

honoured president to help them, could have done it so well. The fact of the case is this: that the work, when it is within the power of the churches of the locality, can be better done by the men upon the spot. They know the work better, they understand the needs more clearly, and they can bring more motives to bear on the doing of the work, and, as a rule, I think the work would be more successfully done by the Associations.

Mr. W. Olney said, in connection with the Metropolitan Tabernacle there were two evangelists who more than paid their own expenses by the collections that were made after the services. It was Mr. Spurgeon's opinion that if people had to pay for the Gospel, the more inclined they would be to receive it.

Rev. W. Sampson announced that he had received a communication from one whose name he was not at liberty to mention, suggesting that the meeting should pledge itself to raise £1,000 for the society, and offering £25 towards the amount if forty other persons would contribute the same sum. He wished the church to understand that the deficit of the Home Mission during the past year was something like £800.

At one of the subsequent meetings a deputation was received from the Congregational Union. There were very touching and beautiful addresses from Rev. Dr. Kennedy and Rev. Dr. Allon, to which the President, Dr. Trestrail, replied:

To myself it is a matter of high gratification that both Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Allon have been amongst my oldest friends, and I beg leave here to express my personal obligation for what I have heard from their lips, and what I have read from their pens. I think these occasional deputations between these two organisations are not to be considered as mere matters of formality. (Hear, Hear.) To my mind there is something real about them. I think they present to the outside world the great fact—to those who think that we are always quarrelling with each other—that we are after all, in great matters one in spirit and one in heart. Dear friends will you carry the most hearty, fraternal, loving, and affectionate message from this body to those who have sent you? (Loud applause.) The cordial way in which you have been received shows that what I said was a fact; and if my words are few they are not less hearty than they are few. We bid you God speed in the name of the Lord. May you and we be a thousand times more than we have been, in the future! May the standard of the Cross be lifted high, so that it may be seen! May our life be in harmony with the great principles that we profess to uphold; and then not only shall we do good to the churches under our care, but a mighty benefit and blessing will result to all. I give you cordially the right hand of fellowship, in the name of the Baptist Union, and pray and trust that this will not only be long remembered, but be productive of great good. (Loud applause.)

Rev. H. E. Stone read a paper on "The Spirit and Method of Evangelistic work."

Next came a paper by Rev. J. W. Lance on "The Reality and power of Evangelistic work dependent on the spiritual life of the churches."

On Thursday evening the closing meeting of the session was held in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, which was filled by a vast assembly of enthusiastic listeners. Mr. Spurgeon was present for a short time, although in feeble health. The audience was asked specially that applause should not be given while Mr. S. was present. After an address by the Chairman.

MR. SPURGEON, wishing to leave early, arose, and holding the hand rail for support said: My dear friends, I do not want to act as a wet blanket in the suppression of any noise you choose to make when anybody else is speaking; but I am exceedingly feeble—I can scarcely even sit—and therefore if you will hear me in quiet I shall consider that you do me a far greater honour than by the usual clapping. I thank you all heartily for having the intention to clap. I find you do that sometimes before I have said anything worth hearing. Now, before I proceed to say what I have to say, I have to say I want to apologise for

