

But to return, what said the Eastern Association to the project, after it began to be aired a little? It had strong advocates, and glowing prospects were portrayed as the probable future, if the Eastern Association would only sanction the acts of the Berwick Convention—at which they were not represented—accept a Constitution they had never seen—consent to be ignored in the vote that adopted it—take Yarmouth at the extreme West of the Province, as the home of the directory,—and without being consulted, or asked their opinion or advice, in the election of officers, ratifying all, en bloc.

Not so fast however, as will be seen. In the Evening Session, the following Resolution on the subject was presented and adopted.

Whereas, this Association is convinced of the desirability of the Union in Christian effort, of the entire Baptist body in this Province, especially in concentrated effort in our Home Mission operations, and has taken measures to bring this subject of the desirability of such union, before the Western Association—(not the Board &c.) and whereas that body responded in general to that view,

Therefore Resolved, That while this Association accept the principle, most cordially, and meet with mutual and fraternal feelings such wish on the part of the Western Association—yet this Association desires to have sufficient time both to enable it intelligently and formally to enter the newly formed organization, as well as to enable the present incorporated bodies, to successfully arrange for the adjustment of the legal disabilities to a present full consolidation of the bodies whose union is anticipated.—The italics are mine.

If the existence, or non existence of a Missionary Union, such as that projected at Berwick, depended upon a ratification by the Eastern Association, then it will hardly be contended, I ro pine, that the Berwick scheme has been sanctioned by that body. So far from this being the case the Association "desire to have sufficient time, to enable it intelligently and formally, to enter the newly formed organization. For however much union was to be desired it began to be pretty clear, that, the kind of union marked out at Berwick, was not exactly what the Sydney Association had anticipated, or bespoken. Hence, time for consideration of this particular scheme offered, ready for action with its base of operation at Yarmouth, was demanded. The last clause of the resolution very properly hints that there is a financial aspect, of the question that may be worth examining into, and legal disabilities that will require to be removed, preliminary to any "full consolidation."

Subsequently to this action on the part of the Association, as Association, the same body as "the Home Missionary Society, with its President in the chair, passed the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Officers and Board of the past year be re-appointed, substituting the name of B. H. Eaton for that of T. H. Rand, and that the Board be instructed to confer with the Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union, with a view to such an arrangement of measures as may lead to the consolidation of our Home Missionary efforts in one Institution, on just principles and in a safe and satisfactory manner."

Nothing can be clearer, I take it, than that no "consolidation" had, in the view of the Society, taken place up to the time when they passed this Resolution. A conference is directed, whether by letter and correspondence, or how otherwise, is not set forth, but the object of it is to be "for the arrangement of measures" which might "lead to consolidation, &c., on just principles, and in a safe and satisfactory manner."

Any other Union, than such as the Society here bespeaks—one satisfactory to the great body of the denomination, and harmonizing with its sympathies—could only result in injury, weakness and loss, in divisions instead of real Union, in trouble discord and dissatisfaction. It is true that the Society, in courtesy to the Berwick Convention speak of it as they chose to designate themselves, viz., as "the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union;" and also of "this Board," but this is merely a point of etiquette, for unless there actually exist such an organization, properly and constitutionally formed, no designation of it in this way, could create it. If formed, however, it might exist for certain purposes, yet by no means be a substitute for all other organizations, absorbing them and their revenues and blotting them out of existence, as was contended.

In reference to the "disabilities" existing and requiring time for removal, as referred to by the Eastern Association in their Resolution—how could it be expected that any act or charter of incorporation absorbing them, would pass, or be expected

ed to pass through the Legislature, until each of the bodies at present incorporated should first by Resolution, formally adopted, request that their respective charters should be annulled, and their functions, and funds as well, be transferred to the new organization? Even then, the Legislature would require duly verified accounts and vouchers, to satisfy itself, that there were no debts, no creditors, whose interests might be affected.

It has been made a point of some importance in the arguments in favour of the change contemplated, that in such case, a Missionary would be secured for the whole field, with a fixed salary, whose services would be most important, and thence system and advantages of various kinds would result. Perhaps so. But the present Board tried this experiment—once, and secured the services of the late Rev. Mr. Bently. His health, however soon after gave way entirely—he had hoped thereby to recruit it—and although the Board have again and again sought for a suitable agent, up to the present, they have never succeeded. Not for the want of funds, because they were prepared to provide liberally for this Missionary, but because it was found to be a most difficult thing to do, that is, to procure a healthy, suitable person, who would consent to engage for a yearly stipend—or do more than accept, as a temporary expedient, until a suitable past-rate offered.

