

Herald. Several letters have appeared since. Mr. Bancroft the week before last gave Mr. McMillan a pretty severe letter, and offered to meet him on a public platform and discuss the whole matter, and thus prove the truth or falsehood of certain statements made on either side.

The N. S. Herald of last week contains a letter from five gentlemen—the committee of management of St. Matthews Church of North Sydney, of which Mr. McMillan is the minister, stating, with regard to a platform discussion, that “the advisability of such a discussion is very questionable,” and on behalf of Mr. McMillan declining to meet Mr. Bancroft.

REV. ALEXANDER MCARTHUR after spending in Halifax, between two and three weeks of his vacation, and preaching in Granville Street Church three Lord's Days, left in the steamer Cortes yesterday for his home in New York. His preaching has been highly appreciated. His sermon, especially on Sunday evening last on the faithful saying in 1 Timothy i. 15, was an able and powerful presentation of gospel truth. His visit to our city will be remembered with much pleasure by those who had the pleasure of hearing him and forming his acquaintance.

The North Baptist Sabbath School had a most delightful day on Wednesday last at Hosterman's Grounds. The weather, which long has been so precarious, was all that could be desired. We much regretted that we were unable to avail ourselves of the kind invitation to join with our friends on the occasion.

A writer in the Presbyterian Witness signing himself “D. P. Edinburgh,” is greatly troubled about “Ecclesiastical sheep stealing, and that sort of thing.” He does not complain of the lambs being taken without their consent, but of those who are actual “sheep” going into other pastures. It would appear from his letter that some of those to whom he refers would not be stolen! We are not informed whether the thieves were Methodists, Church of England, or Catholics, but he says of one case, “I can furnish you with his name at any time; and of another, he can furnish the names of the persons concerned.”

If our contemporary would have the kindness to get the names of the “persons concerned” for us, we shall be glad to aid him, as much as we can, in preventing a continuance of whatever is wrong in this line.

Rev. C. Goodspeed who has been spending some time in Germany, we learn by a letter from him to the Canadian Baptist is returning. He says in a P. S. “I propose to start for Halifax on the 13th of July, hoping the Master will give me the honor and privilege of doing some work for him somewhere. Friends wishing to write me will please address me at Amherst, Nova Scotia.”

THE NEW BRUNSWICK EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, held its 34th Anniversary on Tuesday the 12th inst., and following days, at Harvey, finely situated near the mouth of the Shepody River. Rev. T. A. Blackader, the pastor of the church, in the absence of the Moderator, commenced proceedings soon after 2 o'clock, by conducting social religious exercises for some time. At 4 o'clock the list of delegates being read, the officers were chosen as follows:

Rev. Geo. E. Good, of Sackville, Moderator. Rev. A. Chipman and Rev. C. B. Welton, Clerks. J. M. Stevens and J. J. Wallace, Treasurers.

The weather was very fine, and a large number of delegates was present. The usual committees were appointed and arrangements made for conducting the several sittings of the Association.

In the evening session Rev. A. Cohoon preached an able sermon on God's love, as shown in the gift of His Son, from 1st John iv. 9. Rev. I. J. Skinner and Rev. W. P. Everett, took part in the service.

On Wednesday morning the Letters from the churches were read by Revs. G. O. Gates, I. J. Skinner, M. Gross, and I. J. Carpenter. At 10 o'clock, the Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Hughes, from John iii. 5.

The Circular Letter was read by the writer, G. O. Gates. Subject, “The New Commandment.” The Afternoon Session was occupied for a short time with Home Missions;

but the meeting was adjourned to allow the Sabbath School Convention to hold its session.

In the Convention the following programme was carried out:

Letters from schools were read and addresses made. Subjects: “Continuation of Schools in Winter; “Sunday School Helps,” &c.

In the evening session addresses were delivered on the “Mission of Sunday Schools,” by the Rev. Mr. Chipman; the “Relation of the Church to Sunday Schools,” by Rev. W. P. Everett. “The teacher—his qualifications,” by Rev. I. J. Skinner; “Who shall attend Sunday Schools?” by Mr. White and others.

On Thursday morning the Report on Denominational Literature drew forth a lively discussion.

The Report on Education was also warmly discussed; an opinion was expressed by some that they should have a Baptist Academy in St. John. There was however a diversity of opinion on the subject.

Temperance was the leading subject on Thursday afternoon. A resolution was also adopted, denouncing certain erroneous doctrines, such as the unconscious state of the dead and the annihilation of the wicked after the Resurrection.

With respect to the publication of the Minutes of the Association with the Convention Year Book, the Association was opposed to any change being made at present.