being ill—for I feel dreadfully ashamed of it. I did intend to be so well at these meetings as to attend every one of them. No one reckoned on it more than I did. I seem as if I was a fussy sort of body, wanting people to look at my legs. (Laughter.) Nothing of the sort. I am sorry I have got any, I was going to say. (Laughter.) I think if I could anyhow be relieved of the incumbrance, I might be able to get on through life. However, I am not to say much—which is a great mercy for me, and I am afraid that what I shall say will scarcely be worth hearing; because the nature of my disease is that it freezes the genial current of the soul as well as all other currents, and stops the motion of the brain; at least, so I say, though those in the house say it is not so—they do not know as well as I do. Dear friends, I have been charmed with the report which our venerable friend, Mr. Trestrail, has given me. You may clap at the mention of his name; I am delighted that you should. (Applause.) He says you had admirable, hearty, and united meetings. Oh! if we are united, you know, we shall have God's blessing; and I think I can say from all I have heard, that there is no more united body of Christians in the world than we are at this time. There may be little differences here and there. Well, you know, we are a free people. For my part I like the old grit that used to be in the Baptists; they generally manage to hang one Baptist for sedition every ten years. (Laughter.) Mr. Gordon, of Jamaica, I think, was hanged ten years ago. Blessed name, for all the hanging! We shall always have some bold spirits amongst us who will say some rash things. I hope so. (Laughter.) It will go on to the end of the chapter. I am told that there is a great deal of unbelief about. Suppose there is; I do not think all faith has gone. I am of the mind of the Presbyterian minister to whom an old lady said, "There is not any truth left in the land, sir." Said he, "Then you do not speak the truth." (Laughter.) "Yes," said she, "I do." "Then," said he, "there is truth in the land." (Laughter.) So you will generally find, when there is a very intense outcry against unbelief, that is some symptom that there is some faith left to cry out against the unbelief. God hears prayer. I see it in this house. I speak in no boasting spirit, but, with others, I prayed this house up from a poor people with whom we commenced; we prayed this house up, and we prayed up the college—that is a substantial building—and we prayed up the Orphanage, and we prayed over every work that we have done as a church, and we have seen the hand of the Lord helping us in answer to prayer. But what I have seen is only what I have seen. You have all seen the hand of God with you when you have appealed in faith to the Mercy-seat. And do you expect us after that to say that possibly the Scriptures are true, that possibly there is a God, that possibly He hears prayer? My dear sir, it is possible that I have got a wife. (Laughter.) I spoke to her a little while ago. I have spoken with God since then, and I had in my soul as sure evidence of His existence and of His hearing me, as I have of the existence of my dearest friend. I know there are some here and there who hardly like to be called Baptists, because "denominationalism is a wrong thing," and "the churches ought to be united," and they are to be united, as far as I understand, by being all smashed up. (Laughter.) I thought that by uniting together those churches cultivating a loving, amicable union with other churches, that was about the best way of promoting unity.

The Gospel is very powerful, but it was intended to be preached very powerfully. I do not mean with lung, and stamping of foot, and hammering of the hand, but with all our mind, and heart, and soul, and strength. When we get ill or feel near to die, some of us may not have to accuse ourselves of the feebleness of our sermons, but about the force of them? One seems to say, "I wish I could preach that over again; I wish it were possible to go back, and with tears and entreaties persuade men to accept the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and preach more intensely." Oh, let us try to do it, God helping us. Then, dear friends, if all of you were what some of you are, what churches we should have? But we have some devoted people round us who are up to everything, and serve

God everywhere in all ways and shapes and forms, and then we have a lot of others who are like a fire-place I had in my house; all the heat used to go up the chimney. I dare say they get a lot of grace, but they consume their own grace. (Laughter.) It never seems to go to anybody else. Let us spend and be spent. As for saving any up, that won't do—it will breed worms, like the manna in the wilderness. We must do all we possibly can do, for our blessed Lord and Master, and ascribe all the glory to Him, and then let us go hence! I do thank you very heartily for your kind attention to me. (Loud applause.)

Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown made the closing address. He alluded to the successful character of the meetings, which the wet rather helped than hindered. He continued: We of the provinces must be thinking—and, perhaps, regretfully—of having to go back to our respective fields of labour; and, as we survey this spacious and splendid building, and think of all the prosperity that crowns the work of our friend here, perhaps some of us are contrasting with this scene of great success, our own poor little Bethels and Rehoboths, with our comparatively small congregations and the many disadvantages that beset us round about. But do not let us give way to the spirit of despondency which leads to the spirit of envy. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house." (Laughter.) We all know that Mr. Spurgeon has very nobly won his position by unwearied perseverance and unshaken fidelity to conviction. "Go thou and do likewise," the Tabernacle says—I do not think to me, because it would be no use; but to a great number of our young men beginning their ministerial career, and though there are very few who ever will or ever can do likewise in regard to the magnitude of the work, yet it is possible they could do likewise in steady, painstaking, patient, and courageous service in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the great Lord of all the Churches grant His blessing to us according to our need. May He awaken every slumbering church to a sense of its danger and its duty. May He pour out upon all the churches, from the largest to the least, and from the richest to the poorest, an increased spirit of wisdom, and love, and earnestness, and liberality, so that all may feel the light of His countenance upon every sorrowing and anxious brother, who perhaps meets with very little to encourage him in his work.

Soon after nine o'clock, the Autumnal Session for 1880, comprising perhaps the largest and most successful gathering ever held in connection with the Baptist Union, ended, as it had commenced, with prayer.

In Memoriam.

