

For the Christian Messenger. "The Baptists."

Mr. Editor,—

I have just read Brother Boggs' "Lecture" on "The Baptists" delivered in Sydney C. B., in January last. I wish to thank my old classmate for the good work he has done in this regard, and to direct the attention of the denomination to this excellent treatise. I would like to see it in every household of the Amherst Church, and it would be an inexpressible gratification to find that our people generally really knew the contents. We must keep at the work of indoctrinating the younger generation, and I do not know of a better elementary work for the purpose. Our principles are stated clearly, and so temperately, that even the most virulent opponent—and there are many of them—must respect the spirit in which the lecture is written. The little treatise, for such I must call it, is worthy of a larger circulation than the Provinces can afford, and I hope my brother's native modesty will not prevent him handing it over to the American Baptist Publication Society. Faithfully,

D. A. STEELE.

Amherst, July 19, 1877.

For the Christian Messenger. Agency for the Endowment.

Mr. Editor,—

Permit me to announce through the Christian Messenger, that Rev. Isaiah Wallace has been engaged to undertake an agency for the College Endowment. He has closed his pastorate in the Church at Berwick, and consented to give himself exclusively to this work for one year. We hope that by his energy and zeal he may be able to visit the various sections of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and complete the subscriptions for the additional endowment within that time.

We ask for Mr. Wallace the hearty sympathy and co-operation of all the Baptist Churches and congregations in the sections where he may visit. Particularly do we request that he may have the sympathy and aid of the pastors and leading laymen in all the churches. This assistance is indispensable, if the great and necessary work which we have in hand is to be successfully accomplished.

Mr. Wallace is now at the meeting of the P. E. I. Association, and his purpose is to visit the churches on the Island between this and the Convention, and after that meeting to labor in Kings and Annapolis Counties.

In behalf of the Ex-Committee.

A. W. SAWYER.

Wolfville, July 21, 1877.

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N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

We continue our summary.

The Association Sermon preached by Rev. S. March was an excellent exhibition of Bible doctrine on "Contending for the Faith." We shall have the pleasure of placing it before our readers, and feel assured that it will be read with interest and profit.

After the Sermon came the Circular Letter on "Our children for Christ and his Church." This was read by the writer, Rev. H. Bool. These valuable expositions of what our denomination 'receives and holds' will commend themselves to our readers and the public. Given forth in this locality, where Presbyterianism has so long held sway, they were timely, and well calculated to shew the sentiments held by Baptists. We were glad to hear, from some who stand high in the former body, remarks on the documents presented and the warm discussions of other matters, highly complimentary to those who engaged in them. We presume that their views respecting Baptist sentiments and proceedings have been somewhat modified by their being present at the Associational gatherings at Upper Economy.

Letters which had not been before received were now read, and this, with some routine business, filled up the morning sitting.

In the afternoon, after prayer, the business was resumed by reading the report of the Committee on Education. After which Dr. Sawyer gave an explanation of the reason why Colleges could not be made self-supporting, shewing that any attempt to do this would limit the number who could possibly attend them to the very few wealthy; and the ministry, the professions and the teachers for the public schools would all suffer serious deterioration by any such

change. The supporters of colleges are conferring lasting benefits on the people generally. Dr. Sawyer told a most thrilling story of the rescue, from the fire in St. John, of the certificates prepared for contributors to the \$100,000 fund. How they were packed up and carried from place to place, and the box in which they were, becoming charred from exposure to the flames, but the papers were saved.

The discussion of Education matters of the body, although begun on Saturday were resumed on Monday, and occupied a good part of the sitting. It was participated in by Brethren Cummings, Steele, Wallace, and Miles. During the discussion Rev. George Armstrong arrived, and at once spoke of some of the benefits the College confers on the people who avail themselves of its advantages. Brethren A. A. Pineo, George Davidson, and Rev. W. H. Warren also made speeches to good purpose, shewing that they were heartily in sympathy in the effort being made to raise the additional endowment for Acadia College.

The Home Mission Report was brought in and read. It was then discussed clause by clause, specially approving the appointment of a General Agent. The benefits had been evident in the sums sent to the Associations from churches he had visited, besides having received more than \$100 in three months over and above what it was agreed he should have for his services. The need of permanent missions in preference to the temporary occupation of stations was spoken of, and it was said that where the latter policy had been pursued other bodies were sure to come in after our missionaries and gather up the results of our labor.