On Thursday evening the Report on Missions was discussed by speeches at the large public meeting, held more particularly on Foreign Missions. The Report on this subject states that “Bro. Hutchinson will leave for the East directly after the Convention in August.”

POLITICAL.—The St. John N. B., Visitor very suggestively says:

“We regret that those having in charge the entertainment of our distinguished political visitors from the Upper Provinces, should so freely set before them and their callers intoxicating drinks. It indicates a lower state of morals than we hoped prevailed. In the neighboring Republic they are more correct in this regard and whatever we may think of our own Sir Leonard politically, we admire his temperance principles and conduct.”

There seems to be some difficulty in fixing upon the site for the Presbyterian Ladies' College. Until this is done the Company, which it is proposed shall run it, will not be able to raise sufficient stock to make a beginning. It is proposed that it shall be at Truro, and that \$10 shares shall be the foundation. There is some difference of opinion, however, and the work is unfortunately delayed in consequence.

New Brunswick is being visited by the leading men of the Dominion on both sides of politics, and is giving them flattering ovations. It is said that about 10,000 people were present on Saturday night to listen to Sir Chas. Tupper from the hotel balcony at St. John. A mass meeting was held in the Exhibition Building on Monday evening. It is said about 5,000 or 6,000 were present.

The Blake-Huntingdon meeting on Friday last at Fredericton was also very large; it is said to have had about 3,000 present. At Woodstock, also, there were very large gatherings.

“POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY” well maintains its standard of excellence. The first article, by Professor Huxley, on “The Herring” might more properly be entitled “The Romance of the Herring,” so curious and entertaining is the story of its nature and habits when told by a naturalist who is at the same time a man of genius. Those who have read and admired the pungent papers of Dr. Oswald on “Physical Education” have a treat before them in the present article on “Recreation.”

Dr. Fairchild continues his popular physiological articles, and this month takes up the subject of “The blood and its Circulation,” throughout the animal series. “The Teachings of Modern Spectroscopy,” by Dr. Arthur Schuster, is a most able restatement of the marvelous results of spectroscopic discovery.

“The origin and History of Life Insurance,” by Theodore Wehle, is a remarkably lucid and instructive introduction to this important subject. Dr. Dyce Duckworth has a short but very practical article on “The Insufficient Use of Milk” in our dietaries. There are many valuable hints in it which all parents should consider. “The Intelligence of Ants” is an article by the eminent psychologist, George J. Romanes, in which he goes carefully over the subject to determine how

much may be relied upon of what has been said of the intellect of these remarkable little creatures. It treats of their sense of direction, their powers of communication, their memory, recognition, emotions, nursing, slavery, wars, keeping pets, sleep and cleanliness, play and leisure, and finally their funerals. “Lunar Lore and Protrature” is a readable history of our knowledge of the moon.

New York: D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents per number, \$5 per year.

Christian Institutions; Essays on Ecclesiastical subjects, by Arthur Penryn Stanley, D. D., Dean of Westminster. pp. 392.

The tidings of the death of Dean Stanley, recently brought from England, will produce emotions of sorrow throughout this continent. Christians of all denominations will lament the quenching of so bright a light. For all will confess that he was a brilliant luminary in our religious world. No thoughtful reader can peruse his volumes without being instructed and edified. For ourselves, we acknowledge indebtedness to them in no common degree.

Dean Stanley was a prominent member of the Broad Church department of the Episcopal clergy in England. In fact, he was very broad,—verging on Unitarian tendencies. He held views which led him to take great liberties in the exposition of scripture, liberties which no true Evangelical would allow himself to assume. His defence, for instance, of the change that has been made in baptism, from immersion to sprinkling, cannot be justified by any one who is sound on the question of inspiration, or by whom the Lord's Commission is rightly understood.

Notwithstanding this, however, the famous Lectures on the Jewish and Eastern churches are a mine of wealth, which will amply reward the labour of any man who undertakes to explore it.

His volume on “Sinai and Palestine” is the best, in our judgment, of the numerous productions on that subject that enrich our English literature.

The present volume treats of baptism, the Eucharist, the Creeds, and other correlated themes. In his preface the Dean remarks that “underneath the sentiments and usages which have accumulated around the forms of christianity it is believed that there is a class of principles, a religion, as it were, behind the religion, which, however dimly expressed, has given them whatever vitality they possess.” Finally, two conclusions are obvious.—First, that which existed in the early ages of the church cannot be deemed incompatible with its existence in later ages. Secondly, that which did not exist in primitive times, cannot be deemed indispensable to the essence of the church either late or early.

