

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 2.15, by President Vroom. Rev. W. H. Warren offered the opening prayer, after which the minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The discussion of the question, "Should unconverted persons be Sunday School Teachers?" was then opened by the Secretary, with a paper in which he attempted to show that unconverted persons should not be Sunday School Teachers.

Resolved, That the principles enunciated in the President's paper are accepted by this convention.

An invitation having been received from Clements Vale, it was resolved that the next session of Annapolis Sunday School Convention be held with the Baptist Sunday School at Clements Vale.

Messrs. W. V. Vroom, J. E. Armstrong, J. Potter, J. H. Gates, J. A. Burgess, Dow Potter, and Rev. J. M. Parker, were appointed a managing committee for next convention.

The afternoon session closed at 5, with the benediction by Rev. R. Smith.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 7.30 by President Vroom. After prayer by Rev. T. A. Higgins, the minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and adopted.

The treasurer reported receipts from all sources, \$11.67; expenses, \$6.00; balance on hand \$5.66. Reported adopted.

Rev. R. Smith gave a forcible address of half an hour's length, on "How shall we gain the older members of the community for the Sunday School and retain them in it?" He recommended that the teaching from the pulpit should favor the presence of older persons in the Sunday School; that Christian parents should set the example by attending; that a great reform in Christian liberality must take place; that consecration of heart and life was necessary.

C. M. Forbes, Esq., followed. He urged the importance of careful study of God's Word. The tendency of the present age was to drift from the teachings of the sacred scripture.

Rev. T. A. Higgins drew attention to the great responsibilities of the Sunday School teacher. Instruction should be attractive. Thorough preparation was necessary.

Mr. Patterson closed the discussion. He considered too much was required of Sunday School teachers.

Throughout the convention the choir under the joint leadership of Mrs. Randall and Miss Rice, assisted by Miss Gates as organist, added much to the interest of the proceedings.

Votes of thanks were tendered respectfully to the people of Annapolis for their bountiful hospitality, and to the choir for their excellent music.

About fifty delegates, mostly from the Eastern section of the country, were present.

After the reading and adopting of the minutes, the convention was closed at 9.30, with the benediction by Rev. R. Smith.

J. E. ARMSTRONG, Sec.

For the Christian Messenger. Hants Co. Ministers' Meeting.

ADDRESS TO REV. J. C. BLEAKNEY.

Dear Brother,—

I am requested by our Pastors' Meeting to inform you that your resignation is accepted, and to assure you that your services, while President, were highly appreciated by your brethren. You are missed, but not forgotten. Your uncommon success while pastor of the Hantsport Church is an evidence that the hand of the Lord was with you, and affords ground to hope that He will be your help in your present field of labour. Brother, you have the sympathy, love, and prayer of the Hants. Co Baptist Pastors' Meeting.

Yours truly, JOHN A. McLEAN, Secretary.

Sept. 2nd, 1878.

TO THE HANTS CO. BAPTIST PASTORS' MEETING.

Dear Brethren,—

A copy of your very kind and Christian address, accompanied by a letter,

which breathes a true brotherly salutation, from your worthy Secretary, having reached me, I hastened to prepare the way for the publication of the same, and these few words of acknowledgement of your kindness, both while presiding and since I have been separated from your genial faces and brotherly counsels. I shall ever feel a particular interest in your meetings and general prosperity. God bless you my dear brethren, in your private studies and public administrations, is the prayer of your absent brother.

Yours truly, J. C. BLEAKNEY.

Laurencetown, N. S., Sept. 25th, 1878.

For the Christian Messenger. Mission to Margaree, C. B.

Dear Editor,— Having received an appointment from the Home Missionary Board of twelve weeks in Margaree, C. B., I left home on the 6th of June and arrived there on the 11th.

I began visiting from house to house trying to shew the people their duty. I found the church sadly divided on painful matters; but by the blessing of God I hope they were in a much better condition when I left them.

I received greatest kindness from all, and had the exceeding great privilege of baptizing in the beautiful Jordan of Margaree, in which the sainted Joseph Dimock many years ago baptized the most ever baptized in that river.

