

"Do you think I am too confident?" he said—it is nothing in me,—Christ is all." We talked much of death, and of the life beyond. He had no fear, and was willing to die or live, as God willed. He said at one time, when feeling very low—"I think the last 'good-bye' may be on this old steamer; but you would not keep me back, would you?—then again, "I had hoped to get on shore and have a quiet funeral at Liverpool—but it will not matter!" The Lord spared him until he could be laid to rest in the beautiful Cemetery at Birkenhead, and spared him the pain and fatigue of a removal in extreme weakness from the ship to the shore.

He selected a verse when we were in Tavoy, which he wished to be in the inscription over his grave, and reminded me of it a day or two before he died:—"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief";—to which I added, "Sown in weakness, raised in power." I saw the stone put up before I left Liverpool.

Little requires to be added to this affecting narrative. A fact or two may be stated. When the funeral procession left the steamer, the captain and officers joined it, and followed the corpse to the grave. A number of Baptist friends from Liverpool were also present. The religious exercises were conducted by the Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, who referred to the event the following Lord's day, in his own church, in a very solemn and impressive manner.

One word more. Mrs. Crowley says, in her "Narrative," "We talked much of death, and of the life beyond," and she refers to her husband's peace "flowing like a river." How was this? It was because he knew what it was to "lay hold on eternal life." He was familiar with the prospect. To him, "dying was but going home"; and so, when the moment of separation came, "he said 'good-bye' to us all," calmly and naturally. He was going home! It was a fitting close of a useful life.

May all our future missionaries be as diligent, as zealous, as spiritually-minded, as was Arthur R. B. Crowley!

THE BAPTISTS IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Our brethren in the Province of Quebec held their annual session of Convention in the Olivet Baptist Tabernacle, Montreal, commencing on Tuesday, Sept 19th. The name by which this body is designated, "the Baptist Missionary Convention East,"—seems somewhat indefinite to us who are a little farther "East" than they. We have some account, in the *Canadian Baptist*, of the several sittings.

The Convention sermon was preached by Rev. R. Lennie. Rev. G. W. M. Carey, of St. John, was the only representative of the Maritime Provinces. James Coristine Esq., of Montreal, was elected President for the ensuing year.

An interesting and important feature of their operation is the appointing of delegations of brethren to visit the churches.

The field of the Convention is divided in seven Districts, and the churches in them together with the names of the brethren who during the coming year are to visit the said churches are given.

The arrangement of these Districts and Deputations occupied the first sitting of Convention.

In the afternoon, Rev. J. Cameron read a carefully prepared essay on "The relation of the Sunday School to Home Mission Work." This was discussed by others; after which Rev. Joshua Donovan, introduced by a characteristic speech, "The relation of Church Building to Home Mission work." The third topic was opened by Rev. D. Marsh, "How to retain and develop young christians after admission to church membership." Fourth topic, "The support of the cause by systematic giving" was spoken upon by several brethren.

The Sabbath School Convention which had heretofore formed part of the Convention Session was not held for want of time. The *Canadian Baptist* was warmly commended to the churches and members. The Session was most harmonious and pronounced very encouraging and successful.

The New York and Brooklyn Congregational Association decide that Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is innocent of the crimes laid against him.

THE NEW HALL ON SPRING GARDEN ROAD, erected by the GRANVILLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH for its Sabbath School and meetings for social worship, was set apart by suitable opening services on Thursday last. The weather was somewhat unfavorable yet there were good congregations both morning and evening.

In the morning the Rev. E. M. Saunders, the pastor, commenced by a brief prayer of invocation, after which the hymn—

"And will the great eternal God
On earth establish his abode?"

was sung. Mr. Saunders then read a selection of appropriate passages of Scripture—2 Chron. vi. 1 Kings ix. and Psalm lxxxiv.

The Dedicatory Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Manning, pastor of the North Baptist Church.

The 136th Psalm was then chanted by the choir, the congregation being invited to join in the refrain.

The 2nd hymn was,

"To Thee this temple we devote
Our Father and our God.
Here may the prayer of faith ascend
Thy Spirit's blest abode."

After which Rev. E. M. Saunders preached a most appropriate sermon from Luke vi. 4, 5. "He was worthy for whom he should do this. For he loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue."

