

We believe that the convention is the proper body to assume the oversight of our general Home Mission, if the Union be effected. To say that the Convention will thus take the work out of the hands of the Home Mission Societies is to speak unadvisedly: for is not the Convention composed of almost identically the same persons as the Home Mission Societies? We believe that the same men would be in charge as at present, as far as Nova Scotia is concerned. It is the denomination overseeing its own work in either case. But if the Convention is the more general body, this is the very reason, we conceive, why Home Missions should be under its control. It would be the whole denomination in its proper meeting overseeing an enterprise which affects the whole denomination.

Finally if Home Missions were brought into the Convention our three great denominational enterprises would be thus brought side by side. Their mutual relations would be more clearly seen. Each would give an impulse to the others; and the interest which some brethren feel in one object only, would be communicated, by contact with the others. To all a word of warning. It is argued that we must have a theological department at Acadia, because our young men who study at Newton are drawn away from us. Unless the Provinces become a unit in all denominational objects, may not New Brunswick when the theological department at Acadia attracts her young men, be compelled in self-defence to withdraw from Nova Scotia in education, and seek to provide theological instruction at home, in order to keep her rising ministry within her own borders? SINCERE.

For the Christian Messenger.

HOME MISSIONS.

Mr. Editor,—

I have heard it stated, and reiterated again and again, as a reason why the Home Missions of all the Maritime Provinces should be under one organization, have one Board of Managers, &c., &c., that this was the system adopted and in force throughout the United States.

I think we sometimes take things for granted in consequence of the assurance of those who seem and ought to be authority in such matters, when more light and correct information might have tended to other conclusions.

I am prompted to make these remarks from perusing two articles which appear simultaneously in the New York Examiner & Chronicle, and the Philadelphia Nation at Baptist newspapers.

The former of these publishes from the pen of a correspondent, a Minnesota State Mission Plan—the first article of which is—

“That each Association assume the conduct of missionary work within its own limits. To this end, and so far as may be needed, collecting, holding, and applying its home mission payments, and contributions.”

Then follow details not necessary to be here set forth, except perhaps to say that they recognize the existence of a State Convention, as well as the Home Mission Society.

Of this the editor of the Examiner & Chronicle in a note appended remarks:—

“The preceding plan comes in time for the consideration of the Baptists of the State of New York, and it is worthy of being considered. We have heard of brethren in the State, who are strongly in favour of the Associational method of operation, and it may prove to be the best that can be devised.”

The National Baptist of the same date, 6th August, has under the heading of the Home Mission Society the following:—

“At the last meeting of the Board, the following resolution was unanimously adopted—

Resolved, That the corresponding secretary be, and he is hereby authorized, and directed, to give without any unnecessary delay, due notice to the proper officers of the State Conventions of New York, Michigan, and Illinois, that this Society will on and after the first day of October 1874, withdraw from all arrangements now existing under what has been known as co-operation.”

It is clear, from the article in question and the resolves following—(it is too lengthy for your columns)—that the above named States have “State Conventions;” and co-operative organizations exist charged with Home Missionary operations. More than this, judging from the Examiner & Chronicle’s article and there commendation of the Associational Scheme by the editor, it would not surprise us much if a “new departure,” were at hand.

I have no means of ascertaining authori-

tatively what the status of the co-operative scheme is, but that there is such an organization, and one recognized by the Society, is manifest from the above. Does it not seem strange to say the least to find the very scheme so recently repudiated in Nova Scotia, in order to introduce one, said to have been successfully operated in the United States, to find that “old Nova Scotia project” reproduced in Minnesota, and highly recommended by the powerful pen of the editor of the Examiner & Chronicle—the Great Baptist Organ of the Empire State.

It will afford matter of reflection probably, for those who take an interest in Home Missions, this suggestion from a State largely missionary such as Minnesota. But the curt and spicy Resolution of the Society’s Board bespeaks unsettled, if not stormy weather beyond the border.

When matters become further developed those who have ready access to authentic information will be better qualified to form correct opinions as to the merits of the respective systems.

A READER.

For the Christian Messenger.

WOLFVILLE, Aug. 14, 1874.