I was blessed with good health and had plenty of work, and I thank my Heavenly Father I was enabled to enjoy it. To God be all the praise. I pray the rich blessing of God may rest down upon that dear kind people. The following are the names and the sums subscribed for the Mission:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes James Frizzle (\$8.00), Donald McDonald (5.00), George P. Murray (4.00), William Ingraham (4.00), Joseph Ingraham (3.00), Thomas Ethredge (2.00), M. C. McLeod, M. D. (1.00), George H. Tingley (2.00), Murdock McLean (1.95), Lauchlan McDonald (3.00), Mrs. Lauchlan McDonald (1.80), Donald L. McDonald (1.00), Miss Margaret McDonald (0.20), Murdock McDonald (4.00), Mrs. Murdock McDonald (2.50), John Burton, Sr. (3.00), Mrs. John Burton (3.00), Thomas Crowdis (1.00), Hugh Ross (5.00), Miss Flora McDonald (1.00), Miss Henrietta Burton (1.00), Kenneth Fynelason (0.60), Albert J. Hart (4.00), Mrs. Harriet Hart (0.25), Miss Pheobe Hart (0.25), Mrs. Ann Ledbetter (2.00), Mrs. Jane Ross (1.00), Mrs. John Cady (1.20), Joseph Tingley (1.80), James G. McDonald (2.00), Church Subscription (8.00), Mrs. William Ross (2.00), Mrs. Joseph Ross (2.00), Mrs. William Phillips (1.20), A friend (2.00), Mrs. Joshua Ross (0.40), A friend (0.25), Mrs. John M. Ross (3.50), William F. Burton (2.16), Robert Burton (1.35), Mrs. Robert Burton (1.02), Mrs. Margaret Ross (1.75), Mrs. John Burton jr (0.40), Mrs. James G. McDonald (0.20), Mrs. Sarah McPherson (0.20), Joseph P. Burton (2.00), Joseph L. Ross (3.00), James Tingley (0.50), Caleb Ross (1.00).

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I also visited the brethren and sisters and friends at Mabou, spent one Sabbath, preached three times, found them struggling along amidst many difficulties. Many of them just waiting for the Master to call them Home.

They are very few in number, but ready to contribute for the preached Word. May heaven smile upon that little band is my earnest prayer.

I also received at Mabou the following sums:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Robert Frizzle (\$5.00), William Frizzle (2.00), Joseph Hunt (0.50), Mrs. Rachel Potter (0.50), Mrs. Mary Irish (0.25), Mrs. Flora Irish (0.50), Miss Henrietta McKeen (0.25).

Total from Mabou \$ 9 00 " from Margaree 103 51

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JAMES A. STUBBERT.

This is the hottest summer England has experienced for eleven years.

In Memoriam.

HENRY F. WHITMAN.

At West Valley, Annapolis Co., Feb. 3rd, 1878, Henry F. Whitman, in the 69th year of his age. He was baptized by the Rev. I. E. Bill in April, 1838, and united with the Baptist Church at Nictaux. In 1848 he removed his membership to the Baptist Church at Liverpool, N. S., where he remained for some years, and was chosen deacon of that church. In 1856 he moved to Beverly, Mass., and became a member of the Church in that place, and there, as in other places, he took a great interest in the Sabbath School and general welfare of the cause of God. In the autumn of 1877 our brother and his beloved partner returned on a visit to his native land and friends in a poor state of health. After a few months of sickness and suffering he passed peacefully to the better land. Our brother was strong in faith, firm in hope, waiting for the time of his departure to come, when he would "be with Christ, which is far better."

A widow is left to mourn her loss but is comforted with the blessed assurance that they will soon meet in the home of the blessed to part no more for ever. At his funeral a very large congregation assembled to show their respect and esteem for our departed brother. A sermon was preached at the time from Acts ii. 24, "He was a good man." Life's labour done, as sinks the day, Light from its load the spirit flies, While heaven and earth combine to say How blest the righteous when he dies. —Communicated by Rev. W. G. Parker.

FREDERICK HUBLY

departed this life August 31st, 1878, in the 67th year of his age. He was brought to a knowledge of Christ at a very tender age and was baptized by the Rev. George Richardson at the age of 17 years. He maintained his profession under every circumstance of life. Family devotions were never omitted. A man of unwavering fidelity, he was elevated to the office of Deacon of the church, which he held for upwards of 30 years. As a leader in the house of God, like a faithful sentinel, he was always at his post, striving earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. He always enjoyed good health until a few months previous to his death, and then did not suffer severe bodily pain, but gradually weakened down under a complication of diseases which ended his mortal career. He never wavered in his declining hours, but, trusting in Christ who is the resurrection and the life, he quietly passed away without a murmur or a sigh.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

ARCADIA, YARMOUTH CO.—Rev. A. H. Lavers informs us that four were received by letter into the Arcadia Church, a short time ago.