When a professing Christian who has spent years in wandering about among dry regions of speculation, dies, a question will sometimes arise, what preparation is needed to fit that man for the state of society in heaven, and the employments there. We know very little of the discipline of the skies, can but conjecture that in order to become harmonious with the glorified family much instruction will have to be received, and much training to be passed through, which will result in the completeness of character as described in Scripture as being “made perfect,” for an instantaneous change may not be thought of.

We are reminded of Bunyan's account of Christian and Hopeful's experience after they had crossed the river. They had to ascend the heavenly hill, and might well be appalled at the hard climbing. But “shining ones” came to their help. They talked with them all the way, so sweetly and powerfully, that when they reached the golden gate the Christians were filled with “joy unspeakable.” Then they were prepared to enter the New Jerusalem, and take part in its worship.

Our readers, we think, will gladly peruse the last paragraph of the book. It is an exposition of the “new commandment:

“Love one another in spite of differences, in spite of faults, in spite of the excesses of one or the defects of another. Love one another, and make the best of one another, as He loved us, who, for the sake of what was good in the human soul, forgot, forgave, put out of sight what was bad, who saw and loved what was good even in the publican Zaccheus, even in the penitent Magdalen, even in the expiring malefactor, even in the heretical Samaritan, even in the Pharisee Nicodemus, even in the heathen soldier, even in the outcast Canaanite. Make the most of what there is good in

institutions, in opinions, in communities, in individuals. It is very easy to do the reverse, to make the worst of what there is of evil, absurd and erroneous. By so doing we shall have no difficulty in making estrangements more wide, and hatreds and strifes more abundant, and errors more extreme. It is very easy to fix our attention only on the weak points of those around us, to magnify them, to irritate them, to aggravate them; and by so doing we can make the burden of life unendurable, and can destroy our own and others happiness and usefulness wherever we go. But this is not the new love wherewith we are to love one another. That love is universal, because in its spirit we overcome evil simply by doing good. We drive out error simply by telling the truth. We strive to look on both sides of the shield of truth. We strive to speak the truth in love, that is, without exaggeration or misrepresentation; concealing nothing, compromising nothing, but with the effort to understand each other, to discover the truth which lies at the bottom of the error; with the determination cordially to love whatever is lovable even in those in whom we cordially detest whatever is detestable. And, in proportion as we endeavor to do this, there may be a hope that men will see that there are, after all, some true disciples of Christ left in the world, “because they have love one to another.” J. M. C.

Harper's Magazine for August, 1881, contains:

The Surrender of Cornwallis: with fifteen illustrations. Almond Blossom: a poem. A Day in Africa: with six illustrations. The White Mountains: with sixteen illustrations. The Parcae: or, Three Dainty Destinies. The Armelet: with full page illustrations. Anne, A Novel: with two illustrations. Left behind: a poem. Then: The Various Languages of Billy Moon: a story. A Neglected Corner of Europe. III: with fourteen illustrations. Miss Pickett. Assn and Nihilists. Sheltered: a poem. President Madison and the Baptist Preacher. A Laodicean: a novel. Editors Easy Chair: Literary Record, Historical Record, and Drawer. A capital number.

Notices.

The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces,

will meet with the First Baptist Church at Yarmouth, N. S., on Saturday, August 20th, at 10 A. M.

Clergymen, delegates and others proposing to attend will please notify the undersigned at their earliest convenience, and not later than August 10th.

Please answer the following questions: When do you propose to arrive? Will you come in your own carriage or by Rail?

Have you accepted an invitation from friends here?

THOMAS B. CROSBY, Chairman Reception Com. of Church, Yarmouth, July 19th, 1881.

P. S.—The Committee on travelling arrangements will probably advertise terms next week.

BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES meets at 10 a. m., on Saturday, August 20, at Yarmouth, N. S. Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hopper or Rev. W. A. Corey.

CASH RECEIVED FOR ACADIA COLLEGE.

Mrs. L. H. Burnaby, Milton, Queens Co., (Building Fund) \$10 00 C. Jost, Guysboro, (Endowment) 10 00 Rev. Dr. Day, Yarmouth, (Convention Fund) 102 67 John March, St. John, N. B., do 116 34 Dr. Day, Yarmouth, do 45 46 A. D. W. BARRS, Treas. Wolfville, July 23, 1881.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Dear Editor—I beg to acknowledge through your columns the receipt of \$20 from J. C. for the Theological Chair. Yours, &c., D. M. WELTON.