Dear Editor,—

I perceive by your issue of this week that Rev. E. O. Reed is troubled about my speech, delivered at the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association, and reported in the Christian Visitor of the 22nd ult. In reply to his letter I have only to say:—

1. That this speech was in substance the same as that delivered at the Central Nova Scotia Baptist Association, a week or two previously, and to which Bro. Reed listened with apparent appreciation. The report that appeared in the Visitor, while in the main correct, slightly misrepresents me. (unintentionally I doubt not). I certainly did not use the pluperfect tense in speaking of the membership of the Berwick Church, but simply remarked that it was one of the largest churches in Nova Scotia. Instead of saying “fast losing its visibility;” I said “it was in danger of losing its visibility.”

2. Having spent the time since my visit to Elgin chiefly in P. E. Island, I had no opportunity of seeing the Christian Visitor until this morning, or I would probably have made the necessary correction, though I am only responsible for what I actually said and not for what I may have been reported to say.

3. With these slight corrections the report of my speech, so far as Berwick is concerned, is strictly in accordance with facts, as hundreds of reliable persons in Berwick and other branches of the 2nd Cornwallis Baptist Church can testify. In fact I have aimed, in all my public addresses during the prosecution of my work, to adhere most strictly and conscientiously to truth, the insinuations of Rev. E. O. Reed to the contrary notwithstanding.

4. I am prepared to give the facts on which I based my remarks in reference to the state of things in Berwick, when I entered upon labour there in March last, should I be called on to do so.

Yours truly,

ISA. WALLACE.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. MARTHA SIMPSON.

Died at the residence of her son-in-law, William Potter, Esq., Bear River, Co. Digby, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years, Martha, relict of the late Capt. Samuel Simpson, of Charlotte County, New Brunswick. In very early life the deceased enjoyed the privilege of the gospel under the preaching of the Mannings and Dimocks, and was brought by divine grace to give her heart to God when quite young. Through the years of her long life, her christian hope continued, it was her support in trial, her joy in sorrow, and ever a well-spring of consolation. The faith embraced in youth, and which had matured with her years, was her strength and song when heart and flesh failed.

The Rev. G. D. Cox visited her in her last illness, and by his christian kindness and instruction contributed much to her spiritual comfort and support, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

New Brunswick papers will oblige the family by copying the above.

A BOY DROWNED.—A boy named Richard Forrestal, age 18 years while fishing in the Shuanaodie River, stripped and went in to bathe. He went beyond his depth, and being unable to swim, was drowned before help could reach him.

Religious Intelligence.

THE LUNenburg AND QUEENS CO. MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

met at North Brookfield, on Tuesday, Aug. 5th, at 2 o’clock, P. M.

Members of the Conference present were: Revs. S. March, A. E. Ingram and G. N. Ballentine, and brethren N. C. Saunders, B. L. Shafner, J. M. Longley and C. Spidle (Lics.) Revd. Jas. Parker and Sisters March and Ballentine were invited to seats.

Beside the usual business of the Conference, the work performed was the following:—An Exegesis upon 1 Cor. iii. 1-15 by bro. Saunders. An Essay on “The Training of Young Converts by bro. Ingram, which, by a motion of the conference, will appear in the Messenger.

An exposition of Isaiah lii. 15, by Bro. March.

A paper on Romans i. 20, by Bro. Spidle.

A skeleton on John x. 9, by Bro. Longley.

A skeleton on John vi. 45, by Bro. Ingram.

A skeleton Luke xxiv. 32, by Bro. Ballentine.

Quarterly Sermon was preached by Bro. Ingram, from 1 Corinthians ii. 1-3.

A collection, after the sermon, was taken for Home Missions.

Arrangements for next meeting at Mahone Bay were made as follows:—

Rev. G. N. Ballentine to preach the Quarterly Sermon. Rev. S. March to be his alternate.

Rev. J. A. Durkee to prepare an exegesis on John iii. 5.

Rev. G. O. Gates do.

Rev. I. J. Skinner to write an essay on “Woman’s Sphere in Christian Labor.”

Rev. A. Shields, an Essay on “The best means for supplying destitute fields with the Gospel.”

Brethren Longley and Shafner to prepare a paper containing a report of and suggestions relative to their missionary work.

Bro. N. C. Saunders to prepare an Exegesis on Act ii. 29 & 34.

Rev. S. March to prepare a paper on “The Divinity of Christ.”

Bro. Spidle to write An Essay on Gen. xlix. 10.

Rev. A. E. Ingram to write on “Regeneration.”