ONSLow.—The Rev. C. H. Martell baptized one believer into the fellowship of the West Onslow Church last Sabbath, and received one by letter into the fellowship of the East Onslow Church.

The prospect for good is encouraging. ONE PRESENT.

Sept. 30th, 1878.

FIVE ISLANDS AND LOWER ECONOMY.

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, the 15th inst., in the presence of a large and attentive audience, the ordinance of baptism was administered to a sister in Christ by the pastor of the Five Islands and Lower Economy Church. The solemn ceremony of burying the sister beneath the baptismal waters seemed to deeply impress all. During the hush accompanying the administration of the ordinance the scoffer's laugh or bitter sayings of the prejudiced was unheard. To us it seemed as if the truth were speaking silently yet eloquently, to the many opponents of Christian baptism then present. There were special circumstances which surrounded this baptism with a halo of interest. For two years our esteemed brother has laboured successfully and faithfully in our midst. Ill health, however, has forced him to resign his pastorate, to the great regret of the members of the church and congregation. It must have been a source of deep joy and gratitude to Bro. Ingram, on his last Sunday as pastor with us, to have another proof in the baptism just mentioned that the Lord was still blessing his servant's labours. In the afternoon of the same day we listened to our brother's heart-searching

and impressive farewell sermon. The verses selected to preach from were the 20th, 21st, 27th and 32nd verses of Acts xix. The three following thoughts were admirably worked out by the preacher:—1. The subject matter of the Apostle's teaching. 2. The admonition of the Apostle. 3. The commendation of the Apostle.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., the Sabbath School Convention of Colchester and Cumberland Counties was held at the Baptist Church, Lower Economy. The work of the Convention occupied three sessions. In the morning a devotional meeting, occupying about an hour, gave us a season of close communion with Jesus. The usual preliminaries having been disposed of, the Chairman pro tem, Bro. McLellan, of Advocate Harbour, called upon the pastor to close the meeting with prayer.

The afternoon session—Bro. Rev. T. B. Layton, President elect, in the chair, commenced business after an opening prayer by one of the brethren. Various questions affecting Sabbath School work were very fully discussed by the ministers and delegates. The session was closed in the usual manner.

During the evening we had the pleasure of listening to an admirably conducted Sabbath School concert. The interest of the proceedings was considerably augmented by several excellent speeches from our ministerial friends and the delegates. The day was a most enjoyable one and thoroughly successful. This was in a large measure owing, we are sure, to the friends upon whom devolved the necessary business and other arrangements.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., the Ministers' Conference of Colchester and Cumberland Counties met at the Lower Economy church.

The Rev. J. E. Goucher preached a very powerful sermon in the afternoon. After the sermon the rest of the time was occupied with devotional exercises.

During the evening the pastor read a very interesting sketch of the history of Five Islands and Lower Economy Church.

All the meetings connected with the Conference were most successful. As a result of these meetings we are happy to say we shall, we trust, very shortly report other baptisms.

Want of space prevents us from entering into details of the Conference gatherings, or else we would have mentioned the names of those ministerial brethren and others who contributed so largely to make these meetings successful.

HARD SHELL.

*[This sketch will appear in our next. —Ed. C. M.]

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Lord Dufferin opened the exhibition at Toronto on the 25th ult.

Thomas Stock, President of the Arts Association, presented an address to which His Excellency made a long and telling speech; 10,000 people were present.

The Quebec Chronicle says:—"His Excellency the Governor-General will sail from Quebec either on the 12th or 19th October. The joint address of the citizens of Quebec will be the last of the kind extended to His Excellency before his departure. It will be presented in a public manner on the Esplanade on Friday evening, the 11th or 18th October, after the laying of the corner stone of the Dufferin improvements, and immediately before His Excellency embarks on board the steamship which is to convey him on the following morning from our shores. The Governor-General will be escorted to the steamship wharf from the Esplanade by a torch-light procession."

General Sir Patrick McDougall will be sworn in Administrator of the Government shortly.