But apart from the point whether an agent could be more easily obtained in one case than in the other, I do not wish it to be considered, nor am I disposed here to attempt an argument for or against the principle of the larger Union. At present it should be conceded in all fairness, that so far as public sentiment has been evoked, the result would seem to be favorable to Union, on some proper basis.

At the next Annual Meeting of the respective Associations, the opinion of the Churches could easily be collected, and if favorable, a committee of three, one from each Association could be then appointed, to report up the condition of things as they exist, debts, credits, liabilities, undertakings, &c., &c., and the draft of a constitution be prepared for adoption at a general Convention, if thought necessary, to be held in some central place.

True, this would take time, but the Mission work would in no way be interrupted in the mean while. Festina lente. Make haste slowly, is an excellent ancient maxim, which might often be profitably acted out, and well applies, I think, to a case like the present.

I have endeavoured as far as possible to argue the case upon its merits, without mentioning even the names of advocates on either side of the question. Nothing, I am satisfied will be gained by saying smart things, or questioning the motives of others. Those from whom I may happen to differ, are doubtless as sincere and as anxious as I am, for the best and wisest project, to be wisely and ably administered. And that such may be the result of our labours, our deliberations and reasonings, is the sincere desire of the writer.

Before closing I may add, that I am impressed with the observations of Dr. Sawyer in the Messenger of the 14th inst., headed "THE OBJECTS OF THE CONVENTION."

Our Associations, Conventions, Societies, &c., are not careful enough in drafting and considering Resolutions submitted and adopted. "The Convention Constitution" affords ample proof of this, as he has shown, and the distance our Home Mission Society has drifted from its constitution, which was originally designed to consist primarily of "dollar a year members," and now has not a single member of the kind that was intended to be a substantial organization, apart from the Associations, and now but for the Associations, would have lost its identity, that does its work as a Society in, with, and by the Association, the Moderator making way for the President to take the chair for the time being, affords further illustration of what Dr. Sawyer has very properly called public attention, to as "Constitutional right," to be defended.

The history of this Berwick Union organization furnishes abundant material for serious reflection, and caution in the modes of proceeding, and the danger of too much haste in matters of great moment; often caused, no doubt, from the want of sufficient time, and the multiplicity of objects to be despatched.

J. McCULLY, Treas. N. S. B. H. M. S. 15th August, 1872.

The Lord has many fine farms from which he receives but little rent.

For the Christian Messenger. DEATH OF MR. ALEX. W. POLLOCK, B. A., BY DROWNING.

Dear Brother, During the past few days a feeling of sadness has prevailed in this community, caused by the occurring of a sudden and gloomy accident.

On Wednesday last, Mr. Alexander W. Pollock, B. A., was drowned. On the evening of the above mentioned day, Mr. Pollock, in company with two friends concluded to embrace the excellent opportunity for bathing afforded in this vicinity. He stated that he could not swim. The water, however, was not deep, except in one place about twenty feet in width, rendering it apparently quite safe, even to those who could not swim. He had not been in the water long, when the friend who was with him noticed something strange in his actions, for one who was not accustomed to the water. In an instant he turned and plunged into the deepest part and went down, not to rise again until he was borne up by another. The body was soon brought to the surface and carried to a house near by, and medical aid at once obtained. Every means possible was used for his recovery, if perchance life's spark had not been quite extinguished, but all in vain no signs of life remained. The happy spirit had taken its flight from the prison of clay, and all there was for us to do was to return his cold remains to his sorrowing friends. From the circumstances of the case, it is thought probable that ere he sunk, the pale messenger had laid his hand upon him. For not a cry did he utter. Nor was there a dying groan heard. He sunk and that is all we know.

Last evening his body was placed on board the steamer, and sent to his home in Pietou Co.

Mr. Pollock was one of the class which graduated from Dalhousie College last spring. It was his earnest desire, and his intention to resume his studies at another institution, with a view of entering the ministry.

He was a young man possessing a good mind, and promised to be an earnest worker in the vineyard of our Master. But God "who sees not as man sees," saw that it was for the best, that he should not labor any longer here, and hence he sent his messenger to summon him home.