MR. EDITOR,—Dear Sir,—It is with deep grief that we announce the death of our dear beloved Bro. Rev. Wm. HENRY FRANCIS. The deceased was a member of the African Baptist Church, and had been in the service fifteen or sixteen years, and in the ministry 14 years of that time, three years as a licensed preacher and eleven as an ordained minister. Our dear Bro. died on the 30th of Sept. and retained his senses to the last. He desired me to preach his funeral sermon, which I did on the 10th of October, from Rev. xiv. 13, chosen by himself. Our Brother was born in Digby, 1828. At his last visit to Granville Ferry he baptized four converts, from which time he has been failing. About midnight he heard a voice calling him away. Servant of God, well done; Rest from thy loved employ; The battle fought, the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy. He calmly fell asleep in Jesus.—COM. BY REV. N. F. DRAYTON.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Walton is a pleasant little village situated on the Walton River. Business matters are greatly revived under the enterprising efforts of the Churchill Brothers. They have shipped large quantities of plaster to the United States during the season, and they are building a splendid store, which is almost ready for occupancy. This place has been, during recent months, the scene of much trouble and anxiety on account of diphtheria. The disease seems alarmingly contagious.

Quite a number of children have already become victims. Bro. Edwin Bancroft has lost two promising children. Bro. B. Moxin's family have been prostrated for weeks, and a fortnight ago, they were compelled to part with their dear little Charlie, aged 6 years. He had recovered from diphtheria, but other troubles set in and he was swept away. He said to his sorrowful father, shortly before he died, that he "knew God would take him to Heaven."

Mr. James. Whedon, an old inhabitant, who had served in the British Navy, died on the 13th ult. at the advanced age of 93, leaving an aged widow, six sons, and one daughter to mourn his death.

Some extra meetings recently held, have been attended with considerable blessing. It was my privilege last Lord's day to baptise two interesting converts, and we are hoping to see many more declare themselves on the Lord's side. The little Baptist church here are sanguine in their hope that a brighter day is dawning for them.

Yours truly,

ISA. WALLACE.

Walton, Hants Co., Nov. 2, 1880.

TIGNISH, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald writes that he is holding a series of special meetings here, and there are encouraging tokens for good.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The revenue returns for the month of October show— Customs.....\$1,458,188 Excise..... 469,518 Other sources..... 556,917 Total.....\$2,484,624 Increase—\$448,945.

The revenue for the first four months of the present year amounted to \$9,650,215, against \$7,070,769 for the corresponding period of last year, showing an increase in four months of \$2,579,448.

Mr. C. Patterson, agent of the Thingvalla line of steamships, from Copenhagen to New York, was in Ottawa last week seeking information as to the availability and location of North West lands, with a view to encouraging the formation of a Scandinavian colony there. The Thingvalla company assumes responsibility for the future of emigrants taken by them.

Colonel DeWinton left for England yesterday via New York.

The following telegram, if reliable, indicates an unsatisfactory state of things at home: "The fact of the Princess Louise not having visited the Queen is deemed significant. There are rumors of royal quarrels and anger. It is stated absolutely that the Duchess of Edinburgh will not return to St. Petersburg, except to attend the Czar's death-bed. The Duchess is to take a more prominent position in the Royal circles."

The Herald of Monday says:—

CABINET CHANGES.—Our latest Ottawa advices are that Mr. Mousseau, member for Bagot, Quebec, enters the Cabinet as President of the Council, the position from which Mr. Masson has retired on account of ill health; and that Mr. Caron, member for Quebec County, becomes Minister of Militia. Sir Alex. Campbell, takes the portfolio of Postmaster-General, which he held before accepting that of Militia; Hon. John O'Connor exchanges the Postmaster-Generalship for the portfolio of Secretary of State; and Hon. Mr. Aikens, who holds that position now, becomes Minister of Inland Revenue. Parliament, it is likely, will be summoned before Christmas, perhaps about the middle of December. The two new members of the Cabinet are young men of marked ability, who speak with equal facility French and English.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—St. John is rejoicing over the Training ship, which they affirm is to be stationed in their harbor, but we believe it is at present undecided where it is to be stationed. Halifax harbor is, of course, the proper place for it. The Toronto Mail says:—"In a late issue we announced the fact that after strong efforts on the part of the Marquis of Lorne, the Imperial Government had placed at the disposal of the Dominion Government a ship of war for any purpose to which it might be applied. We understand that the name of the vessel, which is a corvette of 1,500 tons, is the 'Charybdis.' She has just returned from India, and has been placed at the disposal of the Government, 'all standing,' with complete outfit. It is understood that the Government have determined to accept the gift. Capt. Scott, R. N., of Halifax, will proceed at once to England to bring out the vessel. She is to be stationed at St. John, N. B., and will be used for the purpose of training up more perfectly young lads of good character for the mercantile marine."