The following telegram respecting our future Governor-General was published in the Globe on Thursday last:—"The Marquis of Lorne is gazetted a Knight, Grand Cross of St. George. Yesterday he made a farewell address to his late constituents in Inverary in which, after referring to home politics, he said that he should judge the wishes of the colonies not from our point of view but from that of their interests, and also from that of the whole Empire. He spoke at length of the importance of Canada as an emigration field for agriculturalists and others similarly employed, and the rapidity with which the country is being opened up and cultivated. Plenty of men would do well if they could hold a plough and follow the example of their countrymen, who had won glory to the old land, in forming

another great British nation. They would exchange unhealthy city toil for life giving work. The settlers in the agricultural regions of Western Canada were likely to live longer and be happier than was the great majority of mankind.

In conclusion, he had now to bid them farewell, but he wished them to feel that he knew well how deep was the debt of gratitude he owed them. If he proved in any manner able to fill the high place allotted him, if any success attended him in undertaking the arduous responsibility connected with the position of one who was the representative of constitutional sovereignty, and as such bound to cherish the living ties which unite the young with the old imperial land; if he could in any measure satisfy the wishes of the people, it was because he had had some experience of public matters as a member of the House of Commons. He had always rejoiced that he had been allowed to serve that fair portion of Scotland which their fathers and his had served in other and more troubled days."

The result of the Dominion elections continue to receive various comments in the English press of the strangest character, some even venture to characterize it as un-British—strange that such language should be employed respecting the popular vote.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Mr. DeVeber's application for a re-count of the city ballots was quashed by Judge Watters on Thursday on the ground that the \$100 deposited in court was on behalf of one Costigan and not in the name of the plaintiff.

Edward Sweeney, unmarried, a resident of Enniskillen, Queen's county, was killed by a train this morning on the Western Extension Railway, near Gaspereaux station. He was lying on the track.

Samuel Pyne, boiler maker, of Moncton, was killed at the Intercolonial depot in St. John on Tuesday night, the wheels severing both legs at their junction with his body. He was almost cut in two and lived only a few minutes.

A body found at Bunker's, 12 miles from St. John, on Tuesday, was George Grier, an old man. His death resulted from accident.

UNITED STATES.—Each day's telegrams from the South still show a large number of deaths, from yellow fever—in some places, as at Mississippi and Vicksburg, even greater than previously. In New Orleans the number is diminishing. Sixty-four deaths reported there on Friday last. On Wednesday last a stampede of affrighted people took place at Louisville, Ky., in consequence of the discovery of 250 cases of fever in that city.

A telegram from New Orleans, on Tuesday said the captain of the ship Annie Goudey arrived on Monday. He reports that Sept. 4th he fell in with the schooner Eulalie, of Shelburne, N. S. dismantled in a hurricane, Sept. 3. Took off five of the crew. The captain and mate could not get off as a heavy gale came on.

The International Sunday School Committee met at Cincinnati on Wednesday last for the purpose of providing the International Sunday School Lessons for seven years beginning with 1870.

Norwalk and New York steamer Adelphi struck her boiler when a mile from her dock on Saturday morning on the way to New York. She was immediately towed to Gregory's point. Six persons were killed and some 20 scalded. The boiler blew out of the starboard side of the roof. The hull and machinery are but little injured.

ENGLAND.—It is reported that an order has been issued for the dispatch of 10,000 waterproof sheets and 50,000 blankets to the Indian army. Field stores are also preparing for immediate issue.

The Government are not in a hurry to take action on the Afghan question. Their desire is to leave the responsibility and conduct of the question almost entirely to Lord Lytton, Viceroy of India. A large force has been ordered in readiness on the frontier, where 12,000 men are already massed. The feeling among the Europeans is warlike.

Many additional regiments have been notified to prepare for active service. The Government will for the present await events, adopting an attitude of armed expectation.

The Liverymen of London met at Guildhall on Saturday for election of a Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. Sir Chas. Whetham was chosen.

Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales have transmitted letters to Athens, through Hobart Pasha, favoring moderate conciliatory arrangement between Greece and the Porte.

It is stated that the iron-clad 'Northampton' is being put in repair for the conveyance of the Marquis of Lorne to Canada from London.

Intelligence is received that numbers of Moors are dying from starvation at Fez and Abequise, Morocco.

FRANCE.—The Internal Peace Congress opened on Friday at the Tuilleries. The objects of the Congress are to discuss a practical mode of insuring peace, reforming international law and carrying out principles of arbitration.

The Congress passed resolutions recommending the settlement of disputes between nations by arbitration, declaring war to be brigandage.

The Exhibition will remain open until November 20th.