

marble slab. Rev. S. B. Kempton was then called upon to offer prayer dedicating the building to be erected thereon.

Mr. Bigelow then offered a few words and announced that he had just received a cheque for \$100 towards the buildings.

The National Anthem was sung and the company retired greatly pleased with the exercises of the afternoon.

The work is making good progress, immense quantities of timber and lumber, and 86 casks of lime are on the ground.

N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

assembled in its 28th Annual Session on Saturday last at Amherst.

Rev. M. P. Freeman, Moderator of the past year presiding.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

A list of the Delegates having been obtained from church letters, the election of Moderator was proceeded with and resulted in the choice of Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Revs. H. Bool and M. P. Freeman were appointed Secretaries.

Deacons Richard Upham and David Eaton were appointed Treasurers.

The Nomination Committee being appointed, retired for the performance of their duties.

The Letters were then read by Rev. F. O. Weeks, Rev. J. F. Kempton and Bro. Truman Bishop.

It was resolved to hold meetings for prayer each morning during the Session at half-past six.

The reading of the letters occupied the whole of the afternoon sitting.

Ministers of the Association were appointed to preach in the various churches as follows:

Amherst (Baptist).—Rev. C. H. Myers and Rev. F. O. Weeks.

(Methodist).—Rev. J. E. Goucher and Rev. H. Bool.

(Presbyterian).—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

In the other Baptist Churches in the neighborhood around—Revs. James Meadows, M. P. Freeman, J. F. Kempton, W. B. Boggs, A. E. Ingram, J. J. Atmstrong, S. Thompson, N. H. Bishop, E. B. Corey.

The Sabbath Schools at Amherst and Amherst Point were also provided for, and special services were held.

Saturday evening was appropriated to a Public Missionary Meeting.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The preaching places around being within a short distance, it was not necessary that ministers should leave till the morning to reach them, and the time would be economized by this arrangement, a large congregation assembled.

Rev. J. E. Goucher presided and in a few appropriate remarks opened up the subject, by shewing that Missions, Home and Foreign, were the great work of the churches united in Association and in the Convention.

Nothing less than the conversion of the world would meet the Saviour's great commission. No excuses would be allowed as valid, but every Christian is required to do his part notwithstanding 'hard times' or any other obstacle he may find, they must be overcome.

Rev. W. B. Boggs in a most effective speech brought before the Association the vastness of the work. By some striking illustrations he presented the condition of the heathen without the gospel and shewed the Christian church to be the only possible agency for effecting this benevolent design of raising them to a participation of gospel blessings and joys. They must get these blessings through the Christian Church or die without them.

Indifference on the part of Christians to Foreign Missionary work shewed indifference to the designs of our Lord, and to the sorrows of our fellow-men. Past experience shews that God will bless efforts put forth and make them efficient in producing the results even more in heathen lands than in the home field.

Rev. James Meadows, in advocating Home Mission work, drew a comparison between what was promised through the prophets, and what is now actually seen in the change effected by a faithful presentation of gospel truth. Whilst dollars and cents are necessary, yet no comparison could be made between their value and that of the glorious gospel. Liberty is a priceless boon, but gospel liberty is of infinitely greater value. These points were developed and illustrated with great clearness and force.

Bro. Wm. Cummings said he thought Christian people might, with a little careful consideration, be able to do

much more for missions and church work generally than they were accustomed to do. Less costly articles of dress and other luxuries might be often purchased, and that without injury, so as to leave a larger balance for the Lord's work.

Rev. D. A. Steele shewed that the Amherst Church had largely increased its contributions to benevolent objects. They had just set off a portion of its membership into a separate church, and by this means were preparing for a further extension of the gospel of Christ in the regions around.

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

we were favored with a drive to the Head of Amherst, now called Warren, about 5 miles from Amherst, where it had been arranged that in connection with the preaching there should be

AN ORDINATION SERVICE.

After an excellent sermon by Rev. M. P. Freeman, four good substantial men, who had been previously elected, were requested to come forward and receive the "laying on of hands." Of the ministers present, Revs. G. F. Miles, D. A. Steele, T. A. Blackader, J. Meadows, M. P. Freeman and Isaac Skinner, Rev. J. Meadows offered the ordaining prayer, after which Rev. D. A. Steele gave a faithful and affectionate Charge to the newly ordained Deacons, in the form of a running commentary on the scriptures relating to this office, its duties and privileges.

