

both sexes, it was evident that this was the great day of the feast. The ladies of the denomination came up in force from all parts,—from Sydney and from Yarmouth, from Halifax and St. John, as well as from all the districts in the country. A "new departure" indeed, thought we, as the sisters came trooping in to the vestry, where was gathered the Foreign Missionary Board, until the place was filled, and then they proceeded gravely to attend to the department of the Women's Aid Societies. How strange, and yet how prophetic of what woman is to do in the world's evangelization, to hear the sound of a whole assembly of female voices as they joined in singing the praises of the Redeemer, and the certainty of the triumph of his cross! While the men were transacting the business in the main floor of the church the women were carrying on the work of their department in the vestry below.

It was a fine sight, that which was witnessed on Monday evening, and one which will not soon be seen again.—There sat on the platform in the Windsor meeting-house seven young people who have consecrated themselves to the service of the Master in foreign lands. Beside them were venerable brethren who, for more than half a century, have been engaged in the home work of Foreign Missions, advocating them among the people, and corresponding with Missionaries abroad.—There were, to add interest to the scene, two returned Missionaries, who had breathed the air of Burmah, learned the language of the Karens, who had for years "ceased not to preach and teach Jesus Christ" to those who sat in the very "shadow of death," and who had battled with fever and disease, and were compelled to fly back to our northern clime for recuperation. One thing alone was wanting to complete the picture, and to satisfy every heart—the presence of the beloved A. R. R. Crawley. The cold damp atmosphere and chilly wind of Monday compelled him to stay at his lodgings in the evening. The addresses of the Missionaries elect were sober and practical as of men who had weighed the difficulties of the undertaking, yet a glow of enthusiasm pervaded their spirit which communicated itself to all the large assemblage. We felt proud of such men and women, and thankful that the Lord of the harvest had raised them up and was thrusting them forth.

The address of Bro. Carpenter was excellent. Nothing could have been in better keeping with the wants of the Convention. Information was fully given, misconceptions and prejudices floated away, and all saw that the Independent Mission is based on firm foundations.—Every one felt that the Master was saying to us, "Go! Lo I am with you." When the Rev. W. B. Boggs, the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, introduced the youthful Missionaries to the audience, a strange thrill ran through every soul present. For the moment each one—the most matter-of-fact together with the most romantic—felt the Missionary impulse, and many a young Christian uttered again the words, "Here am I; send me." Rev. W. B. Boggs in introducing the prayer of Dr. Tupper, and the address of Dr. Cramp to the departing Missionaries, were all peculiarly appropriate, and the impression created will not soon be forgotten.

The College, ever dear to the Baptist heart, received patient and prolonged consideration, and more of real ability than we have seen for years, was shewn in dealing with the educational department of the Convention. The addresses of Revs. E. M. Saunders and C. Goodspeed were especially noticeable, as shewing the utter impossibility of Baptists uniting to support a Provincial University.

The arrangements for the comfort of the members of the Convention were as nearly perfect as is possible under the circumstances. The attendance was exceptionally large, and the accommodation of the Windsor Church was heavily taxed. Hantsport and adjacent localities, however, opened their homes, and everybody, and, in many instances, everybody's wife and daughter were bountifully provided for. Pastor Welton never looked troubled, and was always on hand. The meeting-house was well ventilated, a large platform was erected for the occasion, and nothing was left undone to give facility to the despatch of business, and the comfortable carrying out of the objects for which the brethren had assembled.

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A PROVINCIAL CATTLE AND AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION is to be held in Halifax, in October, 1874.

THE MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AT WINDSOR.

