

The Communion Question.

Dear Brother,— I have had it in my mind for some time to write an article on the Communion question—and to show that while we are Baptists we cannot invite the unbaptized to the table of the Lord—and that in adhering to this rule we act from principle, rather than from feeling; and that if we surrender at this point to meet the demands of our opponents, we would virtually concede the point at issue, and render null and void the testimony we are called to bear for truth and gospel order. I have had it further in mind to show that open communion amongst Baptists hinders their growth, and consequent influence. I may at some future time develop these thoughts, but for the present content myself with sending you the enclosed that I have clipped from a paper that has recently come to my hand.

Yours, &c., NEMO.

A FREE BAPTIST ON THE PRACTICAL WORKINGS OF MIXED COMMUNION.

Rev. R. S. James, M. D., who is known to many of our readers, and who became identified with the Free Will Baptists a few years since, writes to Rev. S. B. Page, of Cleveland, from Hillsdale, Mich.: Since I ceased to co-operate actively with the Baptist denomination, my attention has been turned to the practical workings of mixed communion, and, much to my surprise, I awake to the fact that I am, comparatively, a strict Baptist. Any other bonds than those which Christ has imposed will always be shackles to me; but some things that I had previously thought came under the latter class, now that I had been able to view them from a different point of view, appeared to be no more than healthy restraints, which the Head of the Church himself had wisely bestowed. I can never cease to love the Free Baptists, or to fellowship their untiring zeal and many of the doctrines which they make prominent; but the growing tendency among them to admit unimmersed persons to full church membership, convinces me, that unless I would continually hold the attitude of a controversialist, there is no place for me in that denomination. None can believe more strongly than I do, that if Baptist churches have a right to exist at all, separate from the rest of the Christian world, they should admit none to membership but those who hold to believers' baptism. A mixed church-membership is both illogical and contrary to Scripture. It is true that many of the fathers of the Free Baptist denomination strenuously oppose this innovation; but their efforts are more than counteracted by a party composed of some of the most talented, zealous and aggressive of the younger ministry. And this sentiment is evidently making headway in the denomination. Hence, instead of gravitating, as I had hoped, toward the larger Baptist body, the Free Baptists seem to be drifting rapidly in another direction. I therefore prefer to return to my old moorings, before the current carries me I know not whither.

The discussion of a mixed church-membership led me to review the arguments for the antecedent relation of Baptism to the Lord's Supper. This resulted in the conviction that I had not hitherto given them their due weight. Only recently, and by a very slow process, did I finally accept the doctrine that the ordinance designed to symbolize a believer's rising to "newness of life" should Scripturally precede the one, wherein we commemorate that wonderful death, which not only originates, but also nourishes the growth of our renewed existence. It then seemed clear that if an invitation to participate be extended to any but members of the church observing the Supper, Baptist churches, at least, should invite none but such as agree with them in the significance and relation of the two ordinances.

There is one thing further I want to say. As stated, my mind has been slow in coming to its present conclusions, and may stop here; but should I, in the course of further study, make further advances, I must accept them, even though I may be charged with trifling and instability by those with whom I have so recently associated. It was with no little pain that I decided to take the back track. It has required an amount of moral courage which I feared did not belong to my nature; but I saw that I had made a mis-step, and I felt sure that God would not prosper me in its continuance. I believe he has driven me to my present course. Whether my Baptist brethren receive me into their confidence again, or not, matters little. I shall have the consciousness of trying to do right.—National Baptist.

The Minutes of the Western and Central Associations were sent to the Clerks of all the churches early last week. If any persons who should have them have not yet received copies we shall be glad if they will apply to the proper parties and let us know forthwith if they have not come to hand. We are waiting for the balance of copy for the Eastern Minutes.

Notices.

Baptist Convention at Wolfville.