On Monday evening the subject of Missions was under consideration—Rev. W. B. Boggs gave a very graphic description of the country in which our missionaries are located, and the Jeypoor district in which the Oriyaman had gone to labor, where Europeans had been unable to remain. The fact of their wanting a place of worship which might be built for the sum of \$50. He (Mr. B.) had a desire still to labor for the heathen. This was his constant wish and aim.

Rev. Geo. Armstrong gave an interesting sketch of the origin of our Foreign Mission work at Chester.

Rev. S. March said he was much concerned to have a place of worship erected for the Oriyas in the Jeypoor district. "Go ye" was given with a full knowledge of all it included, and could not be unheeded by us without despising the One who gave the command.

Rev. Isa. Wallace expressed himself in hearty sympathy with the movements of the Missionary Board. All the great and good men who have passed away from our body were warm friends of Missions. No such labor either in the field, or for those who were there, could be made without receiving the reward.

A collection was taken up for building a mission chapel at Jeypoor, which at first amounted to \$16. It was subsequently made about \$30, and the hope was expressed that the P. E. Island Association would raise the balance.

Rev. J. H. Robbins said he had always aspired to be a missionary. He had not quite reached that position, but had come as near as he could to it. He shewed the relation between Home and Foreign Missions. The need of men for the churches at home was very great, and it became christians to consider what they were withholding from the Lord. If money was wanted for a horse-race or a race-course it came forth from its patrons by hundreds of dollars. The amount expended at the late horse races at Kentville was far more than was raised for Missions by all the Baptists of this province.

The meeting was a deeply interesting one. On Tuesday morning there was a very profitable Sabbath School debate, and the usual routine business attended to, bringing the Association to a close soon after noon.

On Tuesday evening a good Temperance meeting was held. Several of the ministers and other brethren gave spirited addresses, and left an excellent impression of the value of total abstinence from all that intoxicates.

We shall long remember our visit to Upper Economy and cherish pleasant recollections of its people.

An aged man named Benjamin Wier was run over by the railway train and killed on Monday evening near the Three-Mile House.

REV. E. ROBERTS.—A week or two since we copied a brief paragraph from the Presbyterian General Assembly's proceedings respecting Rev. Mr. Roberts of Bridgewater, with an offer to insert any explanation he might be disposed to give. In that paragraph Mr. R. appeared as a candidate for ministerial service in that body.

In the absence of such explanation we may be expected to give our readers, who are interested in the matter, such information as has come to our knowledge. Some two or three years ago Mr. R. came from England to this country seeking a pastorate in one of the Baptist Churches of this Province. Bridgewater, being at that time without a pastor, Mr. R. was advised to visit the people there. He did so, and a settlement was soon effected. His labors were favorably received at Bridgewater, and it was hoped he would be useful in that church, which had distinguished itself ever since its formation as an active, progressive body of christians. It shortly appeared that but little congeniality existed between Mr. R. and the people of the out-stations, whose co-operation would be essential to an adequate support of the minister supplying that field. At the close of the year they refused to renew their engagement with Mr. R., and it was evident that a change would be necessary. Efforts were made by several of his friends to introduce him to vacant churches in this Province, and he made a brief visit to the United States, but without any successful results.

It was subsequently found that, whilst these efforts were being made, negotiations had been in progress between himself and the Presbyterian minister at Bridgewater, who was about to remove, for Mr. Roberts to transfer himself to the Presbyterians, and become a minister of that body. It was also ascertained from Mr. R. that he did not feel that the change would be so great as it might be, seeing that he had in England ministered to a mixed congregation of Baptists and Pedobaptists, and that he had but little sympathy with Baptists in the matter of restricted communion. Opportunities were offered to Mr. R. to meet with the brethren in Association, and so strengthen the bonds of fellowship between himself and the Baptist body here, but he appeared to have no inclination for this. His removal will not, therefore, be regarded as a matter of much surprise. It seems somewhat strange that Mr. R. did not intimate to the church, of which he was a member and the minister, any intention of seeking a change in his church relations, or give them previously any idea of a want of harmony existing in his views and those of the church.