The pastor, Rev. G. F. Miles, then offered a few appropriate counsels to the members of the new church, exhorting them to sustain the Deacons in the discharge of the onerous duties demanded of them. This church was formed about two months ago, and has since received additions to its membership of 21 members, and now numbers 44.

On Monday morning the early prayer-meeting was devoted specially to prayer for the missionaries now in India and Rev. Wm. George in Burma whose touching request for prayer lately appeared in the Messenger.

The Associational Sermon was preached on Monday morning by Rev. Jas. F. Kempton from Matt. xiv. 16, "They need not depart; give ye them to eat." This was adopted as representing the abundant supply in the presence of Christ for all the wants of the world and the duty of the church to give of what He gives to them.

The Circular Letter was read by Rev. A. E. Ingram on the means of providing ministerial labor for the wants of the smaller churches.

BY TELEGRAM.

In the private Session of the delegates on Monday afternoon, after three hours earnest discussion of the circular from the Foreign Missionary Board concerning Mr. Boggs' return to India, it was resolved that it would be inexpedient to reappoint Bro. Boggs to labor in the foreign field, but they would most respectfully recommend that he be employed in foreign missionary work in these provinces.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

We learn with pleasure that our Island brethren had a grand time at their recent Associational gathering at East Point. Favorable weather, beautiful scenery and hospitable friends combined to render the sessions most enjoyable. The churches of P. I. Island were well represented by about seventy delegates; and the congregations were the largest ever assembled at East Point. It was evident that the Master was present, and that his blessing was vouchsafed to his worshipping people.

The business of the Association was commenced with fervent prayer and praise, after which Rev. Alfred Chipman was chosen Moderator; Brethren J. A. Ford and A. G. McLeod as Secretaries; and Bro. Joseph Brown as Treasurer.

The reading of letters occupied the chief part of the afternoon session on Saturday. These presented the usual variety of light and shade, some abounding with expressions of gratitude for large blessings received, whilst others reviewed with regret the small amount of progress made during the year.

Of the whole, the reports from the churches were highly encouraging. Every Baptist Church and Missionary station on the Island had been supplied throughout the year with gospel preaching. As a pleasing result of the work performed, about one hundred and eighty converts have been baptized. Surely our brethren have "not labored in vain in the Lord."

The business of the Association was

attended to in a manner which might be imitated with profit by similar gatherings in other places. None of the reports of committees was passed over slighted; whilst the subject of Missions and Education—the most important matters connected with our denomination—were assigned the most prominent place in the discussions. Much of clap-trap that fritters away the precious time of some of our Associations was judiciously excluded.

The reports on Temperance and Sunday Schools were disposed of on Saturday evening. Both subjects were earnestly and fully considered. Tobacco and Alcohol were—not demolished exactly—but set forth in all their diabolical hideousness and hatefulness. Unsugared resolutions were heartily passed in execration of these detestable snares of the Devil.

Visiting brethren did good service in helping forward the work of the Association. Rev. J. E. Hopper, of St. John, Rev. H. C. Mabie, Brookline, Mass., Rev. Ewin Clay, M.D., of Halifax, and Rev. W. H. Warren from Yarmouth were present. They received a hearty welcome and in all the important discussions they took an active part.

The Association Sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. C. C. Burgess from the text, "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" The discourse was well prepared and very appropriate. The Association requested that it be published in the Messenger. In the afternoon Rev. J. E. Hopper preached an excellent discourse on the "Object and Manner of true Worship." Rev. H. C. Mabie preached in the evening on the Resurrection. His sermon was a masterly exhibition of the truth as contained in one of the most important facts of the gospel dispensation. By special request the MS. has been obtained for publication.

The Circular Letter was read on Monday morning by its writer, Rev. D. G. McDonald. The subject was, "Growth in Grace," and it was presented with the author's peculiar earnestness and tenderness. It was voted that the Letter be published in the Christian Messenger.

The question as to the desirableness of having a printed Summary of Doctrinal Views, as held by the churches composing the Island Baptist Association was discussed at some length. Such a document, if put forth in the Spirit of the bye-gone "Decrees of Councils," or authoritative "Creeds," would be at once rejected by our Island brethren. For them "the Bible and the BIBLE ONLY is the rule of faith and practice." But a summary of belief, intended simply for information and convenient reference was generally admitted to be much needed. With this understanding, it was unanimously decided to order the publication of three thousand copies of the doctrinal outline given in Hiscox's Church Directory, for General distribution. We think the decision was a very judicious one.