- NAMES OF DELEGATES. WITH WHOM LOCATED. Amstrong, Rev George and wife— De F A Crawley Archibald, Rev E N— John E Amstrong Archibald, Rev Dincock— Frederick Johnson Avery, Rev J F— Charles Fitch Boothby, Rev S— Mrs Dugwell Black, S McC— Mrs S W DeBlois Brown, John— Gustavus E Bishop Brown, Rev W B and wife— Edward R Bishop Boggis, Rev John and wife— Mrs G L Johnson Balcan, W J and wife— John Harris Boggis, W Sr, and wife— Alfred K Barris Bancroft, Rev J W— H O McLatchey Boole, Rev H— John O Pincus Bill, Rev I E— T A S DeWolf Baker, A T— Constance Harris Bligh James— M L Cleaveland Brown, Rev Maynard— Nelson Strong Blakeney, Rev J W— Lawrence Caldwell Banks, Arthur— Charles D Randall Bill, William C— Gideon Wickwire Burgess, Rev R D— John O Pincus Blakeney, Rev J E— John F Crowe Beckwith, R N— John F Crowe Crandall, Rev D W— Dr McLatchey Cross, James and wife— Bishop Palmeret Coombs, Rev J— Esty Bishop Carey, Rev G M W and wife— Rev S W DeBlois Cohoon, Rev A— David Thomas Chipman, George— Mrs A Murphy Clinch, C F and wife— James S Morse Coldwell, Samuel— H C Vaughan Crosby, H H and wife— Bishop Palmeret Curry, Mark— J F Tufts Corey, G B— James S McDonald Chute, H B— Dr A D W Barris Chipman, George— Mrs A Murphy Crawley, Rev Frederick— Rev S W DeBlois Chute, Obed— John F Crowe Clark, Rev J— John O Pincus Chipman, X Z— Mrs G L Johnson Day, Rev G E— J S Morse DeVoir, Rev James I— Burpe Witter Dunn, Isabel and wife— George C Johnson Dimock, Rev D W C— Burpe Witter Duffy, D A— J W Barris Dimock, S B— Reuben F Reid Dawson, George— Andrew Johnson Delaney, Dr W C— Frederick Johnson Everett, Rev W P and wife— Dr A W Sawyer Eaton, H K— Reuben F Reid Eaton, Cyrus— George V Rand Foster, Rev E R and wife— Arthur Bishop Faulkner, William— George V Rand Foot, Isaac N— Martin Cleaveland Freeman, Rev David— A Freeman Goucher, Rev J E— John F Crowe Grosno, James— James G Eagles Grant, F— Mrs Armstrong Gates, Rev G O and wife— do Rev John Chase Gates, L B— do Rev S W DeBlois Hickson, Rev Edward— do James G Eagles Hall, Rev E and wife— do Arthur Bishop Hunt, Rev A S— do Rev Joseph Jones Hughes, E N— do William Hardwick Hewitt, J W— do Dr J M Cramp Hall, Thomas— do James S Morse Higgins, Rev T A and wife— Charles Fitch Ingram, Rev A E— J G Eagles Irish, J E— Esty Bishop Johnson, Uriah— do John W Barris Jenks, D H— do Dr E A Crawley Johnson, Judge— do John W Barris King, John— do J F Tufts Kierstead, Rev E M— do J W Hamilton Kinney, J P and wife— do Mr Keddy Kempton, Rev Joseph— do Loran Franklin Kierstead, J A S and wife— James Graham Kelly, Mrs— do J F Tufts Kelly, Rev E W— do Ingleton Brown Langille, Gideon— Wm Faulkner Lavers, A H, wife, niece, & daughter— Nicholas Beckman Langille, Stephen— Dr A D W Barris Layton, T B— do Dr J M Cramp Lorrimer, Dr— do James S Morse Marshall, Asaph— W J Johnson Miller, E S S— Ingleton Brown Miller, Jacob— Mrs S B Bishop Morse, William and wife— Joseph Reid Minard, Levi and wife— Edwin Johnson Mills, Hans— Mrs S B Bishop Marsters, Joseph— do George H Wallace Marsters, Sarah— do David Thomas Marsters, Leonard— G H Wallace March, Rev Stephen— Wm Keddy Morse, Rev John C— do Rev John Chase Murray, Rev Joseph— do William Dick Middlemas, P and wife— Robert Watcott Miller, W— do John Harris McKinlon, L— do John Harris McQuillan, J B and friend— do Mrs Obed Benjamin McVicar, W M— do Nelson Strong McLean, Rev John and wife— James Payzaunt McKeagor, Rev P S— Wm Keddy McKenzie John— do Rev Joseph Jones Nelly, L O— do Fred Johnson Nickerson, Thomas— do Lysander Harris Neily, Rev S J and wife— do D F Higgins Parker, Rev T H— do D F Higgins Parker, George S— do Edward and wife Parker, Rev R D, sister and daughter— do D F Higgins Péksons, J F L and daughter— do Wm Witter Pope, Mrs J D— do R V Jones Pant, H N— do J W Barris Payzaunt, Lewis S— do Dr Sawyer Parker, Hon Dr— do John Harris Ruscoe, A N— do J W Hamilton Rice, R D and wife— do Mrs Obed Benjamin Reid, Rev J L— do Nelson Strong Redden, Rev J O— do James Payzaunt Rand John— do Wm Keddy Rawling, J W— do Rev Joseph Jones Rochan, Rev W H— do Mrs G L Johnson Rockwell, C N— do D F Higgins Rand, T H— do Andrew Johnson Robinson, John— do John O Pincus Reid, J B— do Frederick Johnson Steele, Rev D A and wife— do D F Higgins Saunders, Rev J H and daughter— do Gustavus Bishop Shafner, William— do Eli Griffin Shafner, H B— do James G Eagles Skinner, Rev J D— do William J Higgins Skinner, Rev I J— do D K Munro Soley, Josiah— do John O Pincus Spencer, James and wife— do D F Higgins Saunders, Rev E M— do Dr J M Cramp Selden, Stephen— do Charles Fitch Stevens, Rev A J— do John O Pincus Shand, Andrew— do John O Pincus Shaw, Burpe— do William Wallace Tupper, Rev Dr Chas and wife— do Edward R Bishop Todd, Rev Thomas— do Rev Joseph Jones Titus, Rev G B— do Dr J M Cramp Timpany, Rev A V— do Rev S W DeBlois Trotter, Rev Thomas— do Dr A D W Barris Upham, R— do Albert Caldwell Weeks, Rev Wm H and wife— do W J Higgins Whitman, Rev Edward and wife— do Andrew Johnson Weathers, Rev George A— do William Pick Wheelock, Abel M— do Reuben F Reid Weeks, Rev L M— do Dan Thomas White S— do John W Barris Wallace, Rev Isaiah— do Mrs Dugwell