On Tuesday evening the Baptist meeting-house in Windsor was filled to hear Rev. C. H. Carpenter's lecture on "The Great Commission." Bro. Carpenter had before laid us under deep obligation. At every step of the discussion on Missionary matters, he had given us the results of his rich experience and comprehensive judgment. Now however, he came before us with such an argosy of Missionary literature, such a philosophical, earnest, picturesque, and eloquent array of noble ideas, as to make all feel that we never could discharge the debt. Nor was there the bewilderment and confusion of thought so often engendered by the brilliant oration. It was everywhere studded with points—and the whole impression tended to make every one feel that it is the paramount duty of the church to carry or to send the Gospel to every creature. Young men, and some who have spent years in the pastorate, felt bound to consider the question as to whether they are doing right to remain in a country already evangelized; and several expressed their conviction—a conviction, be it remarked, only brought to an open confession by Bro. Carpenter's address—that in the Foreign field they ought to labor, and that they were prepared to go far hence whenever their brethren were prepared to send them.

Bro. A. R. R. Crawley made a short soul-stirring address, arguing the truth and pertinence of the lecturer's words,—after which the most enthusiastic missionary meeting we have ever attended slowly dissolved.

On Wednesday morning, Dr. Spurden read a very lucid and exhaustive paper on MIRACLES. He referred particularly to the most prominent of those mentioned in old testament history, and pointed out the fact that the miracles of Jesus were the proof of His Messiahship. The author explained the Hebrew and Greek terms used to denote miracles, and defined miracles as superhuman works wrought by God himself or through the medium of others, to show that the doer of the work has some special commission from God. He objected to the definition that a miracle is a violation or suspension of law, and shewed that this cannot be proved. Considered the question as to whether miracles can be wrought by Satanic agency. They may be wrought, but if their effect is to turn men away from the Lord, their authority is evidently not from above. The moral significance of the miracle was the last point considered, viz., to warn, punish, to benefit and bless, and to produce faith in the recipients and beholders.

Immediately following Rev. G. M. W. Carey delivered the second lecture upon, THE HINDRANCES TO THE PROGRESS OF CHRISTIANITY in professedly christian lands. The main hindrances were: Scepticism, in its various phases. Rationalism was also pointed out as one of the great obstacles to the progress of the true principles of the gospel, the writer rapidly glancing at the systems and names of the distinguished scientists who advocate and guide the naturalistic tendencies of the day.

Ritualism the lecturer characterized as "Romanism in the germ" and as the "religion of human nature."

He then adverted to the growth and spread of Universalism, not as organized, but as pervading the minds of many belonging to evangelical bodies.

The worldliness of professing Christians and Covetousness make up the main hindrances to the spread of true religion. Unmovable faith in God and His word is the remedy for all the evils which afflict the church.

On Wednesday afternoon Rev. Dr. Cramp presented a well-digested Essay on THE BLANKS OF THE BIBLE. Commencing with the family of Adam, the writer pointed out in great detail the many omissions that occur in the sacred record: for example, the early life of Abraham, the first seventeen years of Joseph's life—the infancy of the Israelitish people in Egypt—the eighty years of the life of Moses before his public career commenced. The sons of the prophets: who were they? What did they do? the latter days of the life of Daniel—the hiatus between Malachi and Matthew, in the Old Testament, while in the New Testament the omissions pointed out were the time between our Lord's birth and his twelfth year, and between that time and his thirtieth year: the few statements of our Lord's teachings; the slender biographies of the Apostles; no church books have been preserved,

no record of an ordination service remains; the manner of receiving church members cannot be traced. The principle reasons for these omissions are: the bible was designed to be a portable work; the plan adopted by the sacred writers shews that they could not have been influenced by human motives, else they would have expanded and explained. The Apostles were probably restrained by the Holy Spirit, from branching into details. The completeness of the Bible is matter for great thankfulness. It is sufficient for the doctrine, discipline and comfort of the church.

At the close of the foregoing lecture a private meeting of the Institute was held, and after discussion it was determined to hold the next session of the Institute immediately after the Convention to be held in 1874, at Portland St. John. Brethren Dr. Cramp, I. E. Bill, G. M. W. Carey, and T. H. Porter were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for lectures; and it was understood that the Committee announce the subjects and names of lecturers previous to the Convention in the denominational newspapers.

