

Miss Havergal and her Hymns.

Mr. Ira D. Sankey thus writes to the Sunday School Times, of a visit he made at the home of Miss H.

It was my privilege to spend two very happy weeks in her home during the month of April, and, together with her sister Maria (an elder's sister), I do not think I ever met two more diligent and faithful workers in the cause of Christ. It was a great thing to write such a hymn as "I gave my life for thee," (No. 59, Gospel Hymns No. 2), and, later still, "Take my life, and let it be," (No. 13, Gospel Hymns No. 3), but it was a much greater thing to live the latter hymn. It was only a few weeks ago that she told me that ever since the day she wrote that hymn it had been her constant prayer and desire that she might live it; and I think she succeeded in the accomplishment of this wish, so far as it is possible for mortals here below. Miss Havergal was a very fine musician and singer, but she will be known and remembered longer by her hymns, I think, than by her singing or her prose. She was greatly delighted when I told her how much her hymn "I gave my life for thee," had been used and blessed in America, and said, "How little we know what the Lord may take into his own hand and use! I was but a young girl when I wrote that hymn, and, after I had written it, I was so little impressed with it that I threw it on the fire, thinking that it was not worth preserving; but a friend, sitting by, rescued it just in time to save it; and after it had lain away in my friend's portfolio for a year or two, it was brought out and given to the world."

For the Christian Messenger.

The Auxiliary Board of Home Missions for Hants Co., met at Windsor on the 7th inst. The following officers were elected for the year. President, Rev. G. A. Weathers, Vice President, John McLearn, Sec. E. M. Keirstead, Treas. A. P. Shand.

The needs of the county as to missionary aid were considered at length and measures taken to meet the requirements as far as possible.

The Board expressed its appreciation of the services, on behalf of the Board and Home Missions generally, of Rev. J. A. McLean and M. W. Brown, who have removed from the County.

Mr. McLean had a leading part in the formation and management of the Board. The Church at Newport and his fellow workers in the County regret his removal but wish him the best success in the future.

After a pastorate of three years at Rawdon, Mr. Brown enters a larger field in New Germany.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Scotch Village on the 12th August.

Secretary.

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OUR DENOMINATIONAL ANNIVERSARIES.

The Prince Edward Island Association makes a little diversion from the ordinary course of proceedings, by having the Associational Sermon on Lord's Day morning, instead of Monday. Rev. J. B. Woodland was the appointed preacher and gave an excellent and appropriate discourse from Isaiah xl. 6, "And the voice said, Cry," &c. He shewed that instrumentality is employed in the proclamation of the gospel, whilst at the same time human frailty is exhibited and glorious results follow in the salvation of men in this world, and their glorification with Christ in the brighter home beyond.

In the evening Rev. T. H. Porter, of Fredericton preached a clear logical and eloquent sermon on Col. ii. 14, 15. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, &c."

The "hand-writing" he regarded as the moral law which, with all its violations, was against us, but these are all taken out of the way by Christ's death on the cross. In doing this Christ triumphed even in dying. The Sabbath School was brought together in the afternoon, and addresses were given, rather more to the friends present on Sabbath School work, than to the children, as was proposed. This is an error frequently fallen into by speakers on these public occasions.

The third name of the brethren to read the letters was Bro. W. B. Howatt.

Besides the preaching at the Baptist House, Rev. J. W. Manning and Rev. P. R. Foster preached in the large Presbyterian Church about a mile off. Rev. S. B. Kempton and Rev. A. Cohoon preached at Charlottetown 12 miles distant, and Rev. G. N. Ballentine and Rev. J. E. Hopper at North River, about 6 miles away.

Rev. A. Cohoon, the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Missionary Union, on Saturday afternoon for a short time, and on Monday morning, laid before the pastors and delegates the necessity of the churches on the Island being formed into groups by which the ministers might be able to supply them more effectively without making such large demands on the treasury for missionary subsidies, seeing the funds are much diminished and will not admit of more than two or three appointments on the Island.

The Association proceeded on Monday according to arrangement. As Rev. E. F. Foshay the writer of the Circular Letter was unable to read it, he asked Rev. D. G. McDonald to do so. The subject of the letter "The Eternal punishment of the Wicked," was developed in a plain concise scriptural manner, which, when it appears will be found instructive and useful.