The discussion on Education was animated and stimulating. The embarrassment and successes of Acadia College were well set forth by Revs. W. H. Warren, D. H. Simpson, Dr. Clay, J. E. Hopper and H. C. Mabie. The brethren on the Island are loyal to our Educational interests, as their liberal contributions in the past have abundantly proved.

On Monday evening an interesting meeting was held in considering the subjects of Home and Foreign Missions.

Rev. D. H. Simpson spoke feelingly of the great unevangelized fields which are at present making pressing demands upon the sympathies and assistance of Christian workers.

Rev. D. G. McDonald gave a startling summary of the amounts spent for Tobacco and Rum, as compared with what is expended in the promotion of the gospel. The tobacco-money of church-members alone would more than pay the expenses of all our missionary operations.

Rev. W. H. Warren gave a concise statement of the work performed and the results secured by our Home Missionary Union during the past year. Seven gospel laborers in that province were aided from our treasury during that time; every station on the Island, large or small, has been constantly supplied; one new church has been organized; and upwards of seventy baptisms have been administered by these laborers. He also announced that plans had already been matured for making still larger appropriations for the Island mission fields during the ensuing year. Brethren had pledged themselves to a still greater exertions in raising the needed funds.

Dr. Clay, Bro. Arthur Simpson

and other speakers dwelt with much satisfaction upon the progress that had been made in evangelistic effort; and a powerful appeal was made for more enlarged beneficence and activity among the churches.

The session on Tuesday morning was spent in attending to routine business. An excellent report from the Island Sunday School Convention was read and adopted. Another, relating to Denominational Literature, was warmly discussed and adopted in an amended form.

The Association then adjourned to meet next year with the Baptist Church at Long Creek, Queen's County. It was acknowledged by all who were in attendance that the business of the Association had been conducted in a most satisfactory manner, and that the sessions were highly interesting throughout. A fresh impetus was given to our denominational work on the Island, and both ministers and laymen returned to their various fields of labor with a renewed resolve to "Expect great things from God," and to "Attempt great things for God."

BAPTIST CHURCH IN ROME.

"The American Southern Baptists, through their missionary, Rev. Rev. Dr. Taylor have purchased for 25,000 dollars what is described as a most eligible building in Rome for a chapel. It is one of the great thoroughfares of the city, and near the Pantheon and the University of Italy."

The above paragraph will interest many of our readers who some years since—in 1873—contributed various sums towards the fund for that purpose—amounting in the aggregate to \$217,77—Dr. Cote appealed through our columns for funds, but as some difficulty subsequently arose between him and the society the funds were invested by the Southern Baptist Missionary Society for the object for which they were contributed. Dr. Taylor went out and took up the work begun by Dr. Cote.

All Methodist preachers are not afraid of hearing the truth on the subject of baptism. One such writes one of our most uncompromising Baptist contemporaries to say that he has picked up a copy of said paper, and adds:

"I say in all sincerity, that I never found in one number of a newspaper of any kind so much interesting matter as in that. I would to God that the solid truth of the Bible was as evident and pungent in all our so-called religious papers, and the same 'charity for all and malice toward none.' You avoid offence, and yet are fearless in the truth. Your paper has nerve and backbone, the spirit of the old apostles is in it; and may the God of Elijah and Samuel arm you with apostolic wisdom in this day, when delusions and snares are so prevalent that some well-meaning ministers of the gospel actually cringe to the world so far as to assert that God's truth is harsh and severe. God in mercy save his people from bigotry, and at the same time for the liberalism of the day."

Christians were not always total abstainers. Intoxicating drinks have been very near the church more recently than Apostolic times at Corinth. Ministers drank freely less than a hundred years ago, and thought it no harm. Here is what Zion's Herald—a Methodist paper—we believe—vouches for as a genuine bill rendered at an ordination a hundred years ago:

1784.
May 5 To 3 Bitters, 6p
3 Breakfasts, 3s 6p
15 boles Punch, £1 10s
24 Dinners, £1 10s
11 bottles Wine, £3 6s
5 mugs Flip, 5s 10p
3 boles Punch, 6s
3 boles Toddy, 3s 6p

Good Temperance men will shudder at the thought of such things at an ordination.

