

"Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit."

"My name is God, I dwell on high; Dwell in my own eternity; But I descend to worlds below; On earth I have a mansion too; The humble spirit and contrite Is the abode of my delight."

"The eyes of the Lord are on them that fear him." He knows them all, wherever they are. Many of them have lived unknown to men—

"Till persecution dragged them into fame, And chased them up to heaven. Their ashes flew— No marble tells us whither."

But He knows their very dust in the grave, every atom of which is sacred in his sight. In the general resurrection, amidst the commotion of the elements and the wreck of nature, He will not lose sight of one of them. "They shall be mine, saith the Lord," a memorial to the universe of redeeming love.

Let the ungodly remember that God looketh upon them also, but not with pleasure and approbation. He looketh upon them with a terrible frown, as he looked upon Pharaoh and the host of Egypt out of the cloudy pillar, when they sank like lead in the deep waters. Ye cold, fastidious, and patronising hearers of the Gospel; ye apathetic and stout-hearted sinners, who scorn contrition and defy conviction; be assured that the day will come when your hearts shall be broken and crushed by remorseful anguish, and the torments of despair; when the smooth and silent waters of Asphaltites, the Sea of Death, shall be so violently agitated as to give no rest, day nor night, for ever. The day is coming when the most unfeeling shall be made to feel. May the mercy of God lead you to repentance, and the bleeding sacrifice of Calvary melt and subdue your obdurate hearts, so as to obtain peace with God, and life eternal, through Christ's redeeming blood.

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N.S., MAY 19, 1875.

THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Our readers will be deeply interested to know what was said and done at Amherst on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last. Whilst we gave all possible prominence to the notice, and, considering the importance of the occasion and the request of the Foreign Mission Board a judicious movement, we started in company with several other brethren from Halifax for the purpose of being present and participating in the grave duties laid upon us. The journey is a pretty long one—138 miles—just intermediate between Halifax and St. John—we arrived a few minutes after the brethren from New Brunswick and found the Amherst friends all ready, waiting to take charge of us in the most kind and hearty manner just like themselves.

About 3 o'clock the Board of Foreign Missions met in the vestry and briefly considered some communications received since the previous meeting, concerning the location of the Mission and matters in detail in relation thereto, until a message came from the President, Hon. Judge McCully, stating that the Convention was in waiting for the business to be placed before that body.

The members of the Board and invited brethren then went into the audience room of the church and found the Convention so far organized that Secretaries were appointed—R. M. King and Rev. W. H. Warren.

The names of Delegates were given in and recorded; after which the President read the requisition of the Board and the official call that had been published.

Rev. Dr. Cramp wished to enquire if the President regarded this as a legally constituted session of the Convention. Judge McCully explained that when he called the special session he had been under the impression that the Convention was an incorporated

body but had subsequently found that he was under a mistake in that respect, and that in the absence of any rule or bye-law providing for a special session he considered that the power was vested in the president to call the Convention together whenever an exigency such as the present one should arise and demand it.

"The joint letter of the Missionaries"—which appeared in our columns of April 28th—was read. Hon. A. McL. Seely, the Chairman of the Board stated that this was all the strictly official information they had, and he regarded it as beyond the power of the Board to proceed further with the Missionaries, without further instructions from the Convention. It had been decided that the missionaries should be sent out to the Karens of Siam, but as there appeared insuperable difficulties to any continued and settled work amongst them, it would be for the Convention to say what was next to be done. Judge McCully stated at length his views and convictions as to the relation subsisting between the Convention and the Foreign Missionary Board, and thought that there had not been sufficient instructions given them as to the proper location of the Mission.

Members of the Board shewed that ample instructions had been furnished and the present state of things arose from other causes altogether than a deficiency of instructions given them under the circumstances. It was fully agreed, after discussion, that the responsibility rested wholly on the Convention to determine the steps now to be taken.

It was intimated by the Secretary, Rev. W. P. Everett, that, since the decision of the Board to request a call of the Convention, he had written and enclosed a copy of the "Missionaries' Joint Letter" to the Secretaries of the American Missionary Union, and to the Canadian Foreign Missionary Society, asking for any information they could furnish to aid the Convention in the matter before them, and had received in reply some letters which he regarded as of a semi-official character and if requested would place them before the Convention.

The time having arrived the Convention adjourned to meet at 1/2 past 7 in the evening.

THE EVENING SESSION

was opened by Prayer.

Letters were read from the churches at Bridgewater, Milton and Liverpool, expressive of deep interest in the question before the Convention, and regret at their inability to be present by delegation.

