

Resolved, That this Convention deplore the fact that so many of our Sabbath Schools are closed during the winter, and would suggest the following as some means which, if adopted by our churches, would help to make it more practicable to continue the Sabbath School during the whole year:

1st. Make the school of equal importance with any meeting of the day.
2nd. Make it a church meeting, and consider absentees as neglectors of the means of grace, and labor with them accordingly.

3rd. Attempt not to make it a supplement to some other service.

3rd Session.—Subject, "Should persons appointed to the office of Sabbath School teachers be examined as to their qualifications? and if so, by whom?"

Rev. D. G. McDonald gave the opening speech. Seven speeches followed, after which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we consider the work of Sabbath School instruction of such importance as to require the following qualifications of teachers:

1st. Regeneration and a consistent life.
2nd. Soundness in the doctrines of the gospel, as we hold the Word of God. Also, that teachers be examined by the church as to their soundness and abilities for teaching.

The closing part of this session was taken up with an earnest appeal by Rev. D. W. Crandall to christian workers for greater zeal in the cause of truth, and prayers by some of the brethren.

4th Session.—A report on Obituaries, referring specially to the death of the late Secretary of the Convention, F. D. Martin, was submitted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be sent to the mother of deceased.

In the absence of the "Report on Libraries from Committee appointed by Association, (the subject for the session), Rev. D. W. Crandall, at the request of the Convention, read a paper bearing in part on Sabbath School Libraries, when the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we adopt the excellent paper read by Bro. Crandall on "The benefit of Sabbath Schools to the masses," and that we proceed to the discussion of the points in that paper bearing on Sabbath School libraries.

The discussion, (eleven speeches), occupied the remainder of the session.

5th Session.—The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we consider the subject of Sabbath School literature of vast importance, and demands more consideration than we have on this present occasion been able to give it;

Also, that we regret that the committee appointed last year to report on this subject have failed to present their report, and that we urge them to have it forthcoming at our next annual session.

Further resolved, That we deplore the fact that much of fiction and other injurious reading has found its way into our Sabbath Schools. We would suggest the propriety of casting this out, and instead introduce biographies of missionaries, and other good men, such as that of Judson, Carey, Brainard, &c., also productions of authors that we know to be sound and good. We consider a well selected library would be a great benefit among the youth of our land.

We would also recommend for our present use, books from the Baptist Publication Society, that have been examined by the committee appointed for that purpose.

As periodicals we would recommend the Baptist Teacher, Young Reaper, Youth's Visitor, &c.

The subject for the session, "Why are Sabbath Schools so much confined to children, and what are the best means of retaining them when they grow to maturity?" was opened by Rev. D. G. McDonald, and spoken to by twelve others, after which the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, We deplore the fact that many of our Sabbath Schools are largely confined to the young;

Therefore resolved, That we express our firm conviction that parents, as far as it is in their power, should be with their children in the school, and that teachers and superintendents should labour earnestly to gain and hold the confidence and respect of the children, watch the development and consequent wants of their minds, and laboriously seek to supply them; and, as one means, we would suggest the importance of the Teachers' meeting.

6th Session.—Resolutions were passed:

1st. To adopt the Treasurer's report.

2nd. Instructing the Com. charged with drawing out a programme for next annual session to provide speakers to open the various subjects at least four weeks before the time of meeting.

3rd. Tending a vote of thanks to the warm-hearted hospitality extended by them to the members of the Convention.

4th: Appointing Pastor D. G. McDonald to assist the Secretaries to condense and prepare the Minutes for publication in the Messenger and Visitor.

"Why have we not more conversions in our Sabbath Schools?" the question for discussion, was opened by Rev. D. W. Crandall, spoken to by five brethren, and the following resolution passed:

Whereas, We deplore the fact that so few conversions have been reported from our Sabbath Schools;

Therefore resolved, That this Convention recommend to the officers of the various Schools to appoint a stated hour each week, when each teacher shall privately appear before God in behalf of their scholars, and also ask the churches to remember the children in the weekly prayer meetings.

The speeches were earnest and fervid, and good may reasonably be expected to follow.

The next annual session will take place at Dundas, beginning on the last Tuesday of 1881, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Christian Visitor please copy.

For the Christian Messenger. Shelburne County Notes.

THE CHURCHES.