We hope Mr. R. may find a congenial field of usefulness to which his talents may be suited, but we trust that he will not on the subject of baptism &c., teach for doctrines the commandments of men but that he will give the truths of God's Word without admixture or suppression.

THE visit of Mr. D. Banks McKenzie to Halifax was brought to a close by a grand demonstration on Friday evening. The number in attendance was greatly diminished by the rain which fell during the evening. All the Temperance organizations were invited to join with the Temperance Reform Club in a procession to the Rink, where a farewell meeting to Mr. Mackenzie was to be held. The Sons of Temperance were represented by members of the Chebucto, Mayflower, North Star and South Star Divisions, in regalia. The Cadets came next—Acadia and St. George's Sections, and the Grand Section in their handsome regalia. Then came the Independent Order of Good Templars, the Grand Lodge having their insignia of office, followed by the juvenile branches of that order, and the Church of England Temperance Society. Next came a carriage containing Mr. Mackenzie, Hon. Dr. Parker, and Hon. P. C. Hill, followed by the Reform Club, comprising those who had recently been rescued from habits of drinking, some moderate drinkers and others drunkards. The streets were crowded with admiring spectators.

There was no gainsaying the fact that a great movement had been made in the community, and a very large number saved from drunkenness. The meetings from night to night had told on the hundreds who had accepted the invitation given them, and the piece of blue ribbon indicated the pledge taken by them. Joy had come to many households, and the prayer offered from hundreds of hearts was that they may be kept in the path so well entered upon. The procession passed through several

streets to the Rink. Here the ranks of the invited organizations were opened, and the Reform Club, headed by Mr. Mackenzie passed in to the building. The following are the names of some of the gentlemen on the platform:—His Worship Mayor Richey; Hon. P. C. Hill, Provincial Secretary; Judge Jackson, U. S. Consul; Rev. Dr. Hill; Hon. Dr. Parker; Rev. W. J. Ancient; Rev. G. B. Dodwell; Rev. John Forrest; Mr. Mackenzie; Mr. H. S. K. Neal, Superintendent of the Inebriate's Home.

After all had entered and taken their seats, "Hold the Fort" was heartily sung by the whole audience. Rev. John Forrest engaged in prayer.

His Worship the Mayor expressed his pleasure and surprise at the immense gathering before him, and after a brief introductory address called upon Mr. Mackenzie, who in a short speech shewed that the movement had been the result of the providential presence and co-operation of others with himself. He offered thanks to the choir and the press for their valuable aid in this work, and all who had so readily entered into the plans suggested for the accomplishment of this noble purpose.

Hon. P. C. Hill thought this meeting showed more significance than could be expressed by him in the few words he could say. It was said that 700 of our fellow-citizens had joined the Club. The audience might for one moment imagine what amount of happiness the reform of one drunkard would bring to his family. Multiply this by 700 and they would have the result of this movement. He (Mr. H.) had been a total abstainer for the past four years, and thought total abstinence the best course. He expressed a warm hope that the movement would not stop with the departure of Mr. McKenzie.

Hon. M. M. Jackson, United States Consul, said he had watched with deep interest the work Mr. McKenzie had been doing, and called upon all to help those who had taken the pledge.

Rev. Dr. Hill in a few words expressed the wish that God would bless this movement and the man who had started it.

Hon. Dr. Parker spoke of the commencement of Mr. McKenzie's work here in the establishment of the Inebriates' Home in Dartmouth, and said God had blessed his efforts in that instance as in this. He said the idea that those who had been in the Inebriates' Home had mostly gone back to their old ways was altogether wrong. He advised all to go home, empty out their decanters, and offer no more liquor in their social gatherings.

Mr. Robert Motton, Stipendiary Magistrate of Dartmouth said the previous speakers had touched upon all thoughts suggesting themselves on an occasion like the present and left him little to say. He need not testify his own experiences of the evil of drink, but he felt he would be acting contrary to the principles he had espoused did he not say that he had never spent so many happy hours as he had since he had become a total abstainer. He referred in warm terms to the good done by the Inebriates' Home in Dartmouth.

Mrs. Goff being called upon said she felt there was one point the other speakers had not spoken of, and that one reason why a woman might take the platform, was, the children.—Mothers should think how their children were growing up. She would like to see this building crammed with boys and girls who had taken the total abstinence pledge. She assured the men of the blue ribbon of the assistance of the ladies.