RECEIVED FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Home Mission Board met in the vestry of the 1st Baptist Church, Yarmouth, July 18th, 1881. Receipts since last meeting: Convention Funds, Nova Scotia, \$956.53 Convention Funds, New Brunswick, 159.86 Convention Funds, P. E. Island, 107.00 Ezra C. Shand, Windsor, 1.00 \$1224.39

Reports

were read from brethren D. Freeman, H. B. Shaffner, Fletcher, Wallace, Edwards, Spurr, E. N. Archibald, Wm. Spencer, A. Whitman, and P. S. McGregor.

Grants.

1. To the New Maryland field for the quarter ending July 31st, 1881, \$18.75. Rev. P. R. Knight, missionary. 2. To Dalhousie East for one year from July 1st, 1881, \$50. Rev. H. B. Shaffner, missionary. 3. To the Tusket field, \$100 for one year from August 1st, 1881. Rev. P. S. McGregor, pastor.

Reports wanted.

Brethren receiving aid from the Board are requested to see that their reports are in the hands of the Cor. Secretary not later than August 10th.

Money needed.

We shall need to receive at least \$2000 if we are to close the work of the year without a debt. Since the expenditure of the year will not exceed \$5000, it will be a shame to us if the receipts do not equal the expenditure.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y. Hebron, July 20, 1881.

NOTICE.

The next session of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces will be held with the First Baptist Church of Yarmouth, N. S., commencing on Saturday, August 20th, 1881, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Constitution provides that each church, connected with any of the Associations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and contributing annually toward the objects of the Convention, shall be entitled to send one of its members to represent it at any meeting of the Convention, and an additional delegate for every twenty dollars contributed to those objects during the year; but no church is entitled to send more than five delegates. Forms for returns have been sent to the churches. Should any fail to receive them, copies can be supplied by the Secretary.

Pastors and clerks are requested to attend to the appointment of delegates and forwarding of Returns, so that the list of members of Convention may be ready at opening of the session.

E. M. KIRSTEAD, Secretary of Convention. Windsor, N. S., July 22, 1881.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

will be held at Upper Aylesford, Kings County on Thursday, the 22nd day of September next. Morning session opens at 10 o'clock, a. m. It is very desirable that members and delegates should be present at opening of morning session. If any of the Sabbath Schools in the Central Association have not received the Minutes of the last Convention and Blank returns—they will please let me know at once, that I may forward them. A list of subjects, &c. will be printed in the MESSENGER at an early day.

HENRY LOVETT, Sec'y S. S. Convention of the N. S. Central Baptist Association.

Kentville, July 16th, 1881.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Collected by Mrs. Isaac R. Skinner, River Hebert, per Rev. Dr. Day, \$12.00 Windsor—Miss E. Geldert, 11.25 Percaux—Mrs. J. L. Sanford, 6.00 Scotch Village, Newport—Mrs. Dykeman, 7.50 Mission Band, Scotch Village—for Miss Hammond to educate little girls, 1.90 Freeport, Long Island, Digby Co—Mrs. Priscilla L. Eldridge, 25.00 Clarence—Miss Addia Jackson, 11.00 To the W. M. A. Societies of N. S.:

The Central Board at their quarterly meeting held last Wednesday, agreed to request all W. M. A. Societies who will have members present at the Convention in August, to appoint them as their delegates; each one will then represent the Society of which she is a member. Business of great importance is expected to be discussed.

By order of the Central Board, M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, July 26, 1881.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

After the first day of September, A. D. 1881, no privilege shall be granted on account of scholarships in Acadia College, unless the principal and whatever interest may be due on the same, shall have been paid, and a proper certificate of the same, shall have been furnished by the Treasurer in accordance with the Act of 1853.

By order of the Board of Governors of Acadia College.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec'y. Wolfville, June 18, 1881.

P. S.—The above was passed in November last, and ordered to be published in the Messenger and Visitor. S. W. DEB.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The New Baptist Church at Debert River, Londonderry, will be opened for Divine service on Lord's Day, Aug. 7th. Ministering brethren who can favor us with their presence on that occasion are cordially invited.

RICHARD McCULLY, Clerk.

Moneys Received.

W. H. Richan, \$2. Arthur Lyon, \$2. Joseph Thomas, \$2. J. M. Hunter, \$5. M. A. Halfyard, \$2. G. M. Coldwell, \$1. J. E. Potter, Esq., \$6. Rev. A. H. Munro, \$1. W. E. Armstrong, \$2. J. R. Creed, \$1. L. McKeen, \$2. M. A. McNeill, \$2.

To hit on a happy phrase is often better than to construct a laboured argument. The Christian Intelligencer, has hit on a peculiarly happy phrase to describe much of the maulin religious talk that one hears and reads nowadays; it calls it “the Gospel according to St. Gush.” A column of logical grape-shot would not be half so effective.