a measure better. A superficial boarding school course of study is not the thing, and I believe that no true woman with right views of life, can pass through such a system of training, and come out much more than miserable. Feelings of unrest and disquiet are exerted in the mind, longings after the unattainable, viz., a solid education. “Inquirer” hints at Acadia's doors being thrown open to Nova Scotia's daughters as well as sons. Might not an arrangement be made for this? If not, give us a good Female Institution at Wolfville and then combine the two; let those who might attend there have the advantages of the instructions of the Professors. We are glad to be able to recognize in the President of Acadia College a warm friend of this cause. Will he not “plead” again; we are anxious to hear more upon this subject. The time has come for decided action, “Deeds, not words.”

ONE INTERESTED.