Mr. Pollock came to this place the first of last May, and has been engaged here as a teacher. During his short stay, he had won the esteem and affection of all who knew him. He gained the confidence of the old, and the young could not help respecting one so unassuming, genial as a companion, and so firm and consistent as a christian.

The writer's acquaintance with the deceased was but short; it was long enough, however, to convince me that he commanded my respect as a friend, a christian, and a brother.

In the conversations we had together he expressed his sympathy with those who were engaged in telling "the old, old story," by whatever name they were called, and he longed to be engaged in the same glorious work.

He once spoke of the satisfaction it gave him, when he was permitted to work a little for the Master, by distributing tracts in parts of Halifax. But his work is done, and we can only look to Him who does all things well, and say, "Not my will, but thine be done," or in the words of the poet,—

"Go to thy grave in all thy glorious prime, In full activity of zeal and power; A christian cannot die before his time, The Lord's appointment is the servant's hour."

G. W. THOMAS. Port Hawkesbury, Aug. 8th.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mr. Editor, I see you have published in the "Messenger," some tables and comparisons relating to our Foreign Missionary operations, which I prepared some time since and handed to the Secretary of the F. M. Board in St John, and which you no doubt copied from the Visitor. The original paper was not prepared for publication, and the figures were intended only as approximations! but most of the sums are correct within less than one dollar. Having since gone over the same work more carefully, I find there are several errors in the statements as they appear. Perhaps some are misprints. For the sake of greater accuracy, your readers who care to do so may make the following corrections.

In the first Table, for 646.00—34 cts., read 546.00—3 1-15 cents.

In the third Table, the first four, the sixth and the twelfth sums are wrong: for \$681, read 763; for 788, read 388; for 800, read 591; for 658, read 630; for 1157, read 1124; for 2127, read 2527.

Total of the last two years (1870-71.) \$9030. Total of the previous four years (1866-9) \$9529. Total of the last four years (1868-71); \$14,233. Total of the previous twelve years (1856-67); \$12,868.

Instead of the last paragraph, this Table may be substituted:—

Table with 3 columns: Year, Contributions for Native Preachers, Proportion of total contributions. Rows for 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871.

Yours truly, LUKK.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

DEACON W. H. QUIGLEY.

Died at Boston, on the 17th of June last of small pox, in the 59th year of his age, Deacon W. H. Quigley, late of Digby, N. S. About thirty years ago brother Quigley when residing in Granville, was enlightened by the Holy Spirit. saw himself a condemned sinner fled for refuge to the sinner's friend, obtained the assurance of his love, and united with the church in that place. Upwards of twenty years ago he became a resident of Digby, and at the formation of the Baptist church in that place he was chosen a deacon, of which he continued a useful member until about six years ago, when he removed to Boston. During the last winter although he was in the enjoyment of tolerably good health, yet he was impressed with the idea that his earthly course was nearly ended. He enjoyed in an unusual degree the services of the sanctuary. About a week before his death, being on a Lord's day evening at the house of his son, Dr. Quigley he with great animation united with him and others in singing the appropriate hymn:— Joyfully, joyfully, onward we move, Bound to the land of bright spirits above Angelic choristers sing as I come, Joyfully, joyfully, haste to thy home: As the fatal disease which terminated his life in seven days, progressed, he became unconscious, in which state he remained until a few hours before his death, when he became entirely convulsed and calm and happy in the prospect of his speedy departure. He spoke of the pleasure it would afford him to see his family, could he be permitted to do so, but said, It is all right; (to prevent the contagion, spreading it was necessary that he should be removed from them.)

He then selected the following appropriate hymn, which he desired his attendant to ask his family to read; and shortly after his spirit was absent from the body and present with the Lord:— O thou faithful God of love, Gladly I thy promise plead; Waiting for my last remove,— Hastening to the happy dead: Lo I cast on thee my care Breathe my latest breath in prayer. Trusting in thy word alone, I to thee my children leave; Call my little ones thy own; Give them all thy blessing, give; Keep them while on earth they breathe, Save their souls from endless death.

Whom I to thy grace commend, Into thy embraces take; Be her sure immortal friend, Save her for my Saviour's sake; Free from sin and sorrow free, Let my widow trust in thee.

Father of the fatherless Husband of the widow prove; Me and mine persist to bless; Tell me we shall meet above; Seal the promise on my heart, Bid me then in peace depart.