He shewed that this act of the century was highly commendable as it supplied the Jews with a place to meet for the study of God's word, and to prepare for worship with the larger congregation in the temple. He shewed the necessity that had long existed in Granville Street Church for enlarged accommodation in these respects, and the cultivation of the sociability now so much demanded in Christian congregations. The beneficial results of social religious exercises were shewn to be, 1st, the cultivation of the gifts of the members, and thereby increasing the strength and joy of the believers themselves. 2ndly, They confer mutual joy and blessing. Christians are built up in the faith of the gospel, and 3rdly, By the opportunity they afford for making good impressions on the world and especially their conversion to God and salvation.

After the sermon a fine anthem from the Psalm xciii, "The Lord is King" was sung in solo, duet and chorus.

Rev. J. W. Manning made a very impressive address on the need of personal consecration to Christ's service. It is not sufficient for houses to be dedicated, but the hearts of the people must be devoted to God's service to secure the full benefits desired.

In the evening the Sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Manning from our Lord's miracle of feeding the five thousand. Matthew xiv. 19. The bread of life is given to the disciples, and it is for them to distribute to the multitude. The people are hungering for what we have and we must, by all appropriate means,—by building houses of worship and teaching the young, and preaching the gospel, give it forth; and by so doing we shall find we have more left—"twelve baskets full"—than when it was first put into our hands. Effort is demanded of us and the power of the Holy Spirit must be sought to give effect to the word of God, and men will thus be gathered into the fold of Christ and will become his followers.

Rev. A. S. Hunt being invited to speak, referred to the origin of Baptist sentiments in Halifax being in connection with the great revival of religion in England under Whitefield and Wesley, and shewed that by a diligent use of all appropriate means progress must be secured.

Rev. Dr. Burns, being in the congregation, was also called on, and gave an excellent impromptu address enlarging on the subject of the sermon—giving bread—not pastry—but the bread of life to the suffering ones.

Rev. E. M. Saunders also spoke briefly thanking the speakers for their kind words of encouragement and cheer. The service was one of much interest and continued till near 10 o'clock.

The Building thus set apart is intended as an annex of a future church edifice—the exterior at one end is therefore in an unfinished state where it is to join the larger building. When finished the whole building will have the shape of an L. The part at present finished consists of two stories—the lower one being a large room of sixty by forty feet from which are partitioned off an Infant Class room, the entrance hall, and a room for the library. The upper story is divided into rooms suitable for class rooms,

pastor's room, Ladies' rooms and kitchen, and will afford excellent facilities for social meetings. The Sabbath School will henceforth be held in the large room on Sunday afternoons, as will also the Prayer and Conference meetings of the Granville Street Church on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The Lord's Day Services—morning and evening will continue, at present, as heretofore, to be held in Granville Street Church building.

"The Baptist Year Book of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, 1876," is published and printed this year in St. John by G. W. Day. It is got up in good style by the Secretary of the Convention, John March, Esq. Its contents shew how much labor and painstaking care has been given to it. After the Constitution, we have nine pages occupied with the names of the churches comprised in the Convention. This would to some persons seem unnecessary, as they are repeated in the tables of Statistics of the Churches. But then it shews the churches from which delegates come to the Convention, and those that are not represented, and so may become beneficial in future years by stirring up brethren in the latter churches to fill up the blanks.

From this list—the Roll of Churches—it appears that there were at Sackville, 90 delegates and other members from Nova Scotia, 60 from New Brunswick, and 7 from P. E. Island.

The business of the Convention has already appeared in substance in our pages. It is given in detail in the Minutes. The report on the State of the Denomination not being complete in its statistics at the Convention, only an approximation could then be made. From that Report we now learn that in Nova Scotia there are 184 churches with 21,781 members, and that last year there were 1796 received into them by baptism. In New Brunswick there are 145 churches with 12,554 members; baptisms, 1490. In Prince Edward Island, 17 churches with 1250 members; baptisms, 177, making a total membership in the 346 churches of 35,585, 3,463 of whom were baptized last year.

This shews that in the Nova Scotia churches there is an average of 118 members to each church, in New Brunswick an average of 86 to each church, and in P. E. Island churches an average of 73.

The net increase is a trifle over 6 per cent, showing that a large blessing has rested on the Churches. It were greatly to be desired that the increase should be more evenly spread over those Churches.