REV. W. H. RICHAN works on amid much discouragement upon his long held field at Barrington and Wood's Harbor. He resigned his charge of the church at Osborne to which he had given half his time for the year, early in January. That church is very much depressed and sorely needs pastoral care. Would that these words could inspire prayer and bring aid. Shelburne still has the labors of Rev. G. H. Goudey, but the field is depleted and, toilsome and unproductive. The outlook of the outstations is brighter. Rev. J. F. McKenne holds Lewis Head and Sable River, despite infirmity and wearing work. Those laboring under more favorable conditions will know how much quiet loyalty and faithfulness works on unheralded on these more difficult fields. Mrs. McKenne is just recovering from a long and severe illness. The Lockeport Church is but holding its own. Two were received for baptism and two by letter at the last Conference, and another will probably be accepted as a candidate for baptism to-night. An intelligent attention is given to preaching, but the larger desires of pastor and people are yet unfulfilled.

TEMPERANCE.

The Scott Act is to be submitted to the electors on the 17th of March. The annual meeting of the Shelburne Co. Temperance League held at Lockeport on the 18th of January unanimously passed the following resolution which recognizes the true functions of the churches and pastors in the matter of Temperance:

"Resolved, That the churches and pastors in the different districts of this county be requested by this League to unite at once in a series of mass meetings in the interest of the Scott Act and the Temperance cause in general, and that the Temperance Societies be asked to co-operate with them therein."

"Further Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the League, in connection with the pastors of the county, frame and publish a plan of public Temperance meetings throughout the county as soon as possible."

The Committee to whom the matter of arranging a programme for these meetings was entrusted, have adopted that of the Grand Division Lecturer, Mr. Hutchings who proposes to canvass the county in favor of the Act. By request of the Committee, of which the writer is a member, the programme is here inserted and those interested are requested to follow it out in the spirit of the resolution of the League and to co-operate with Mr. Hutchings in working for the passage of the Act.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS—TIME, EVENINGS AT 7 O'CLOCK.

Sable River, Friday, Feb. 18th; Lewis Head, 19th; Little Harbor, 21st; East Ragged Island, 22nd; Lockeport and vicinity, 23rd, 24th; Osborne, 25th; Brighton, 26th; East Jordan Ferry, 28; Shelburne, March 1st and 2nd; Clyde River, 3rd; Port Olyde, 4th; N. E. Harbor, 5th; Cape Negro, 7th; Upper Port LaTour, 8th; LaTour, 9th; Baccan, 10th; Village Dale, 11th; Barrington, 12th; Passage, 14th; Mc-Grey Settlement, 16th; Clarke's Harbor, 16th.

DENOMINATIONAL.

Faithful supporters of our Foreign Mission are aggrieved by the present state of affairs. "Some one has blundered." Silence may be best now but even the effects are becoming serious.

Many think that there ought not to be any insurmountable obstacles to the continuance of Brother and Sister Armstrong's services under the Board. Cannot and ought not a quiet mediation to be effected? Must this confidence destroying misunderstanding and silence remain?—Your correspondent sees no answer to the communication of "Enquirer" on the College Grant question in a former issue. Soon the legislative Halls (and lobbies) will witness a struggle on the part of Denominational Colleges for the State "loaves and fishes." What part is "Acadia" to take in that melée?

OBITUARY.

The Messenger's mortuary record has not yet embalmed the memory of that "mother in Israel," PENNNAH DUNN, who went home Jan. 1st, 1881, at the age of 76. Mrs. Dunn was "born again" in her youth, and following her clear views and strong convictions with characteristic loyalty, she was baptized by the late Rev. Henry Saunders upwards of 60 years ago. Following ever "the Book" implicitly, she developed a life and character which has been the praise and help of three generations. Her children bless her; the church cherish her memory. Mention of her name will awaken hallowed reminiscences in the minds of those who have toiled in the ministry on this Southern shore. Her home was theirs, to them her hand gave the best of her substance, to them her heart yielded its choice treasures of wisdom and cheer. She had long been a widow, and for years a partial paralytic, but her strength of faith and force of character suffered no abatement till her sudden and painless transition from the shadows of earth's New Year's eve to the full light of heaven's eternal joys and years. Her funeral services were attended by all the ministers of the district; the apposite subject of the discourse by Rev. J. F. McKenne was "Paul's Psalm": "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

On the 10th inst. Lockeport was shocked and saddened by the drowning of a promising lad, CHARLES EDGAR, son of James Peterson, aged 11 years. While taking recreation on the harbour after school he skated into a hole in the channel; help soon came, and his body was recovered, but efforts to restore life were unavailing. He was a help and a hope to his family, and is mourned as is an only son.