The appointments for next year were that the Association meet on the 1st Saturday of July 1880 at Tryon. An effort was made to change the first day of meeting to Tuesday, but after a long discussion it was decided to hold it next year as heretofore. Rev. Herbert Foshay of Charlottetown, was appointed to preach the Associational Sermon, and Rev. E. N. Archibald of Bedeque to be his alternate. J. R. Calhoun, Esq., of Summerside, to write the Circular Letter to the Churches.

The Report on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. J. A. Durkee, and brought out a warm discussion. It shewed the great difficulty of obtaining books for the young, free from error of various kinds, especially with respect to baptism as taught in Scripture. It intimated some doubt as to whether it is desirable to have library books at all in connexion with Sabbath Schools—whether the Bible is not the book alone suited for use in them. Denominational papers came in for a share in the discussion and the enquiry raised whether any combination could be effected of the MESSENGER and VISITOR. It was argued that by such amalgamation a larger circulation could be secured and an enlarged paper given without the danger of loss which would follow from such proceeding with either of the papers under existing circumstances. To this it was replied that there would be no security in such case that another paper would not be started in the province in which said paper were not published, some pretext would be very soon found for doing so and consequently disunion would arise and probable loss to all parties concerned. Some contingency, political learnings or otherwise would soon arise to give opportunity and excuse for such publication. The history of the starting of the Visitor and its subsequent course was referred to as full of instruction on this behalf. An effort was made to pass a guarantee resolution but it was prudently withdrawn.

Rev. A. Cohoon asked permission to address the Association on the subject of Home Missions as he had to leave soon to attend the New Brunswick Eastern Association. He presented the present condition of the Union, shewing that it has for its object the bringing of the Province of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to Christ. In the pursuit of this object it had been found necessary to use every effort to economise the funds, and with this object in view the suggestion had been made of forming the smaller churches into groups so that the missionary might make the most of his labors. He hoped the ministers would give their aid in carrying out this proposal. He thought there might perhaps be some difficulty in doing this, arising from the groups being too large, so that a minister would be unable to supply them all. Mr. C. then gave a summary of what the Board had done during the past year.

Monday evening was devoted at first to Systematic Benevolence and Missions. The reports on these subjects were read, and one being the complement of the other it was deemed desirable to consider them both at one meeting. Speeches of much power were given, Rev. H. Foshay thought that Home Missions should have a much larger proportion of consideration and support than they at present receive.

Bro. Simpson warmly advocated the plan of regular contributions from every

church member. More might be done by all the churches than they are now doing. Rev. J. W. Manning thought there was not too much done for Foreign Missions but not enough for Home. The needs of the foreign field could not be begun to be realized. A graphic picture was drawn of the condition of the heathen world—without God, and without hope—whilst there was on the other hand no person, at least on P. E. I., who might not with some effort have the opportunity of hearing the gospel of Christ. Rev. D. G. McDonald made a very touching and effective speech on the claims of the world on the Churches of Christ.

Education was then taken up and discussed. Rev. S. B. Kempton referred to the high appreciation of Acadia College by the Island Baptists, the number and high character of the young men sent from here to take the course of study at Horton. Higher Education had become not only valuable but a necessity of the times. Other bodies are giving their sons and their ministers superior educational advantages and we dare not withhold them unless we are willing to yield up our position and "fall into the back ground." We must keep up the standard and he was happy to say we are doing it. Although we were deprived of our college building by the fire—which was a great calamity—yet it has turned out to be the means of securing a far greater blessing. True there is a debt but not so great as existed 25 years ago, in proportion to the body and their ability, when there was a debt and no endowment. The debt is a great evil and will be a source of trouble so long as it exists. And it must be removed as soon as possible. The P. E. Island churches had ever shewn their warm interest in our educational institutions by the generous contributions they have made to them. Mr. K. gave a thrilling account of the revivals of religion which have taken place at Wolfville. His desire for education had followed his efforts to preach the gospel. He had been afraid that being at College would cool off his ardour to preach but he soon found it the very reverse. The revival of 1855 shewed that having men of God in the professor's chairs had been greatly blessed to all under their instruction.