An Address, highly complimentary, in acknowledgment of the benefits conferred on our city was then presented to Mr. McKenzie accompanied by a cheque for \$200 as a donation to the Appleton Temporary Home over which Mr. McK. presides, and which has afforded relief to so many of our distressed brothers, and as a token of gratitude to the managers of that Institution for sparing Mr. McK. for his visit to Halifax.

Mr. Mackenzie, in reply, said he would take these kind words home and lay them away where he could see them when weighed down by discouragement. He thanked his friends for them. He thanked them for the cheque without which he would not be able to leave the city and take his trunk. He had felt it required a God-given power to keep those before him to their pledge. He exhorted them not to disgrace themselves, the ladies who were helping them, or the gentlemen on the platform by breaking their pledge.

The choir then sang "Sweet Bye-and-Bye," and the National Anthem.

The subsequent torchlight procession was somewhat interfered with by the rain. Still, it was a large and enthusiastic one, and after going through several streets took Mr. McKenzie to the International Hotel. Several buildings were brilliantly illuminated and fireworks were let off from a number of them.

Mr. McKenzie left in the steamer "Worcester" on Saturday afternoon. He was taken to the wharf in the American consul's carriage. A large number of the blue-ribbon men were there with a fife and drum corps to see him off.

The morning papers of Monday, in the Police report, stated that Saturday last was the third day on which there had not been a single drunk before the Court. This is surely good evidence that there has been some good influence abroad. May be the rum-sellers have not pressed the drink upon their customers as usual, who likewise have not made their usual visitations to those establishments. We join heartily in the prayer, "May it long continue."

HOME MISSION WORK.

As this matter is to be brought before the coming Convention, and the question submitted whether it would be desirable to unite the Home Missions of the three Provinces under one management, and place the work in the hands of that body, we have thought it well to copy from the Visitor the report of the discussion on that subject, at the recent E. N. B. Association at Moncton, so that our readers may understand what our New Brunswick brethren think about it.

Rev. T. H. Porter moved a resolution to the effect that this Society would be willing to pass over its work to the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, provided that body would undertake the responsibility, and the N. S. Home Mission Union would, in like manner, commit its work to the Convention. Bro. Porter thought that it would be easier and better for the Convention to undertake the whole work we require in regard to Educational Home Missions and Foreign Missions, when the Denomination is so largely assembled, than to have the great interests distributed and worked as they now are.

Rev. I. E. Bill thought the Convention could not, for want of time, carry on the work of Home, and also attend to Education and Foreign Missions; and believed it better to let our churches and ministers work out their own plans and adopt their own methods for Home Missions.

Rev. Geo. F. Miles thought action on this question might now be taken, if the brethren wished, and see whether the Home Missionary Union would be willing to give over its work also to the Convention, and whether the Convention would undertake to carry on this great enterprise for these Provinces.

On motion of Gilbert White, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. Hughes, the further consideration of the subject was deferred till next year.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WEEK.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. July 15.—Execution of the Duke of Monmouth.....1685. 16.—The Hegira.....622. Anne Askew burnt.....1546. 18.—Death of Petrarch.....1374. 19.—Death of Eustace Carey, (Missionary).....1855. 21.—Lord W. Russell beheaded 1683. Jesuits suppressed.....1773. Death of Robert Burns.....1796.

THE New Brunswick Western Baptist Association, at its recent session at Moncton, took up a collection amounting to Forty Dollars for Rev. George Armstrong, Editor of the Visitor, who had suffered heavy loss by the late fire. This was very generous. The Editor, in noticing this, adds: "Apart from the collection other friends in Moncton gave us substantial tokens of sympathy and regard, for which we are deeply grateful."

Notices.

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Delegates and friends expecting to attend the approaching meeting of the Baptist Convention at Wolfville, are requested to send in their names to Burpe Witter, Esq., Clerk of the Baptist Church, Wolfville, previous to the 10th day of August next. Parties bringing their own teams are requested to make mention of the fact.

It is earnestly requested that the above notification be punctually complied with, as otherwise the committee of arrangements will be greatly hindered in their work.

S. W. DEBLOIS, } Committee.

D. F. HIGGINS, }

Wolfville, July 20th, 1877.