A card has been sent to each party who has sent in their name, stating location.

The Secretary of the Committee of Arrangements wishes to say that a list was sent to the "Visitor" some days ago, but, if there should be any difference between that and the above, this is to be taken as the latest revised and correct one.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD. A meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of N. S., N. B., and P. E. I., will be held in the edifice of the Baptist Church, Wolfville, N. S., on Friday evening, 24th inst., at 7 o'clock. By order, W. P. EVERETT, Sec'y F. M. B. St. John, N. B., 11th Aug., 1877.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. ISLAND will be held with the Baptist Church at Wolfville, commencing on Saturday, the 25th of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M. J. MARCH, Secretary.

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.

PERSONS GOING TO THE BAPTIST CONVENTION, to be held at Wolfville on the 25th August, can travel by Intercolonial Railway for one fare. Certificates of attendance must be presented to proper officials to secure free return. The same privilege will be extended by the owners of the steamboats on the St. John River and Bay of Fundy. The steamer "Empress" leaves St. John for Annapolis Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 o'clock, A. M. Through tickets can probably be purchased on board the steamer. THOS. TODD. Moncton, N. B., Aug. 4th, 1877.

I regret to be compelled to give notice that the "Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company" will afford no accommodation to the Convention beyond that given to the ordinary traveling public. A very slight saving is effected by purchasing what are called "Return Tickets," good for a week. I suppose Rev. T. Todd's arrangement for the Intercolonial will hold good for the Windsor Branch also, as that is now under government control. Delegates coming from St. John by Steamer Empress had better not purchase through tickets to Wolfville. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS Wolfville, August 10th, 1877.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE. Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer, D. D., Pastor of the Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., will deliver an Oration before the above Society in the Baptist Meeting House at Wolfville, on Saturday, the 25th day of August, instant, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. The subject and further particulars will be announced hereafter. EDWIN D. KING, President A. A. C. Halifax, Aug. 11th, 1877.