Rev. J. W. Manning noticed the great men of the past and how much we are indebted to them for the wise plans and resolves they had formed. Rev. D. H. Simpson believed that Education lay at the foundation of all our Christian work. Our Institutions are an honor to the Baptists, but are not mere ornaments, they are an absolute necessity. Our Foreign Missionaries must be educated men and so with our ministers at home. They dare not attempt their work without due preparation. To do so would be destruction to their churches and disloyalty to Christ. He regretted to learn that there were fewer students from P. E. I., now than there were a few years since. The Island churches must have men of culture to keep their present standing and to make progress.

Rev. G. N. Ballentine spoke to good effect of the value of a collegiate education to ministers and people. Rev. D. G. McDonald said remarks had been made that we cannot do without Acadia College. He believed that we do not intend to do without it. P. E. Island does not wish to do without it. It is worth far more than its costs. Rev. M. Ross spoke of his early connection with Acadia, and said here is the arm that expended its strength in planting the trees around the College, and that cut down the trees for building the first museum, and helped in building up the old Acadia, and he would not now leave the Child of Providence, but would be prepared to help the new institutions and pray for their prosperity.

A morning session was held on Tuesday at which the various details of business were attended to, and the Association was closed by a most appropriate prayer by Rev. S. B. Kempton. The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. Malcom Ross, the pastor of the church.

The meetings were all well attended the weather was highly favorable, a most important particular, when it is considered that the residences of the people were so scattered some being 3, 4, or 6 miles away. Although the Baptists of West River are by no means the larger portion of the population, yet we found that all the people, Presbyterians as well as Baptists, were prepared to welcome the delegates to their homes. Some of the former complained only because they had not more

to partake of their bounty. The distance of the residences rendered carriages necessary to every session. The fine well cultivated farms shewed that the people were, as a rule, all in comfortable circumstances, and one could not go into the wrong house at any meal. They were, as of old, of one heart and of one soul, neither was there any among them that lacked.

After a pleasant leave taking, by a delightful drive of an hour, and a sail of 15 minutes, 3 miles down the river, we reached Charlottetown to meet friends again and to enjoy a few hours more of pleasant intercourse. We made a visit to the Baptist Church edifice in course of construction. It is a handsome brick structure and will when finished be a most commodious and convenient house of worship, with all the new appliances for Sabbath School and other work. May their faith be soon rewarded by getting their building freed of debt and by having continually large accessions to that hill of Zion for years to come.

N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

The circumstance of holding an Associational gathering at a new place gives it something of novelty, and perhaps in the approaches to it, a sort of pleasant romance. This was felt on going to Goose River last week.

Knowing some of the people from that locality we had the most favorable anticipations, notwithstanding the fact of its being somewhat remote and away from the common course of travel. Following the directions given we went to Oxford Station, and learned that a drive of about 15 or 16 miles in a northerly direction would take us to the place of meeting.

On Friday a large number of the Hunters, and Logans, and Walkers, and Bigelows, and Mills, with the pastor Rev. J. J. Armstrong, came out with carriages to convey the delegates, and formed a splendid cavalcade. We followed in the same direction, first to Oxford, a beautiful village about 3 miles from the station. Here several of the houses give indications of good taste and wealth, and all appeared thriving. Here are two woollen factories, employing as we learned thirty or forty hands and turning out large quantities of the finest homespun and the other cloths so well known and in such good demand everywhere. Going on, we find a district of country of which we knew nothing before, except what could be seen in former days from the Westchester mountains. From that distance it then looked one vast dense forest, but nearer it exhibits fine fertile well cultivated farms extending for miles in every direction. The name—Goose River—however is now quite a misnomer—the river having almost disappeared by the lands having been reclaimed and cultivated for many years.

Arriving, we find warm hearts ready to receive us and give us accommodation within hearing of the meeting house.

The Association is in session and we join the brethren and find some of the preliminary business already done. Rev. Joseph F. Kempton is the Moderator. After prayer by Rev. J. E. Goucher, the other officers were elected: Rev. M. P. Freeman and Rev. C. H. Martell, Secretaries; Deacon Wm. Faulkner, Treasurer, and Bro. John Hunter, Assistant Treasurer.

Committees had been appointed as follows: On Nomination and Arrangement—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, Rev. H. Bool, Hans Hunter, John Hunter, Abram Layton, and Charles Rockwell.

To read the letters—Revs. John E. Goucher, H. Bool, and Geo. Armstrong. On questions in letters—Revs. A. W. Barss, T. B. Layton, and Henry Upham.