On the first Lord's day in July, a funeral sermon was preached in the Warren Avenue Baptist Church, by the writer from Phillippians i. 21. "To die is gain."—Communicated by Rev. James Spencer.

Religious Intelligence.

OPENING OF THE BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE AT BROOKLYN, QUEENS, Co.—Mr. Editor,—Some of your readers may be interested to hear of the opening of a new place of worship. The Baptist community of the above named place have succeeded by their earnest efforts, and unabating zeal and energy in completing their new and very commodious house of worship. On Sabbath July 21st it was dedicated. The opening service commenced at 3 P.M. The house was filled to its utmost capacity.

The Dedication Sermon was preached by Revd. Joseph Jones, A. B. from Ephesians ii. 20, 21. The sermon was deeply interesting, clearly setting forth the glorious truths of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Again in the evening the house was filled when Revd. W. G. Parker preached from Luke xxiv. 46, 47.

The services were shared in by Rev. Mr. Black (Congregational) and were of a highly pleasing and deeply impressive character. The choir dispensed sweet music adding greatly to the interest of the occasion.

Much work may be done there for the Master, and we hope many souls may be born into the kingdom of Christ, and such be added to the church there as shall be eternally saved.

Yours truly, J. D. SKINNER.

Liverpool, Aug. 10th 1872.

JEDDRE.—Rev. J. Meadows writes dated July 27th, 1872:—Dear Editor,—The Lord is still in the midst of his church in Jeddore; dispensing unto her light and warmth; enabling her at times to "rejoice, with joy unspeakable and full of glory," and adding now and then, those to her number, who are, I trust eternally saved.—I had the privilege of baptizing seven happy converts on the 21st inst., five of whom are members of the Sabbath School. Thus encouraging the Teachers to labor on, untiringly, in the glorious work of winning souls for Christ. Several others have requested the prayers of God's people, some of whom have gone to the bay fisheries. May the salvation of the Lord follow them, that they return rejoicing in the full liberty of the children of God.

ONTARIO, AND QUEBEC.—Cheltenham,—The Lord still continues to bless the church in Cheltenham. Three more have been "buried with Christ in baptism." God be thanked that the truth is prevailing?

More Baptisms.—We are glad to learn that Pastor T. Dyall had the pleasure of baptizing three rejoicing believers on Monday Evening July 29th in the Chemong Lake.

Clarence.—Pastor G. e. Holmes is permitted to rejoice in a large ingathering of precious souls. He expected to baptize seven last Sabbath; and at least as many next Lord's day. Some of the converts are quite young: one interesting candidate being only seven years of age.

Pastor J. Lince writes as follows: We are having good times in Lobo. I baptized two interesting young sisters last Sabbath, and three others three weeks ago. Three have been restored. I anticipate the pleasure ere long of baptizing others, and seeing others restored.

NICTAUX!! A GRAND TEA MEETING.

THE Ladies of the Nictaux Baptist Church, and Congregation intend holding a Tea Meeting at the Meeting House on Wednesday, Aug. 28th, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Tickets 37c. Children 25c. Proceeds to be appropriated towards liquidating the debt on the Parsonage lately finished. Vocal, and Instrumental Music, with good Speeches may be expected, all of which we hope will make the occasion one of interest to old and young. P. S.—If the day proves unfavourable, it will take place the first fine day following. Signed in behalf of the Committee, W. A. MORSE.

Nictaux, August 15th, 1872. Aug. 21.



PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA. TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned at Halifax, will be received until noon, on SATURDAY, 24th inst., for the removal of a quantity of Earth from the Slopes of St. Peter's Canal, C. B. A specification of the work to be performed, may be seen at this office or on application to the Post-master, St. Peter's, where forms of Tender may also be obtained. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any Tender received.

By order, ALEX. MACNAB, Civil Engineer. Railway Office, Halifax, August 7th, 1872. Aug. 14.

WRECKED GOODS From S. S. "DACIAN," AT THE LONDON HOUSE.

800 yds Black Silks & Satins, Black and Colored Silk Ribbons. A large assortment of BRUSSELS CARPET, TAPESTRY do. SCOTCH do. BLACK CLOTHS AND COATINGS. The above are only slightly damaged, and will be sold off at GREAT BARGAINS. THOMSON & CO. May 1.