ACADIA COLLEGE. There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Library on Friday, 24th inst., at half-past nine o'clock, A. M. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Secretary. Wolfville, Aug. 1st, 1877.

WANTED. A man to take charge of the Baptist Church in Charlottetown, P. E. I., for one or two or more years. He must be ordained or ready for ordination. The circumstances are as follows:—The undersigned has been serving the church for more than a year. He desires to devote a term or two more to study. The church is willing to let him go only on condition that he provide a substitute and return when through with his studies. It may be, however, that the substitute will give better satisfaction than the present supply; in that case the settlement may be permanent. The situation is, in every way, a delightful one. Nothing but a sense of duty would tempt the writer to leave it, even for a term. Please address D. G. McDONALD, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Charlottetown, Aug. 6, 1877.

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"Another Observer" is in type, but deferred to make room for Convention matters.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Falmouth.—Miss C. J. Messenger, \$5 00 *Cove Bay, C. B.—Mrs. R. D. Rice..... 5 50 *New Society organized by Mrs. Boggs 14th of May, 1877. M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. Halifax, Aug. 21, 1877.

Letters Received. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$5. Jas. E. Potter, Esq., yes, all right, \$5. A. J. Ledbetter, \$2. James M. Aymar, 18cts. A. B. Lyon, \$2. Mrs. R. V. Jones, \$4.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Acadia College. The next Session of Acadia College will open on Thursday, 6th of September. Matriculation Examinations will commence at 9 o'clock, a. m., on the 5th. Candidates for these examinations should be present at that time. A public meeting will be held on Thursday evening, when the Matriculation Prizes will be awarded and addresses will be delivered. A. W. SAWYER. Wolfville, Aug. 15, 1877.

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TEA MEETING. A Tea Meeting and Fancy Sale will be held at Short's Lake, Pleasant Valley, under the auspices of the Baptist Church of Brookfield and Forest Glen, for the purpose of enlarging their place of worship, on Thursday, Sept. 13th, 1877. A band is expected. There will be swings, ball, and croquet on the grounds. Also, a number of boats will be rowed on the lake. Conveyances to and from the Train free of charge. Should the day prove unfavorable it will be held the first fine day afterwards. Tea twenty-five cents; children fifteen cents. Forest Glen, Aug. 16th. Aug. 22. W. M. E. HALL.

NOTICE. The Ladies connected with the Baptist Church and congregation of Upper Wilmot have decided to have a Tea Meeting on Thursday, the 6th of September, at Melvern Square. Proceeds to finish their new Parsonage. Public patronage respectfully solicited. Tea served at 2 P. M. Should the day be stormy it will be continued on the first fine day. Signed by order, W. M. E. HALL. Melvern Square, Aug. 18, 1877. Aug. 22.

NOTICE. The Ladies of Lower Aylesford Baptist Church, and congregation, purpose holding a Tea Meeting at the Parsonage Grounds, Kingston Village, on Wednesday, the 12th of September next. Doors open at 2 P. M. Tickets 35 cts; children, 25 cts. The proceeds to go for the benefit of the Parsonage. Should the day be unfavorable, it will take place the next fine day following. By order of Committee, E. O. READ. Kingston, Aug. 20th, 1877. Aug. 22.

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BUDS AND BLOSSOMS is a neat and spicy little paper, and we wish it success. It contains besides the portraits, a deal of valuable reading matter, breathes an excellent spirit and is well worthy of patronage.—HALIFAX REPORTER. Having made arrangement our next year's issue will be prompt and improved. We now want to increase our subscription list for next year commencing July, 1877, any new subscribers sending 75 cents will be supplied with the paper, post free, for one year, and we give as a premium THE VOYAGE OF LIFE. Send to REV. J. F. AVERY, 18 Moren St., Halifax, N. S. May 16. 3m.

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