Rev. H. Achilles to write on the parable of the mustard seed, Matt. xiii. 31 & 32.

Bro. Kennedy to write on the pastors relation to the Sabbath School.

G. N. BALLENTINE,

Secretary (pro tem.)

P. S. Absent members please note the work assigned them.

BRIDGEWATER, August 10th, 1874.—I am happy to report that the work of the Lord is advancing in a portion of my field. Last week brethren Longley and Shafner went to Lapland and held several services there, with the most encouraging results. Yesterday I had the privilege of leading five happy converts forward, in obedience to their Master’s command, in baptism, and others manifest a desire to unite with the Lord’s people. I trust the good work will still advance in this region and elsewhere and that our churches will be more abundantly blessed of God.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

STEPHEN MAUGH.

MIDDLETON, PINE GROVE.—Extract of letter, August 14th, 1874.—Dear Bro.—“I have been here for a short season, I have enjoyed every thing; now I am bending under a constant weight of kindness. During this time thirty-one were baptized and received by letter. A few days ago I baptized a believer who is in her 89th year I expect to baptize next Lord’s day.

Yours, &c.,

J. A. McLEAN.”

CHESTER, Aug. 14, 1874.—Last Sabbath morning I had the privilege of baptizing one person, who, with three others that had been dismissed from the North church, Halifax, received the right hand of fellowship as members of the Chester church. May it be the dawning of brighter days in Chester.

I. J. SKINNER.

PRESTON.—Rev. J. F. Avery baptized six persons here on Sunday last. They were subsequently received into the church and the Lord’s Supper administered.

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The statistics of this church for the past year are before us. It is well that our readers should be familiar with the leading facts.—Number of ministers, 329,—an increase of 14 in the year. Regular charges, 650,—an increase of 12.—Vacancies, 78. Families 28,260. Communicants, 50,702.—Stipend paid amounted to \$237,901.25. Total contributions, for strictly congregational purposes, \$103,247.82; for schemes of the Church, \$55,994.12, and for all purposes, \$619,359.30; an increase over the amount reported last year of \$69,457.58.—Witness.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N.S., AUGUST 19, 1874.

The deputation of the City Council of Montreal, lately sent to England, has placed a new loan of \$30,000,000, thirty years, five per cent. bonds, at 90 cents. His action is approved by the Council.

On Saturday last a fire destroyed a number of dwellings on Alexander street, Montreal. Fourteen families are left homeless. Loss \$100,000.

A house in Montreal fell on Saturday, burying four workmen; three seriously injured, the fourth fatally.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

SAD CASE.—On Thursday last a young girl named Bridget Kelly committed suicide at the St. John Hotel, St. John, by taking strychnine. She had recently come from Calais to find her betrayer, who refused to marry her.

AN ACCIDENT of a serious nature occurred on Saturday week in McAtee’s shipyard, St. John. By the fall of a staging pine men were more or less injured.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Saturday a lad named Wheatly, (son of Mr. S. Wheatly, butcher, Kensington,) fell from the top of a load of hay upon the prongs of a fork. One prong passed through the flesh of his arm, the other entered his heart—lodging, it is said, in his lung. He lies in a very critical condition.—Examiner.

Hon. W. F. Robinson, lately Lieutenant Governor of this Province, has been appointed Governor of the Leeward Islands, in the place of Sir Henry T. Irving, who has been made Governor of Trinidad.

UNITED STATES.

Troubles between whites and blacks at Austin, Arkansas, continue, and it is represented that several serious collisions have occurred, in which the negroes were repulsed and lost a number of men. The negroes hold possession of the city, and the whites are calling for reinforcements to dislodge them.

Admiral Cochrane, with the entire British Pacific squadron, has been ordered to San Jose, Guatemala, to demand reparation for flogging of Consul Magee.

Miss Jessie Pierce, Herbert Folks and Geo. Desmond, all young persons, belonging to Boston, were drowned at Central Harbor, N. H., on Tuesday last while bathing.

The express train from Boston for Montreal was thrown from the track near Rochefort, Vermont, killing engineer Lanoot, and road-master C. S. Harris, the fireman and a little girl. Twenty passengers were injured.

The case of the State of Maine vs. the European and North American Railway has been decided in favor of the State.

The Standard Oil Works and National refinery at Pittsburg was burned on Tuesday. Loss \$50,000.

