

committed through its influence, of industry extinguished, and of disease engendered, and remember this has been going on for thousands of years.

There is just one way of safety, and only one, and a young man who stands at the beginning of his career can choose whether he will walk in it, or in the way of danger. There is a notion abroad among men that wine is good—that when properly used it has help in it,—that in a certain way it is food, or a help in the digestion of food.

We do not like to become an exhorter in these columns, but, if it were necessary, we would plead with young men upon weary knees to touch not the accursed thing.

For the Christian Messenger.

THE NEW ACADEMY BUILDING

Dear Editor,—

The time is drawing near when the agency for the above object must close. A great deal remains therefore to be done between this and the end of the year.

The building is now about completed, and boarding operations therein will immediately commence. It is a very

handsome and commodious structure, quite equal if not superior to anything of the kind in the Maritime Provinces, a credit to the denomination: and the fact that every room with two or three exceptions, is already spoken for, shows that it was and is a great necessity to the School.

Please allow me to acknowledge the following subscriptions:—

Table of subscriptions with names and amounts, including Daniel Whitman, E. Stanley Prentiss, A. Friend, Windsor, etc.

Total..... \$7009 53 For the Committee D. M. WELTON.

The Christian Messenger.

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Many of our friends, believing that the religious newspaper is an efficient means of

PREACHING THE GOSPEL as well as of giving valuable information, which EVERY FAMILY OUGHT TO HAVE, seek for it a wider circulation by recommending it to their neighbours and friends, who do not now receive it.

To all such persons we would offer our very respectful compliments, and would cordially invite their co-operation in spreading the principles of christian truth, by getting New Subscribers to the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, or by helping them to send on for themselves their name and address, with the amount of subscription for a year.

As a BONUS TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS we offer to send the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER from the date in which we receive their names with one year's subscription to the end of next year 1876. If all our present subscribers will kindly tell two or three of their friends of this offer, and induce them to become regular subscribers, our list may be soon

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THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Autumnal session of this body was held last month, at Plymouth. It was in several respects a remarkable gathering of the denomination. The place of meeting was one of much historical interest. The Baptist church there is one of the oldest in Britain. In the year 1648, the number of members was 150, it consequently existed for some years before that. The members of that church kindly entertained the Pilgrim Fathers when they were setting out on their westward voyage for the newly discovered America. And from this they gave the name of their settlement, calling it "New Plymouth."

The subsequent history of the church is interwoven with the progress of truth and religious freedom, and their successive pastors have been prominent men in the struggles to attain what their successors and the more enlightened nations are now enjoying.

On the occasion of the Union meetings there were about five hundred ministers and delegates to partake of the hospitalities of this and other churches. The Union was originally formed of but a few of the leading ministers in London. Its object being to guard the denomination from ecclesiastical tyranny and oppression, and to aid the cause of religious freedom. Whilst it still retains its original character it has very much enlarged the field of its operations and the subjects of which it takes cognizance.

With the presence of Messrs. Brock, Chown, McLaren, and Spurgeon with a host of others, a gathering such as this could hardly fail to be brim full of good things. We wish we were able to place before our readers even a half of what was said and done, but our epitome of the President's address at the opening dealt largely in statistics shewing what proportion of the population of each county were Baptists and how much land yet remained to be possessed, and how many weak churches need assistance. He closed with significantly quoting one of Solomon's wise remarks: "In all labor there is profit, but the talk of the lips tendeth only to poverty," which of course received loud applause. At the first meeting various resolutions were passed, having reference to Infirmary Funds, Slavery and sympathy with the Cornwall Baptists.

Mr. Chown's sermon on Monday afternoon was an eloquent presentation of most appropriate and timely truth from Acts iv. 31. "And when they had prayed the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spake the Word of God with boldness." It proved a key note for the occasion giving a high character to all the addresses and deliberations.

The second day's meetings was commenced by a sermon at seven o'clock in the morning. At 10 o'clock an excellent paper was read on, "Our brethren lately deceased." A motion was subsequently made to form a "Baptist Union Annuity Fund." It was unanimously adopted.