WILLIAM T. SHAW, only son of Mr. Joseph Fisher, of Lockeport, passed away on Sunday morning, aged 24. Early stricken with pulmonary disease, his life was one of infirmity and suffering, solaced and prolonged by tender care. Some months ago he was drawn to Christ, and henceforth awaited with growing calmness and assurance the beginning of perfect life. That came with the Sabbath dawn.

Too long already is the letter of your OCCASIONAL. Lockeport, Feb. 10, 1881.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

ARCADIA, YARMOUTH.—We have been holding a series of meetings here in Arcadia with good results. I have been baptized, 3 received by letters and some others who will soon go forward. The church is much encouraged. The Wesleyans have also received accessions to their church resulting from the same efforts, the series began with the Week of Prayer. To God be all the praise. Next week we expect to hold special services with the South Yarmouth Church. A few weeks since Bro. John Holmes was ordained deacon to fill the place left vacant by the removal by death of deacon Amos Scott of precious memory, who served the church faithfully in this capacity from the time of its organization till his death. At the intimation of Bro. Holmes, Bro. John Black preached a very excellent and appropriate sermon, setting forth the duties and privileges belonging to the office.

Our friends celebrated the tenth anniversary of our marriage on the 4th of January last, a large number representing the different religious denominations were present, and left many valuable tokens of their friendship and goodwill. Good speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Borden (Wesleyan), Rev. Mr. Robbins, and others. Music was furnished by the choir.

I am likewise indebted to the Sabbath School for the gift of a handsome Portfolio, which was presented by them through bro. S. N. Allen the same evening. Yours in truth, A. H. LAYERS.

GASPERVAUX, HORTON.—The good Lord is reviving his work in this place, we began our meetings with the "Week of Prayer," and have continued them ever since. The church is much revived and a few are seeking for eternal life. May the Lord increase the number. J. W.

Messrs. Meedy and Sankey have decided to revisit England during 1881, and have already accepted invitations to attend the next Christian Convention at Dublin. Besides his school for girls at Northfield, Mr. Moody is to start a school for boys at his Massachusetts home. He has bought three hundred acres of land for a farm, and he purposes work and play and study for the boys whom he undertakes to educate. The new farm school is to be on the family plan. "My plan is," says Mr. Moody, "to take boys of unfortunate parents who are not able to educate them; but the boys shall be promising ones, and such as, if educated, would make good preachers and missionaries.—Nonconformist.

A Sabbath School has been opened at Wittenberg in the church on whose door Luther nailed his ninety-five theses of salvation, and in which both he and Melancthon lie buried. It began with seventy girl scholars and seven female teachers, but has grown to such proportions that it has been found necessary to use another church for a part of the school. The scholars now number over four hundred, of whom three-fourths are girls. Five of the teachers are men, eighteen are women, and the superintendent is a minister.

Not fewer than three thousand people, mostly men, and a large proportion of these, ministers assembled in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, for the purpose of seeing and hearing the Rev. Joseph Cook, of Boston. No more striking illustration of the popularity in Scotland of the famous lecturer has yet been furnished. His subject was, "The decline of Rationalism among the Experts."

Eighteen years ago, the first protestant church established in Brazil was formed in Rio Janeiro. Now there are several churches with about 1,000 members. The country is open for gospel work among 12,000,000 people.

THE TELUGU NEW TESTAMENT.—Rev. Mr. Clough has written, under date of Nov. 5th 1880, to Dr. Johnson, of Philadelphia, "The Missionary Union have placed \$5,000 at the disposal of Dr. Jewett, and have appointed Brethren Williams and Downie to assist him in getting out a Telugu New Testament, tentative edition, and that is now rapidly going through the press. We hope that within six months we shall have a New Testament which will express to this people the mind of the Spirit and that only."

In Memoriam.