It is by some understood that this ship is rather for young criminals. We shall probably soon hear more about it. An inquest was held on Thursday last on the body of John McFarlane who

was shot and killed by Policeman Malone on Tuesday, for running away when under arrest, charged with having a watch belonging to another person. The jury brought in a verdict that the shooting had been done by Malone, but the coroner, being dissatisfied with this result, discharged the jury and ordered a new panel. At 1 o'clock a new jury was sworn in. After viewing the body and holding an investigation, it rendered a verdict of murder against Malone.

Rev. Foster Almon, formerly of Halifax, and for some years past of St. John, is about to remove to the United States. He was presented with an address by the Evangelical Alliance.

A prisoner named Godine, convicted of horse stealing at Caraquet seven months ago, and sentenced to seven years imprisonment, escaped from the Dorchester penitentiary on Thursday afternoon. He had been—or pretended that he was—sick, and consequently was allowed more liberty than other prisoners.

The St. John City Councillors have spoken out pretty freely on the management of Intercolonial Railway affairs. On Friday last, Alderman Skinner called attention to the freight tariff and the preference given to Montreal merchants, by special rates, over those of St. John. He moved a special Committee to enquire into the matter.

"Councillor Allan said it was high time the Council took some action, as things had gone on from bad to worse since Confederation. The next thing would be to move to secede from the Confederation. We were imposed on in every way."

"The motion was put and carried, the Mayor appointing Aldermen Skinner and Wilson, and Councillor Allan, a committee to correspond with the Dominion Government and try to have the matter adjusted satisfactorily to the St. John merchants."

P. E. ISLAND.—A sad and fatal accident occurred at Charlottetown, on Wednesday last. Advantage had been taken of the public holiday by some members of the 82nd Battalion, to have a shooting match at the Kensington Range. The match had just concluded and the band had begun to play, when Capt. Longworth commenced to fire a few practice shots. Just as he was in the act of firing the second shot, private Hertz who had been acting as marker, passed in front of the target and received the ball in the groin, it passing through him and striking the target. He lived only a few minutes. No blame seems to be attached to Captain Longworth, who feels acutely the deplorable event. The deceased, was much respected by his comrades, and leaves a wife and several children. The coroner's inquest returned the verdict: That the deceased came to his death from a ball fired from a rifle in the hands of Captain F. S. Longworth, and that the accident occurred on account of the deceased neglecting to show his danger signal before leaving the butt.

UNITED STATES.—The past week, it is understood, has decided the matter of the Presidency. The Republican party is triumphant, and Garfield will be the President, and Arthur, Vice-President, by a very decisive majority, having 222 electoral votes. The whole number of votes in the Electoral College is 369, consequently a majority vote must be at least 185. The present majority is 75, a very decisive election.

The House of Representatives will stand 152 Republicans and 141 Democrats. The Senate will be a tie, the Vice-President casting the deciding vote.

Returns show the following results: The House of Representatives will stand, 146 Republicans to 141 Democrats and 6 Greenbackers. The Senate will stand, 37 Republicans and 39 Democrats.

Republican Governors are elected in Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska and New Hampshire, and Democratic Governors in Florida, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas, with Tennessee still in doubt.

Every Northern State, except New Jersey, went Republican.

Charges of fraud will, of course, be raised in some quarters, which will continue the excitement for a while, but it is scarcely likely, whatever may arise therefrom, that they will interfere with the general results of the contest.

At Frankfort, Ky., in the course of the rejoicing of the successful party on Thursday evening, a difficulty occurred between Hon. W. H. Sneed and Jerry Lee. Lee drew a pistol, when Officer Conway interfered and Lee's pistol exploded, the ball taking effect in the lower part of Conway's bowels. The result proved fatal.

Frank Egbert shot a negro boy named George Whittaker for hallooing for Garfield, the ball taking effect below the heart. It is thought it will be fatal.

At San Francisco, on Thursday last, the Supreme Court denied writs of mandate, certiorari and habeas corpus in the case of J. W. Kallloch, charged with murder. The case now goes back to the lower court for decision on its merits. The probabilities are that he will get off with very slight punishment.

A young man, while gunning in the woods on the 30th ult., near Foxboro, Mass., discovered the skeleton of a man lying in a clump of scrub oaks. The medical examiner was notified, and in searching the clothes, still well preserved

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