After noticing the disparity between the churches, in the additions made to their numbers, the report remarks:

"It is easy to ascribe this difference to the sovereignty of God, who saves by many or by few, at his pleasure; but surely it is not wise or safe to content ourselves with such a solution of the problem. Would it not be more in accordance with the general principles of the New Testament to suggest to the Churches, whose usefulness has been small, the propriety of instituting serious inquiry into their spiritual state? Have they done all in their power to spread the truths of the Gospel, and to exemplify its blessed influence in the districts where they dwell? Does the holy light burn brightly or dimly among them? Is the witness-bearing of those Churches fitful or continuous? Is their religion an impulse or a habit? If such inquiries are promoted faithfully and frequently, much good will result, and a healthy spiritual condition be obtained."

The recommendation of the Committee on The state of the Denomination was adopted, and it was decided to hold a Special Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer on the first Thursday in December.

Detailed accounts are given of receipts and expenditures for Acadia College and Horton Collegiate Academy and for the New Academy building erected at Wolfville for the Boarding House. This volume of our Year Book will form a valuable addition to our Historical Records.

The Annual Convocation of Dalhousie College took place on Monday of last week in the Assembly Rooms of the Provincial Building. The Inaugural Address, given by Professor Johnston, made the University of Halifax its principal subject. Notwithstanding that the Faculty of the College gave in their adhesion to the University, Prof. Johnston spoke of it with a sort of bated breath—regarding it as a big experiment that could be of little value except it resulted in establishing a Provincial Teaching University. He compared the task before the University to "that of a man who is required to lift

himself by pulling at his boot straps." The new teacher, Dr. McGregor, also addressed the audience present. The Chief-Justice closed by a brief speech endeavouring to defend Dalhousie from the charge of sectarianism. But of course, he did not succeed.

Minutes of the 23rd Session of the African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, held in Halifax, Sept. 2nd, are just received. Rev. James Thomas was the Chairman. Delegates were present from Preston, Hammond's Plains, Yarmouth, Digby Joggins, Beech Hill, Horton, Campbell Road, Cornwallis and Falmouth. There were 32 baptized during the year. The total present membership is 445.

The Nova Scotia Auxilliary Bible Society held its 63rd Annual Meeting on Monday evening in the Grafton St. Church. Hon. S. L. Shannon in the Chair. Some good speeches were made and the collection taken up was above the average.

"Non-Sectarian" keeps up the discussion of the question whether Dalhousie be "non-sectarian" as affirmed by the Synod. Our space at command forbids our noticing his communication at length. He shews clearly that there has been no proper endowment of Professorships by the Presbyterians, seeing that the investments to sustain their chairs are firmly held on to by the Presbyterians, and may at any time be withdrawn by them.

REV. THOS. GALES, Agent for the Dominion Prohibition Alliance, is in town, and expects to make a lecture tour through the western part of the province—at Paradise on Saturday next, at Bridgetown, Sunday afternoon, Annapolis, Monday, Kentville, Tuesday, Wolfville, Wednesday, Canard, Thursday, Windsor, Friday. Addresses on Temperance and Prohibition.

The masterly letter of our correspondent, "Baptist" is rather long, but well worthy of perusal. We commend it especially to Presbyterians. The advocates of a so-called, non-sectarian State College may see there how impossible it is to have such an institution. A State College must have some of the characteristics of a State Church.

Every follower of Christ should commend the gospel to his fellowmen. Not only so, but should persuade them to an immediate acceptance of God's great gift, as they would endeavor to rescue a friend or brother from death by drowning, or from a burning building. This christian work is the great object of life to a believer in Jesus. Whatever may tend towards the accomplishment of this should be embraced by the servant of Christ. It might be by an invitation to the House of God, on the Sabbath, to the Sabbath School, or Bible Class, or the Prayer meeting on the week evening or any other means that may lead to hearing or reading gospel truth.

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And so on with others of similar import. If all our subscribers were equally prompt and kind we should regard our relations with them as most enviable; and our days and nights spent in their service would be divested of anxiety and full of the most pleasurable emotions.

We have good reason to know that the times are hard, and many doubtless have found it difficult to do as they desired in paying for their paper at the proper time. Yet if they would reflect that it is only by the payment of small sums such as theirs that we are enabled to meet the large demands made upon us every week for paper, labor and postage. Such of our friends then would not fail to send on what is due without delay, and save us the inconvenience and loss which tardiness occasions.

NOTICES.

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Nov. 8, 1876.

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