The Horse Railway stables in Worcester, Mass., were burned on Tuesday morning, with twenty-five horses.

The statement of Beecher and Moulton with the cross-examination of the former by the Committee, were printed on Friday last, filling ten to fourteen newspaper columns. Beecher is acquitted of all criminality; but he has exhibited great weakness of character in allowing himself to become involved with Tilton and his friends.

The north side of Public Square in Canton, Wisconsin, was burned on Saturday. Loss \$100,000.

New York, Aug. 17, P. M.—Gold 109½. Sterling Exchange 4.87½ to 4.91. Money 2 per cent.

ENGLAND.—The English wheat crop promises to be of average quality and growth.

A despatch from Calcutta announces that the floods in Scinde are subsiding.

On Saturday 50,000 miners assembled on Durham race course, and were addressed by Bradlaugh, McDonald and Lloyd Jones.

An immense Home Rule demonstration took place at Glasgow yesterday. The procession was a mile in length. Twenty thousand persons attended the mass meeting. An equally extensive meeting was held at Dunagannon.

Marshal Bazaine has arrived at Spa, and M. Rouher has gone to consult with Emperor Eugenio.

FRANCE.—Paris was greatly excited on Tuesday of last week on receiving intel-

ligence that Marshal Bazaine had escaped from the Island of St. Marguerite, some time during Sunday night. Details are unknown, except that he effected his escape on a rope ladder and got on a vessel bound for Italy. The night was dark and stormy.

It has since been ascertained that the plan for the Marshal’s escape was arranged six weeks ago. It was entirely the work of Madame Brazaine. He started in the steam yacht Baron Rucaiola, belonging to an Italian Company. He was accompanied in his flight by his wife and brother.

The Governor of the Island of St. Marguerite, protests he is innocent of any collusion with Marshal Bazaine in his escape. He accuses Col. Vilette, one of the Marshal’s aids. Eight persons are under arrest charged with complicity in the escape.

SPAIN.—England, France, Germany, Austria, Holland, Belgium, and Italy, have recognized the Republic of Spain.

The Spanish Government has thanked Germany for taking the initiative in the movement for its recognition by the European Powers. All the Ambassadors in Madrid have tendered congratulations to Marshal Serrano, both upon the recognition of the Republic, and the success of Gen. Moriones in his attack on the Carlists at Oteiza, Navarre.

TURKEY.—The publication of the Levant Times is suspended by order of the Turkish Government for adverse criticisms of the financial administration of the Porte.

The Porte has issued orders for the disbandment of the reserve force stationed in Bosnia, and has withdrawn the regular troops from the Servian frontiers.

ITALY.—The Prefect of Florence has issued a decree dissolving thirty-six Republican and Internationalists societies in that city.

The police have discovered a secret deposit of arms at Ravenna, and seized five chests of rifles.

CHINA & PERU.—The treaty of commerce is signed between China and Peru, permitting the departure of Chinese laborers for Peru.

The President of Peru has ordered the expulsion of all Jesuits.

Marriages.

In Canning, Aug. 10, by Rev. D. Freeman, Mr. Lewis Barkhouse, to Mrs. Martha Jane Brown, both of Seab’s Bay.

On Monday, 10th inst., by the Rev. George W. Hill, M. A., Dr. G. M. Douglas, V. C. R. A., to Eleanor Annie, widow of the late V. M. McMaster, Surgeon, 78th Highlanders.

On Monday, Aug. 10, by Rev. R. Shreve, Lieut. F. Baily Wilmut, late Royal Navy, to Lucy Mary, eldest daughter of the Rev. G. R. Prynn, of Plymouth, England.

12th inst., by the Rev. D. A. S. Esq., Mr. T. Hoeg, of Southampton, to Miss Annie Robinson, of Londonbury.

At Freeport, Aug. 1st, by the Rev. W. L. Parker, Mr. Charles H. Campbell, and Miss Mary A. Young, all of Freeport.

By the same, Aug. 13th, Mr. William Tibert, of Long Island, and Miss Mariani Outhouse, of Tiverton.

Deaths.

On the 7th inst., at Chebogue, Yarmouth Co., of consumption, Evalinda Crosby, in the 16th year of her age. Her end was peace.

At Saw-Mill Creek, County of Annapolis, Aug. 7th, Mary A., the beloved wife of Alfred B. Harris, and daughter of Mr. Wm. Herald, of Morse Road, aged 32 years.—Boston papers please copy.