Rev. W. P. Everett by request read the letters he had received (1) from Rev. W. S. McKenzie, District Secretary of the American Foreign Missionary Union, (2) from Rev. Dr. Fyfe, of the Canadian Foreign Missionary Society, and (3) from Mr. Murdock, the Foreign Secretary of the A. F. M. Union, enclosing letters (5) from Dr. Wm. Campbell, and (6) Dr. Dean the Missionary to the Chinese in Bangkok, Siam.

We have not copies of all these documents nor should we be able, if we had to place them before our readers in our present issue. We were favoured by the Secretary with copies of some, and hope to have the others, or so much as may be proper to make public, for our next.

We have not Brother McKenzie's letter, but here is Rev. Dr. Fyfe's:—

WOODSTOCK, 5th May, 1875.

REV. W. P. EVERETT.

Dear Bro.—Your favor of the 26th ult., with enclosed slips came to hand in due time, and awakened a deep interest. We called a meeting of our leading committee men, and duly considered the important matters referred to in your communications. We passed several resolutions as a basis of co-operation between us and you—which will be presented by our Secretary at your meeting in Amherst. I regret that our notice was so short (in the wide separation of the members of our Board) that we could not act in time to send you, in St. John first, a statement of our views. However it may not be out of place to send what we have to say, direct to your larger meeting. I see no real difficulty in the way of our co-operation in the cultivation of one of the largest, (from 6 to 10 millions of people) most destitute, and ripest fields in India, BUT THE UNWILLINGNESS OF OUR MISSIONARIES TO GO. This I apprehend is the greatest difficulty.

Do not send unwilling Missionaries, if you join us on our field. I am very emphatic on this point. Such Missionaries will consciously or unconsciously make trouble on any field. Mr. Campbell is fully possessed of our views.

Praying that God may guide you at every step

I am very truly,

R. A. FYFE.

We have not the letter from Dr. Murdock, but one enclosed from Dr. Campbell, respecting Rev. Dr. Dean, is as follows:

BANGKOK, SIAM, 18th Feb. 1875.

J. N. MURDOCH, D. D., BOSTON.

Dear Sir,—Dr. Dean who left Bangkok last Saturday for Singapore in order to recruit his health, requested me to write you giving some account of his physical condition.

Left alone since the departure of Mr. Partridge, (of whom no one can speak too highly) an excessive burden of work has been laid upon our friend now at too advanced a period of life to be left solely in charge of so important and growing a mission, consequently about a month ago an attack of measles supervened, which probably a system less reduced by hard work would have repelled.

From this, even in a favorable climate, a man at 68 does not recover rapidly, yet knowing how vigorous a man Dr. Dean has been, I anticipate that utter cessation of work, and change of climate will enable him to return here and resume in some measure his important duties, for his circulatory system is yet intact, though his nervous one is exhausted.

I may remark that for one or two days as it was a question whether Dr. Dean's life would be spared or no, in what position then would the Chinese Christian community have been left. Mr. Partridge's (I speak as an outsider, and no missionary) was a withdrawal I believe you will never supply, yet the loss of an old friend would have deprived these people for some time of any pastoral head at all.

Looking confidently forward to the return of Dr. Dean, I trust that for his sake as well as for the continued prosperity of the Baptist Mission here, some one will be associated with him in his labors, who when our friend is eventually removed to join in perfect happiness, that late zealous missionary Dr. Bradley, will be able in some measure to "fill his shoes" or at least be no novice to the members of the church.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

The following also enclosed by Dr. Murdock, from Dr. Dean himself, will shew somewhat of the situation of the Baptist Mission at Bangkok:

SINGAPORE, 9 March, 1875.

J. N. MURDOCH, D. D., COR. SEC'Y.

Dear Sir.—I learn by an arrival from Bangkok to-day that Rev. Messrs. Boggs and Churchhill of the Canadian Mission, having met their colleagues Messrs. Armstrong and Sanford from Tavoy at Rabang, and finding there and elsewhere in Siam fewer Karens than they expected, are left in doubt regarding their future course of action, and have written home to their Society for further instruction.

Suffer me to suggest that, provided you may not be able soon to send a man to superintend the Chinese mission in Siam, whether it might not be wise to invite Mr. Boggs to perform that service. I know not whether such service might be agreeable to him or agreeable to his society or in harmony with your plans, but to one acquainted with the present promise and necessities of that mission there can be no question as to the demand for such a service from some European or American Missionary. The number of new disciples and the want of maturity in the native preachers renders it unwise to leave them long without foreign superintendence, until such time as the preachers have more experience and the disciples more instruction. My years and present health remind me that I may not reasonably expect many more years of service, though I have the joyful hope of soon resuming my place at Bangkok and doing something more in that promising field of harvest reaping and garnering for the Lord.

Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM DEAN.

We had proceeded thus far with our notes, taken at the Convention, when we received the "Official Minutes," and, as they shewed what was done, rather than what was said, we concluded to lay aside the former and insert the latter in full with the resolutions and report.

We regretted much that Rev. Mr. Campbell, the Secretary of the Canadian Board, did not arrive at Amherst till Thursday afternoon, and it was uncertain whether he would come at all till the moment of his arrival. We had made arrangements to return on Thursday and could not remain to hear him. We had but just time for an introduction and the interchange of a few pleasant words, when the cars in which he had come were off for Halifax and we had to leave.

We shall have to resume this subject next week.

Another document containing the latest and very important information from the Telooogo field, will be found on our sixth page. We copy it from the last issue of the Canadian Baptist. Some extracts from this report were read by Bro. John March, to shew the darker features of the Telooogo field, as expressed by the Canadian Missionary, Mr. McLaurin.

The Presbyterians publish a Dominion Year Book, price 25 cents.

We were prevented last week inserting the official report of Mr. Longley's speech in the house of Assembly on the increase of the grant to Dalhousie College. As there was so little said by members of the Assembly in defense of the other Colleges and especially of Acadia College, we should not be doing justice to that Institution or Mr. L. if we were to omit it from our columns. It shows the gross injustice of taking the people's money and giving it for the use of Presbyterians, when they have already so much under their control:—

MONDAY, 3rd May.

Mr. LONGLEY said he observed in the estimates a large item of \$2800 for Dalhousie College. He was anxious not to be misunderstood on this subject, as he did not refer to it in a spirit of hostility to that institution, believing, as he did, that it was doing good work from an educational point of view. He must ask, in the first place, on what principle this large additional grant was to be given to Dalhousie College, whether as a Provincial University or as a Presbyterian College. If it were on the latter ground then the claim of the institution as a Provincial University disappeared. If, on the other hand, the claim was made for Dalhousie as a Provincial University, then he must say that was a claim that could never be recognized. If the people of this Province were rallying round that institution as a Provincial University, then he could understand why we should give it not only \$3000 or \$4000, but a much larger sum. Dalhousie College had been started in 1863 with a new Board of Governors, and placed, it was believed, on a firm basis. The prediction, however, of those who said that the people of Nova Scotia would not rally around that institution had been realized. He had attended its convocation the other day, and had been gratified with what he saw, but the institution should not claim to be what it was not and could never become. It was said to contain 89 students, but the public were not informed what portion of them were taking a regular course. He believed a large proportion of them were not. In other respects Dalhousie could not claim to be on as secure a basis, nor could it boast of as many students, including academicians, as some others. The denominational colleges were rapidly advancing. One of them, with the affairs of which he was more particularly acquainted now numbered 125 students in the Academy, and between 40 and 50 in the College, and according to present appearances in two or three years it was likely to be in advance of Dalhousie. Let Dalhousie prosper, but if it was in the hands of a certain set that had got hold of a property worth \$71 000, without taking into account the land, worth perhaps four or five times that amount, they should be content with that and should not come in here asking for \$3,800, while others doing as much work received only \$1400.

It seemed as though this matter had been all out and dried in caucus. It was not fair to this house or to the country that this course should be adopted by the Government within 48 hours of the close of the session. While Dalhousie was to get \$3,800, Acadia got only \$1,400, and to \$1,000 of that the Academy at Wolfville was entitled, as doing the work of a county academy. The denomination supporting these institutions had made great sacrifices themselves, and an Endowment fund was being raised for Acadia, which already reached about \$50,000, and the same thing was true of Sackville. Had the course taken by the Government been known to the country, the table of the house would have been loaded with petitions against it. We need not go over the history of Dalhousie College again. It was well known that its income, derived partly from the *Casine* fund amounted to \$3,600, and that it did not draw anything from the pockets of those into whose hands it had now been placed. This institution, claiming to be a Provincial University, had not more students, and had not half the history behind it that some other colleges had. It was said that the others were denominational, but there was not one of them that had not Professors of other denominations than their own. As for the Board of Governors of Dalhousie being composed of men of different denomination, they had been placed on the board to enlist more general co-operation from the people of the Province, and that co-operation had not been afforded. The expectation that it would ever become a Provincial University was idle, in view of the fact that there were four powerful denominations interested in colleges of their own.