The paper on PLYMOUTHISM by Rev. D. M. Welton, was read in the evening. The subject created a good deal of interest, and a large assemblage was gathered on the occasion. The author charged the "Brethren" with being among the "most self-righteous, Jesuitical and heretical, of the many sects into which Christendom is divided." He characterized them as filled with spiritual pride and arrogance. Being professedly the meekest of people, they really engage in the bitterest of feuds. They have separated from one another, leader has traduced leader, section has excommunicated section, and they have succeeded in generally devouring one another to an extent only paralleled by the celebrated feline quadrupeds of Kilkenny. The paper was of that peculiar slashing style always relished by an audience of any kind, yet close and critical enough to satisfy the scholarly portion. Mr. W. treated the whole subject most exhaustively, and we but express the general desire of the Institute when we say, that we hope the author will not permit his manuscript to rest longer upon his study shelf.

There were two or more brethren prepared to lecture on the following day, but as most of the members were to leave in the morning, it was decided to request these brethren to reserve their papers for the next session. The Institute then adjourned. The usual devotional exercises were observed at the opening and closing of each session.

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Windsor, Aug. 28, 1873.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES MEETING AT WINDSOR.

On Monday the 25th ult., the spacious vestry of the Windsor Baptist Church was filled by sisters at three o'clock, the hour named for opening the meeting. Mrs. Payzant, formerly President of the W. M. A. Society in that place presided, assisted by Miss Harding. After singing the hymn "Watchman tell us of the night," the 82nd Psalm was read, prayer was offered by Mrs. Boggs, some introductory remarks made were by the President, and the hymn, "What shall the harvest be?" sung.

Mrs. A. R. R. Crawley on behalf of the Central Boards and representatives of various Societies present from different parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, gave our dear sister Miss M. B. DeWolfe, a most affectionate and cordial welcome to her native land, at the same time expressing the hope that her health would soon be re-established. Mrs. C. then remarked "we all know how sweet is sympathy in all conditions of life. We have some little idea of what it must be to be without a God and Father to go to; then let us think of the state of the heathen, without this comfort to fly to in times of trouble and distress, and with no knowledge of a sympathizing Saviour. I trust that this work will prosper, and that to all eternity we may rejoice in the good."

Mrs. Tupper, of Aylesford said, "the cause of missions lies very near my heart. I was four years of age when Dr. Judson and others went out to Burmah, and from that time to this I have taken the deepest interest in the work. The sisters in our Society at Aylesford number about fifty, and all feel great pleasure in helping on the good cause."

The meeting was then addressed by Mrs. Sanford, Miss Armstrong, Miss

Eaton and Miss Faulkner, the Missionaries elect. They all spoke of their joy in consecrating themselves to Christ, of their ardent desire to spend the rest of their lives in his service in a foreign field, of the struggles they had gone through in some instances before their present decision was arrived at, and of their confidence in the prayers and christian sympathies of the dear sisters of the various Societies, in these Provinces.

Miss M. B. DeWolfe then offered prayer, after which earnest addresses were made by Mrs. Spurden, Mrs. J. F. Kempton, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. T. DeWolfe, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Chipman, Mrs. Selden and others. Miss M. B. DeWolfe then read and sang a hymn in the Karen language, after which Mrs. Tupper introduced the two young sisters to the meeting, who are going out supported by the Societies of these Provinces, giving them loving words of counsel and encouragement; the audience rising in token of their sympathy. Rev. W. F. Armstrong, having expressed a wish to speak a few words, came in, and brought before the meeting the subject of Mission Bands in Sunday Schools, urging upon the sisters the importance of enlisting the aid and sympathy of the children in the good work.

As it was felt that this subject, with others, should be more fully considered, it was proposed that the meeting should adjourn till the next day, at three o'clock. After singing the Missionary hymn, Mr. Armstrong closed the meeting.

Tuesday, at three o'clock, the vestry was again well filled by the sisters. Mrs. Tupper was requested to preside, assisted by Mrs. Payzant. After singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Mr. Robinson, the subject introduced by Mr. Armstrong the previous day was fully discussed, also the best means of making our monthly prayer meetings more interesting, so as to induce a larger number to attend. These subjects were very freely spoken to, by Mrs. Tupper, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Selden, and others.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. J. F. Kempton, and seconded by Mrs. Selden.