MRS. ANN MELONEY, Widow of the late Dea. John Meloney, of precious memory, was called suddenly from time into eternity, on Sabbath morning, Jan. 9th. She was in the 89th year of her age, and was baptized by the Rev. Joseph Dimock, during a visit to Cape Breton, and had been for over 52 years a devoted member of the North Sydney Baptist Church. The circumstances attending her death were peculiar. She always aimed to be present at the Sabbath services of the church. The morning of her death it stormed, and her son, John Meloney, Esq., said to his mother, that he thought it was not fit for her to go to church. She answered she must go while she could, and might as well die going to church as any where else. She went, seemed as smart as usual, enjoyed the service, and started for home, but had gone only a short distance when suddenly she breathed her last without a struggle or a groan. Religion had been the joy of her life, and thoughts of death had no terror to her. Her house had always been a home for God's servants. She loved all who loved the Lord, and ever manifested a deep interest in the prosperity of the cause of God. She showed a lively interest in the cause of missions, and contributed regularly to their support. She was a mother in Israel, an Israelite indeed. Through a long life of true devotion to the cause of God, she had been universally respected as a consistent Christian, and beloved by a large circle of relatives and friends. She was a genial companion, a true friend, a devoted Christian. Her memory will long be cherished by those who knew her. We shall miss her, but rejoice that she has entered into rest. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

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Notices.

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News.

Notice.

The Granville Street Church have arranged to hold three public entertainments in the Spring Garden Vestry in aid of the Sabbath School Fund, and to meet the Expenditure for Repairs; as follows:—First, A Tea and Literary and Musical programme to-morrow (Thursday) evening. Tea from 6 1/2 to 8 o'clock, to be followed by an essay by Mr. J. W. Longley, reading by Mr. J. Godfrey Smith and others, and music—an occasion of rare social and literary enjoyment is anticipated. Next will follow on Thursday evening, March 3rd, a literary and musical entertainment, of which fuller particulars will be given in due time. On March 17th, (Thursday evening) the series will close with a lecture by Prof. J. G. Schurman, D. Sc., of Acadia College, on "Carlyle, as Seer." We scarcely know which of the above to look forward to with the greatest pleasure, and would advise all parties to procure tickets for the course, without delay. Tickets for first entertainment and tea, 35cts. For 2nd and 3rd 25cts. each, or for the course 70 cts., obtainable at Wood Bros. & Co., and at Christian Messenger Office. 1100 J. W. 1100

The Watchman is doing good service in the Temperance cause. The new manager appears to know what he is about. It is a very readable sheet in that line.

It is an indisputable fact that Hall's Hair Renewer renews, cleanses, brightens, invigorates and restores faded or gray hair to its youthful color and lustre, cheaply, quickly and surely. People with gray hair prefer to buy it, rather than proclaim to the world through their bleached locks that they are becoming aged, and passing on to decay.

OTTAWA.—A portion of the roof of the new Baptist Church fell in on Sunday last, and did a large amount of damage. It was well that it did not occur during the time of worship, or the consequences would have been of a far more serious nature. Service was afterwards held in the Vestry.

THE HIGHEST AWARD.—That Putnam's Emulsion stands to-day higher, and far ahead of any other compound of the kind, and is acknowledged by the profession to be the most reliable in the treatment of Wasting, Scrofulous, and Children's Diseases, and diseases of the Nervous System, where the brain is overworked, and the general system run down for the want of Phosphorus, which is the only Nerve Tonic. Jan. 19. 6m.

Miscellaneous.

SHRINKING FRUIT.—A master comes to his garden. He turns over leaves of pear and plum-trees, and he looks along the branches of the peach trees. "Trees look very healthy, don't they, sir?" says the gardener in a satisfied way. Then they pass into the orchard. "Nice trees these, sir," observes the gardener, "very choice sorts, golden pippin and russet." Then they turn to the hot-houses: "Vines and pines look very promising," says the gardener, smiling complacently. At last the master speaks out, half angrily, "What in the world is the use of healthy trees, and of choice sorts, and of promising plants? I don't want green leaves and fine young wood only—I want fruit. And if you can't get it, I must find somebody that can." The Lord of the vineyard comes to us. He stands before us and looks underneath the leaves of our profession, searching for fruit. Good desires, good feelings, good endeavors, all our believing—everything else counts for nothing unless there be some fruit. This is what our Master requires and seeks.—Rev. M. G. Pearce.

We understand that the sale of the penny Testament, the cheapest edition ever published, has already reached nearly 400,000, and that the publisher, Mr. Elliot Stock, confidently expects that a million copies will be disseminated in the course of twelve months.

The Examiner says that the cottage near the town of Ayr in which Robert Burns was born, which has lately been used as a public-house, has been bought, and will be converted into a museum for receiving relics of the poet.

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