On Wednesday last as we went up to Amherst there was ice over nearly the whole of Folly Lake looking sufficiently strong in some places to bear any one upon it. A brake-man informed us it was about a foot thick the previous day. On the afternoon of the next day however it had all turned nearly black and shewed that it would soon depart. There was deep snow to be seen in many parts in the woods and under the sheds over the mountains.

We learn from J. Scott Hutton, Esq., that impostors and vagrant deaf mutes have been imposing on people in different parts of the province. Mr. H. advises the application of the rule never to give money to a mendicant deaf-mute.

The Sermon on our first page is by the Rev. Edward Roberts who with his family came out from England in the English mail steamer. It was first published in a popular weekly periodical there. Mr. Roberts preached in Granville Street church on Sunday morning, and in the North church in the evening. On Thursday last he went to Bridgewater. We trust his going may be for the good of the church there, and prove to our brother a field of extensive usefulness.

We are informed that John Costley, Esq., has resigned the editorial chair of the *Morning Herald*.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONVENTION.

Persuant to the call of the President at the request of the Foreign Missionary Board, a special meeting of the Convention of the Baptist churches of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island was convened in the Baptist church at Amherst, May 12, 1875, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The President, Hon. Judge McCully, took the chair and declared the Convention opened by reading the rules of order and calling upon Rev. J. E. Goucher to offer prayer. On motion R. M. King, of Halifax, was appointed Secretary, and Rev. W. H. Warren, of Yarmouth, Assist. Secty. The President read a telegram from Rev. J. L. Campbell, Secretary of the Canadian Foreign Mission Society, announcing that he was in Bangor en route for the Convention.

The following names of delegates and visiting brethren were enrolled and read.

- FROM NOVA SCOTIA. Amherst.—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deacons Moses Lowe and J. M. Layton, with Brethren W. M. Road, T. R. Black and G. W. Freeman. Brookfield and Caledonia.—Rev. G. N. Ballentine. Cornwallis First.—Rev. S. B. Kempton. Cornwallis Fifth and Sixth.—Rev. D. Freeman. Great Village.—Rev. M. P. Freeman. Halifax, Granville St.—Brethren Hon. Dr. Parker, H. N. Paint, R. M. King, and X. Z. Chipman. Halifax, North Baptist.—Hon. Judge McCully. Hantsport.—Rev. J. C. Bleakney. Jeddore.—Rev. J. Meadows. Lower Aylesford, South and Upper Wilmot.—Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D. Onslow, East & West.—Rev. S. March. Puguash.—Rev. D. W. Crandall. River Herbert.—Rev. H. Bool, with Brethren Job Seaman and John Barnes. Truro.—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deacon Richard Uppham, with Brethren William Faulkner and J. Lyman Walker. Temple, Yarmouth.—Rev. W. H. Warren.

- Windsor.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft. N. S. Eastern Association.—Brother H. Mills. N. S. Central Association.—Brother S. Selden.

- FROM NEW BRUNSWICK. St. John, Brussels St.—Rev. W. P. Everett, Deacons I. P. Davis, Wm. Allen, and Bro. T. H. Hall. " Germain St., Bro. John H. Harding. " Leinster St.—Hon. A. McL. Seely, and Brother John March. " Portland.—Rev. D. McClellan. Carleton.—Rev. E. W. Hickson. Fredericton.—Rev. Dr. Spurgeon. Germantown.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar. Harvey.—Brother Asabel Mills. Havelock.—Rev. J. Hughes. Moncton.—Rev. Thomas Todd, Brother H. C. Davison. Sackville First.—Rev. G. F. Miles, with Brethren J. B. Cabill and Josiah Tingley. Shediac.—Rev. A. W. Barrs. Springfield.—Rev. W. A. Corey. St. Stephen.—Rev. J. W. Manning. In their own right.—Revs. Dr. Cramp, E. M. Saunders, J. F. Kempton, W. A. Coleman, E. Edwards, Edward Munro, and J. M. Curry.

Invited.—Rev. J. R. Skinner, and Bro. Wm. Blenkhorn. In reply to Rev. Dr. Cramp, the President gave at length his reasons for the opinion that the present meeting of Convention was quite constitutional and that the President had the power to call the same.

By order of the Convention the Secretary read "the joint letter from our Missionaries in Siam" to the F. M. Board, which was the cause of the present special meeting of Convention. Adjourned until 7.30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. The President having taken the chair the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. E. M. Saunders. Minutes of the afternoon session were