Rev. F. Bosworth read a paper of deep interest on "The Early Baptists of Devonshire: their history, sufferings and character," commencing with the Dutch Baptists who fled from Amsterdam to escape persecution. The church at Tiverton, dated back to the early part of the seventeenth century. In 1624 this was a church holding regular intercourse with the Baptists of Amsterdam. Some of the letters sent thence for seven years are still preserved in Holland.

Another paper on "The services to be rendered by young men in the work of the churches" was read by Rev. T. Wilkinson.

Another remarkable feature of this session of the Union was the Missionary Designation Service on Tuesday morning. There were four new missionaries to be set apart to their work. One of these was Dr. William Carey, a grandson of the great William Carey, and a native of Hindostan, with him a

Mr. Tucker, and these are to go to India.

Mr. Coomber under appointment for Africa, and Mr. Gammon for Bombay. After each of these brethren had given a very pleasing and satisfactory account of themselves, in answer to the question put to them, "What were the circumstances which brought you to Christ and led you to devote your lives to his service?" Dr. Brock was called on to give the Valedictory Address which he did amidst the most solemn stillness in his own eloquent, thrilling style. Towards the close he said:

The knowledge of the Lord is covering the earth as the waters cover the sea; and as sin has reigned unto death, so grace is reigning through righteousness unto eternal life. And so, you four honoured brethren here to-day, I bid you in the name of this congregation, "God speed;" and when I do so let all the people say "Amen." Brother Gammon, God speed to you!

THE CONGREGATION: Amen. Dr. Brock: Brother Tucker, God speed to you! THE CONGREGATION: Amen. Dr. Brock: Brother Coomber, God speed to you! THE CONGREGATION: Amen. Dr. Brock: Brother Carey, God speed to you!

THE CONGREGATION: Amen. Dr. Brock (continuing): Carey—name of precious omen that, fragrant as incense to-day in a meeting like this of the Baptist Missionary Society. Thanks be unto God for the William Carey of this day. Ten thousand thanks for the William Carey of fourscore years ago! Thanks be unto God for his apprehensiveness of duty which, in that workshop of his in Leicestershire, could do two things at once—do his daily work, and look at that rather rough-hewn, homespun map which he had drawn with his own hand. All honour to God, too, for his fidelity to principle, and for his patient continuance in well doing—and for his bringing forth even unto old age—for his being fruitful in every good work unto a grand old age. Honour to him that, having expected great things from God, and attempted great things for God, and accomplished great things through God, he rests under an inscription of his own selection—

A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On Thy kind arms I fall; Be Thou my strength and righteousness, My Saviour and my all—

a consummation most befitting of that memorable life; a right golden coronet for an illustrious and never-to-be-forgotten name. Oh, that name of William Carey, with all its associations, even as they are known at present, and through God's great mercy to be remembered by us again and again, as our brother here says—

We must reserve further notice of these meetings for next week

BOYS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Nova Scotia Grand Division held its Annual Session in Halifax last week, commencing on Tuesday evening. There were about seventy members present. Twenty new members were initiated.

The routine business and presentation of the reports occupied the morning of Wednesday.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts \$1,781.85 and expenditure \$1,611.36—leaving (including his last year's balance) \$334.06 to credit

The following is a summary of work performed during the year ending 25th October, 1875, under the direction of the Agency Committee of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Public meetings held, Attendance at public meetings, Schools visited, etc.

In the afternoon the election of officers took place as follows:

- G. W. Patriarch—T. M. King, Antigonish. G. W. Associate—R. S. Blois, Gore, Hants. G. Secretary—J. F. L. Parsons, Halifax. G. Treasurer—Henry A. Taylor, Halifax. G. Chaplain—Rev. E. O. Read, Gaspereaux. G. Conductor—John E. Butler, Halifax. G. Sentinel—H. E. Armstrong, Granville Ferry. P. G. W. P.—R. H. Wetmore, Halifax.

Mr. King, the new G. W. P., held the same office several years ago.

The Quarterly sessions for the year are to be as follows:

- January Session, at Brooklyn Hants Co. April, " Granville Ferry. July, " Antigonish. October, (Annual) Halifax.