On the 10th inst., Mr. James Hennessy, in the 43rd year of his age.

At Minneapolis, Minn., U. S., on the 29th July, 1874, Alfonso J. Wambolt, aged 23 years, son of Jacob and Jane Wambolt, formerly of (Freshwater) Halifax N. S. His end was peace.

At Minneapolis, Minn., U. S., on the 13th July, 1874, Melissa Wambolt, wife of Alex. Kuhn, aged 27 years, formerly of Dartmouth, N. S.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12th, Janet, widow of the late John Duffus, aged 64 years.

On Thursday, Jessie A., wife of Charles F. Voss, in the 32nd year of her age.

On Friday, John, youngest son of the late H. W. Blackadar, in the 16th year of his age.

On Friday, 14th inst., Sarah Jane Lannigan, only daughter of the late Capt. Joseph and Hannah Lannigan.

At the Poors’ Asylum, on the 13th Aug., 1874, William Wheaton, aged 66 years.

On the 13th inst., John, the 3rd son of Nicholas and Catherine Baldwin, in the 14th year of his age.

On the 30th July, at Niagara, Annapolis County, in the 82nd year of his age, Mr. Donald McPherson, formerly of Brookfield, Queens Co.

On the 31st inst., at Chester Basin, Eva May, child of Mr. Simon Hatt, aged two years and 11 months.

On the 5th inst., at Beech Hill, Robert, son of Ephraim and Jane Hatt, aged 7 years. The death of this little boy was very sudden and sad. He was playing in the field with his brothers and sisters, as well as in as good spirits as ever he was, when all at once he began to faint and complain of feeling badly. He started to go to his father a little distance off, and before he reached him he fell and expired. The cause of his death is not fully known.—I. J. S.

At Freeport, July 22nd, 1874, Mrs. Eliza Moram, aged 46 years.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

TUESDAY, Aug. 11th.—Schrs. F. A. Scholls, (of Liverpool, N. S.) Scholls, Baltimore; Young Brothers, Young, Cudroy, Nfld.; Comet, Reeves, Pictou; Sylph, Abriel, Sweet Harbor.

WEDNESDAY, 12th.—Schrs. J. Franklyn,

Lake, Fort Cape Negre, Anna Maria, H. M. Moy, Express, M. Thurston, Labrador, key do., FRIDAY, Schrs. Esco Greaser, R. Martine, R. Geddie C. Arch, Dow Campbell, Isaac’s H. Sydney. SATURDAY, Matson, S. Colby, P. John’s, A. Charlott, er, Inguan, dor, boug, Higgins, S. Donald, M. Sydney, J. Martie, M. ard, Rich, Parker, P. Highland. SUNDAY, sea; D. schrs. Val, Lallave; Chalour; ney; Chau, Magzie, I. Pictou. MONDAY, Port and; Lady Sey, Fougere, C. port, N. Mary, Fay, Cow, Bay; Martell, S. TUESDAY, Richardson, Nfld.; F. schrs. E. Queen, Ar, President, er, Hoop, Blanc, Ar, Canso; L. Good Ten, A-neld, S. Vantage, cargo from diving voy. WEDNESDAY, Bay St G. Susan, Su, Boak, Sy, Star, Ven, Thurst, Fanting, B. W. I. Labrador, New Rich, Edgett, S. Swaine, Angenor, Paul, Po, Roberts, bor; Scu, McMill, n. Fenta, La. FRIDAY, Mylins, F. Bay of L. roy, Nfld, Opal, Car, Getson’s do.; Viva, do.; Est, Greaser, Bay. SATURDAY, Wright, I. S. Pierre, Carlin, S. B. one B. Peter’s, I. Sweet, H. Have; C. da, Zwick, J. L. Vog. MONDAY, Char, ott, C. B.; sch, Highland, brig; B. Forest P. Victory, Florence, stmr. M. W. 18. B. Has been, Marit. The 21. other. G. Hel. It is a 800 pages of Christi, non from high ran, ed litera, the livs, Cesar Pr, Ville du, who survi, after l, specially. “W. T. S. A. of the T. the result, modern ti, —a work, Tempera, cause p- Parties, or other Nova Sco, and New above. MESS, 1033. Gentle, dozen of, dem” to the King, to my fa, great den, eye, thin, have test. Burling, Aug. 1,