The usual arrangements were made for the services to follow, and the first letter read, when the session adjourned after prayer by Rev. A. W. Barss.

In the afternoon the reading of the letters was resumed, and 41 letters, all that had then come to hand from the 63 churches were read. In seventeen of them there had been additions, amounting to 103 during the year.

The appointments for the Lord's Day were—

At Baptist Meeting House—Rev. Dr. Tupper, and Rev. M. P. Freeman. At Presbyterian House—just across the street—Rev. George Armstrong, and Rev. J. E. Goucher.

At Centreville—Rev. S. Thompson. At Oxford—Rev. T. B. Layton. At Little River—Licentiate A. H. Deakins.

At Pugwash—Rev. J. F. Kempton, and Rev. A. W. Barss.

At Wallace River—Rev. C. H. Martell.

Committees were appointed on the various subjects:

Missions.—Rev. George Armstrong, S. Thompson, Brethren J. R. Reid, W. Faulkner, and Richard Upham.

Education.—Revs. J. E. Goucher, Dr. Tupper, M. P. Freeman and Brethren H. Upham, and S. Selden.

Sabbath Schools.—Revs. H. Bool, and T. B. Layton, Dea. P. Woodland, and John Robinson.

Denominational Literature.—Rev. A. W. Barss, C. Rockwell, W. Seaman, and Levi Johnson.

Temperance.—Rev. C. H. Martell, A. H. Deakins, John Bigelow, James Doyle, and Wm. Hunter, 2nd.

Rev. T. B. Layton stated that in consequence of severe illness he had been unable to prepare the circular letter.

Bro. S. Selden was then by a vote of the Association requested to write the letter. The session then adjourned by prayer, by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

In the evening a Temperance meeting was held; Bro. S. Selden was elected chairman. Lively interesting speeches were made by Revs. M. P. Freeman and A. W. Barss, Wm. Faulkner, Esq., Hans Mills, Henry Upham, Amos Hunter, A. H. Deakins, and Rev. George Armstrong.

Miss Barss presided at the organ, and with a quartette choir sang a number of appropriate hymns.

The meeting was pronounced a good one and we trust much benefit will follow, if not in the cure of intemperance—which seems to have no place in this community—in the prevention of evils which might otherwise come in when vigilance had been suspended and the enemy of all goodness had taken the advantage. As 'the price of liberty is eternal vigilance' so are the blessings of temperance only to be secured and retained by determination to keep out the fell destroyer.

The weather was very fine and warm, and both churches were filled with large numbers of serious devout worshippers.

THE N. B. UNIVERSITY.

Mr. John Fletcher is appointed to the vacant professorship in the University of New Brunswick, vacated some time since by Professor Foster. It appears that Mr. Fletcher is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has recently been spending some time at Oxford, G. B. The Editor of the Visitor denounces the appointment, and thinks the course of the University Senate "cannot inspire hope in the school as to its successful work in the past, nor fill its graduates with any reasonable stimulus for aspiration for its teaching positions. The gentleman appointed may be a very good man, but he is we venture to affirm no better in scholarship, character and provincial influence than some of the Alumni applicants whose claims have been so cavalierly ignored." He says; "It is not creditable to the province to continue such an inefficient Institution."

This seems like a new departure of our brother concerning the University of New Brunswick. We are not troubled with a State teaching University in Nova Scotia. May we long be preserved from such a doubtful blessing.

1. Is it regular for an ordained Baptist minister to take and to hold the pastoral charge of a Baptist Church without becoming a member of that church, or one near it working in conjunction with it in its support?

2. Does his office as pastor give him a voice and a vote in the business of the church equally with its members?

Yours &c.,

INQUIRER.

1. This question asks only what is "regular," and we presume no one will call in question that under ordinary circumstances the minister should be a member of the church over which he presides.

2. If the minister's membership has not been transferred to said church his engagement as a pastor does not confer upon him a vote in transacting the business of the church.

The N. S. Journal of Agriculture has some correspondence on the state of the crops through the country. It says:—

The present season has presented several remarkable meteorological features. In Halifax and several other counties an unusually early warm and dry spring time in April, enabled early crops to be put in, and gave opportunity for preparing the later ones. The Atlantic