The installation of the officers took place in the evening.

The representatives to the National Division 32 in number entitled to the honor, were elected.

A Committee was appointed to bring to the notice of the Premier the fact

that certain persons were violating the law with reference to selling liquor on the line of railway, on Government grounds.

A resolution was presented asking the National Division to take action permitting of freer intercourse between the Sons and kindred organizations.

A deputation from the Independent Order of Good Templars, and a visit from Rosebud Band of Hope occupied Thursday afternoon.

The evening was taken up with the discussion of the Committee's Report on the "Alliance Journal" and the list of the delinquent Divisions, which showed a total amount of \$600 due the Grand Division. The list was ordered to be published.

The session closed about midnight.

A public lecture was given on Friday evening by Mr. Carswell on Prohibition and the license law, he said that after a tour of five weeks through the Province, he had become convinced that Nova Scotia was far in advance of Ontario on the temperance question, and in the measures taken to prevent the use and sale of intoxicating liquors.

The Grand Divisions of New Brunswick and P. E. Island have just closed their annual sessions. The principal officers are:

New Brunswick.—G. W. P., Charles A. Everett; G. W. A., W. C. Chapman; G. S., W. W. Dudley; G. T., John Rankine.

P. E. Island.—G. W. P., Rev. G. O. Huestis; G. W. A., Isaac W. Wadman; G. Scribe, J. Barratt Cooper; G. Treas., John Jury.

MR. SPURGEON'S TWIN SONS.

The London Baptist gives the following paragraph concerning these two young men:

It seems that after all the father's long-cherished hopes are to be realized as regards the twin sons of Mr. Spurgeon. It is no secret that he early expressed a wish that they might be led into the ministry, but with a wisdom that Christian parents and pastors do not always display, he has sought in no way to force their choice; and hence some months ago, as was reported in our columns at the time, the lads on finally leaving school, to commence their life-battle, were allowed to follow the bent of their inclinations—the one entering a business house in the City, and the other becoming articled to a draughtsman and engineer. Since then, their thoughts appear to have been directed to the ministry, or at all events, to engaging in active public service for Christ, and accordingly they have recently taken possession of a mission-room on Wandsworth-common, the cause at which seems previously to have dwelt down as regards attendance till there was just the possibility of the place having to be closed, and they at once set to work, the one conducting the morning, and the other the evening services. The matter has been kept very quiet up to this time, and, as we think, wisely so, inasmuch as the very fact of Mr. Spurgeon's sons preaching would be likely to draw a crowd, if only of curiosity-hunters and religious sightseers; and it was, of course, very desirable that the young men should have the opportunity of testing their armour. It was not likely, however, that the matter could long be kept secret, especially if the brothers should afford evidence of the possession of any manifest preaching ability; and accordingly we hear that the room, which will hold something over a hundred, is now crowded to the doors. We have not yet had the opportunity of hearing the young men ourselves, but rumours say that Charles especially gives promise of becoming a powerful preacher. Should this prove so, the Spurgeon family will stand second to none in the annals of Nonconformity for its contribution, through several successive generations, to the public ministry.

The Hon. Alexander McKenzie arrived by special train on Saturday night and went to the Halifax Hotel. He worshipped with the Granville St. Baptist Church on Sunday morning. On Monday afternoon he was present at the Convocation of Dalhousie College and spoke briefly after the opening address by Professor McDonald.

On Monday evening he addressed a Public Meeting in Temperance Hall on the political situation of the Dominion.

The Rev. G. F. Currie, the missionary under appointment of the Ontario and Quebec Board of Foreign Missions on his way to Cocanada came to Halifax on Monday and embarked on Tuesday morning on board the mail steamer Nova Scotian, for Liverpool, Great Britain.

It may be interesting to some of our readers to know that although our brother will be under the direction of the Canadian Board yet he expects to be intimately associated, on his arrival, with one of our missionaries already there.

We trust that he will have a prosperous and speedy voyage and will be directed and sustained all the way by the God of Missions; that the same