Resolved, That this meeting recommend the Teachers in the Sunday Schools in our several churches to form Mission Bands among the children under their care, thus endeavouring to enlist their sympathy and co-operation in the cause. All monies so raised to be kept apart for the education of children in the schools under the direction of our Missionaries.

Rev. Mr. Carpenter, having been invited, kindly consented to address the meeting, and spoke on the Home work in connection with the subject of Missions, giving many valuable suggestions as to the best means of systematizing the agencies employed, and expressing his pleasure at finding that the sisters in these Provinces had entered so heartily into the work.

By special request, Mr. Carpenter and Miss DeWolfe sang a verse of a hymn in Karen, and after uniting in the Doxology, the meeting dispersed, all feeling well pleased at the success which had attended the first attempt to hold a Missionary Convention of the members of the W. M. A. Societies.

Want of space has obliged us to condense as much as possible the account of the proceedings.

M. R. SELDEN,  
Secretary, Central Board.

THE VISIT OF THE MISSIONARY BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO HALIFAX has been the occasion of some meetings of great interest.

On Lord's Day morning Rev. Rufus Sanford preached in Granville Street.

Rev. W. F. Armstrong in the North Church and Rev. George Churchill at Dartmouth.

In the evening a General Meeting was held in Granville street, when the Pastor, Rev. E. M. Sanders, and each of the Ministers gave appropriate, warm hearted, addresses.

In addition to the above were the following who all appeared on the platform: Mrs. Sanford, of Billtown, Cornwallis; Miss Faulkner of Truro; Miss Armstrong of Wolfville, granddaughter of Father T. S. Harding; and Miss Flora Eaton, of Canard, Cornwallis.

On Monday afternoon the Ladies of the Missionary party met with the Women's Missionary Aid Societies of the two churches in Granville street church and held an hour of sisterly intercourse which proved most refreshing to all present.

On Monday evening a FAREWELL MEETING was held in the North Baptist Church

when each of the Missionaries spoke with stirring effect. Rev. J. F. Avery the pastor conducted the meeting and spoke at intervals.

Rev. E. M. Saunders with much emotion addressed the meeting in reference to the work on which the brethren and sisters were about to enter.

Rev. A. S. Hunt also spoke at some length and with much affection, and conveyed the pleasing information that the Rev. Mr. Sanford and one of the ladies had been baptised by him.

At the close, Rev. Dr. Clay, on behalf of the churches represented in the large congregation, gave the hand of fellowship and farewell, addressing each with cheering and comforting words; and alluding to the peculiar circumstances of each, producing deep feeling in the meeting and a powerful impression of the solemnity of the occasion.

The Collection amounted to upwards of \$34, and about the same on Sunday evening.

Notices, &c.

The Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, acknowledges receipt of five dollars (\$5), from "a Friend," Wine Harbor, Guysboro Co., per R. N. Beckwith, Esq., Secretary. Halifax, 27th Aug., 1873.

POSTPONEMENT OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Dear Brother,—It is thought necessary to postpone our Sabbath School Convention for one month. Our Ministers' Conference is to meet in Canard in October, and the Sabbath School Convention, as it is to be in the same place, should be in connection with it, so as to secure better attendance, and put the friends in Canard to less inconvenience. I therefore give notice that the Sabbath School Convention of the Central Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, will be held in Canard, on Thursday the 16th day of October, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

By order,  
D. FREEMAN, Sec.  
Canving, Aug. 27, 1873.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The first session of the next College year will begin on Thursday, Sept. 4.

Opening Address Thursday evening, by the President.

Matriculation Examination, Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 9 o'clock A. M. All applications made to the subscriber for fuller information, will receive prompt attention.

A. W. SAWYER, President.  
Aug. 6, 1873.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

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M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.  
September 3rd, 1873.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

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