The Presbyterians are getting into trouble all the world over. The Scottish heresies are no sooner put down than questions arise in America affecting the position of time-honoured creeds. Before the General Assembly, in session in Pittsburg, has been brought a resolution to expunge from the Apostle's Creed the sentence, "He descended into hell," on the ground "that it is offensive as an unscriptural interpretation." Dr. Patterson, who moved the resolution, said he was actuated by a desire to support the Creed; that he would not press his motion, but had brought it forward just "to relieve his conscience." He was supported by Dr. Loyall Young, who said, in his opinion, three classes of Presbyterians desired to retain the clause. "One class cared nothing about it, and never used the creed; another class were op-

posed generally to changes in Church standards; and a third class were those who wished to glide toward Episcopacy. The Doctor could find no other class to mention.—Canadian Spectator.

A Glasgow correspondent, Rev. David Young, sends the London Baptist details of a novel defence of infant sprinkling. "In order," he writes, "to show that infants ought to be baptized, there has been cut out in stone, in the front of the new parish-church of Rothessay, Buteshire, a minister, in gown and bands, in the attitude of sprinkling an infant. The father, attired in a kilt, with his wife standing beside him, holding up the infant to the operator. Here is half-fledged Romanism. The gown is a badge of ministerial authority to affix on the child's brow the 'seal of remission of sins, regeneration, adoption, and life eternal.' The bands suspended from the minister's neck symbolise the cloven tongues as of fire!"

The obnoxious ecclesiastical law concerning burials in England is not likely to become less hateful by such scenes as the following:

A Denbigh correspondent writes:—"On Monday afternoon last week a quiet unpretending funeral might have been seen wending its way to the parish burying-ground of Denbigh, at Whit-church. When it reached the church gates no clergyman met it, nor did the friends desire or attempt to carry the body into the church, but quietly and reverently passed on to the grave, and lowered the dust to its kindred dust. The reader may ask, Was it the body of a suicide upon whom some unsympathetic jury and some rigid coroner had pronounced a verdict of *felony de se*? No; it was simply the body of an old woman named Mary Wynn, who had been a member of the Baptist Church at Denbigh, and who with her friends eschewed the services of ministers other than those of her own communion. Rev. Thomas Thomas, the newly-settled minister, was present, and he addressed a few words to the assembled mourners and friends, and then offered prayer. The grave was duly filled up, and tender hands placed a few flowers on it, and all departed."

"THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK" is the title of the new paper No. 1 of which is just issued at Toronto "in the interest of the Baptist Foreign Mission Societies of Canada." It is a neat well filled sheet on Missionary subjects, of four pages, 10 inches by 13½. It is proposed to continue it if a sufficient number of subscribers are secured. The price to be 25 cents a year, payable in advance. Rev. A. V. Timpany has prepared the present number, but in future the Editors will be Mrs. H. J. Rose, and Mrs. M. Freeland. Communications to be sent to Box 8, Yorkville, Ontario. Orders and Remittances to be sent to Miss Buchan, Yorkville, Ontario.

The Secretary of the N. S. Central Board wishes us to say that she has received a number of copies of the "Missionary Link," and has forwarded them to the W. M. A. Societies through the Province, and hopes the Secretaries will lose no time in making up the number of copies they will take and sending on for them as above.

In reporting what was done at the New Brunswick Church of England Synod in our last we said: "A motion that a standing Committee be appointed to organize Church Temperance Societies was voted down."

The following note, just received, will explain and correct that statement. The rev. gentleman will please accept our thanks for the same:—

Dear Sir,—An inaccuracy has crept into your columns in reference to the action of the New Brunswick Church of England Synod on Temperance. There was no proposal to organize Church Temperance Societies. Many of these have been organized by the formal request and sanction of the Synod. It was now proposed to form a Diocesan Temperance Society to consolidate and complete the organization of these parochial Societies. By a vote of 50 to 44 this was considered unadvisable in the absence of the Bishop. But at the next meeting of the Synod such a Society will doubtless be formed.

Yours, &c., EDWYN S. W. PENTREATH, Rector of St. George's Church, Moncton, July 12th.

We have received another letter from Rev. J. Brown which will appear next week. It was unavoidably deferred to make room for the excellent Circular Letter written by J. W. Bars, Esq.; by direction of the Central Association.