

The Christian Messenger.

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THE N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION commenced its 23rd Annual Session at Pugwash, on Saturday last.

A list of Delegates having been obtained from the Letters, the officers were chosen as follows: Moderator, Rev. A. Chipman; Clerk, Rev. J. B. McQuillin; Assistant Clerk, Rev. J. E. Goucher; Treasurer, Bro. R. D. Burgess.

Rev. G. F. Miles preached on Saturday evening. At the close of the service a young man who had come about eight miles for the purpose, arose, and gave an interesting account of his conversion and asked for baptism.

The Lord's Day services were attended by large congregations. In the morning, Rev. J. E. Goucher preached an awakening sermon in the Baptist Chapel from Rom. xiii. 10, 11, and Rev. D. McKeen in the Presbyterian from Isaiah xliii. 10.

The Baptist Missionary Magazine for July is a pamphlet of more than 300 pages, containing the Annual Report of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

The report recognizes the work of Miss Norris and Miss De Wolfe sustained by our Women's Missionary Aid Societies, and the Native Preachers sustained by our Missionary Board.

Under "Tavoy" the Report says: "No systematic labor has been performed in this old field since Mr. Norris was compelled to leave, nearly two years ago."

Under "Bassein" the report continues, "Miss H. M. Norris, of Nova Scotia, and Miss Watson were there, connected with the female school, and Miss A. L. Stevens arrived in March following."

We have always understood that the native preachers constitute the really effective evangelizing force in all heathen countries.

Some facts in reference to the Karens of Siam are given, which may not have been before our readers exactly in the same form.

The bounds of the Karen field in Siam may be roughly sketched as follows: from a point on the boundary due east of Mergui draw a line to the city of Petch-a-bu-ree; thence to Kan-buree; thence to Muang Oo-tai on the headwaters of the Tachien River, near its junction with the Menam;

The following is Mr. Carpenter's view of the religious condition of the people, and the feasibility of labor among them:

Nearly all whom we met profess to be Buddhists. At several points we found Buddhist monasteries erected by Karens, and inhabited by Karens wearing the yellow robe.

It would be a mistake to suppose that these Karens at present desire the gospel. So far as we can judge, their minds are at rest in their present superstitions.

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been marked by a spirit of harmony and an earnest desire for the welfare of the Master's cause.

The interest manifested in the cause of missions beyond the district of Bassein, deserves notice, and is destined greatly to increase.

Miss Norris had charge of the female vernacular department after the departure of Mrs. Carpenter until she left, and succeeded in drawing in new pupils from the jungle, and left the school in a prosperous condition.

Japan is now receiving a good share of attention as a field for mission work. This report says in reference to that country:

"The committee, in the name of the Union, assumed the support of the two missionaries under appointment by the Free Mission Society, Rev. Jonathan Goble, and Rev. Nathan Brown, D. D. These brethren reached Yokohama in February, and will take immediate steps towards beginning missionary labor.

The country fully meets my expectations. It is cultivated, and the people are far superior to any of the tribes of India or China.

The calendar has been changed to correspond with the European reckoning, beginning the year with January 1. The old holidays are set aside and Sunday established as the legal holiday, under the title, 'Day of Light,' or 'Sun's day,' while the other days bear the names of the several planets, as ours do.

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Another found a Sunday School of 84. It now numbers 254. He has given the hand of fellowship to 148. A number of strong men have come to him from the Romish Church.

2. RICHMOND INSTITUTE, AT RICHMOND,

VA. Rev. Charles H. Corey, Principal. Number of pupils, seventy-five.

Sixty of the young men of this school have recently subscribed one hundred dollars each—making \$6,000 in all—towards endowing their Institute.

The Principal writes: "Our young men never worked harder, and never made better progress than during the present year. I have refused many who would gladly have come but for want of means and want of room."

3. SHAW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, AT RALEIGH, N. C. Rev. Henry Martin Lupper, Principal. Number of pupils, one hundred and seventy-four.

A precious revival has prevailed in this school, and all but two in the boarding department have found peace in believing.

Some of the pupils at Raleigh have given touching expression to their feelings upon the subject, and declared a willingness to consecrate themselves to the work of preaching the Gospel in the land of their forefathers.

By the blessing of God upon the energy and faith of the Principal of this school, a new building, seventy by forty four feet, and four stories high, has been completed;

4. BENEDICT INSTITUTE AT COLUMBIA S. C. Rev. Timothy S. Dodge, Principal. Number of pupils, one hundred and forty-two.

No one of our schools has grown more rapidly in numbers and in usefulness than this. It began December 5th, 1870, with one pupil, a freedman Preacher, sixty six years old!

5. THE AUGUSTA INSTITUTE, AUGUSTA, GA. Rev. Joseph T. Robert, L. L. D., Principal.—Number of pupils, fifty-two.

This school occupies a choice lot, but the school building is poor, and the accommodations for the students in the way of board and lodging, have been very uninviting.

6. LELAND UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA. Rev. S. B. Gregory, Principal. Number of pupils, seventy-two.

Vigorous efforts have been made during the year to carry forward the new school building towards completion.

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has watched and superintended the work with unceasing fidelity. The following facts will illustrate the nature and wants of this great field:

The majority of the people of Louisiana are colored. The majority of the State Legislature are colored. The Lieutenant-Governor who presides over the Senate, is a full African.

Besides this, there are some thirty-three Roman Catholic Churches in New Orleans, while there are only about thirteen Baptist Churches, two of whites and eleven colored.

Add to this the fact that Louisiana has a population of 364,000 freedmen; Texas, 253,000; Mississippi, 444,000; and Alabama, 475,000; making a total of 1,536,000.

Then remember that this is the only Freedmen Ministerial School the Baptists have for these four great States, and it will be seen that the destitution is simply appalling!

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My governing principle is this: To fit as many young Freedmen for the Lord's work, as well and as quickly as possible, and to spend not one cent beyond what that requires."

THE LATE JARVIS W. HARTT,

of St. John, N. B. formerly occupied a very important position as Principal of the Horton Academy, and secured the esteem of a large number of our brethren in this Province.

The following notice of our valued friend and brother we find in the Visitor, and copy it for the satisfaction of those of our readers who knew him:

On Monday 30th of June, an hour after the sun had reached his meridian height, the sunset of life came unexpectedly and suddenly to our loved friend and christian brother.

The announcement that Jarvis W. Hartt, Principal of the Girl's High School of this city, had fallen asleep to wake no more in this world, soon spread throughout the community, everywhere inflicting a painful shock and bringing sadness to many hearts.

His indisposition had been of but short duration, and had not necessitated even a temporary cessation from the daily duties of his profession. On the morning of the last day of his earthly career he taught his classes as usual, and closing his school at the usual hour, he walked to the office of his family physician that he might receive medical advice.

Mr. Hartt was born in Kingsclear, York Co., in the year 1812. His father was Aaron Hartt, a sturdy yeoman, industrious, thoughtful and godly, and universally respected by all who knew him.

In early life Jarvis evinced an ardent thirst for learning, which his parents readily encouraged and stimulated. He availed himself of such opportunities to acquire an education as were then within the reach of our Baptist youth, and though he found he was debarred from entering King's College, then closed against all who would not sign the thirty-nine articles of the Church of England, yet, if we mistake not, he was permitted to make an arrangement by means of which he received the private instruction of some of the members of the college faculty.

When, shortly after the Baptist Seminary commenced operations in Fredericton, Mr. Hartt was appointed the assistant of Rev. F. W. Miles, first Principal of that Institution. He proved to be an able and congenial colleague of the devoted and successful Miles, and the utmost degree of harmony and good fellowship existed between the men, and was only terminated by the much lamented death of the Principal.