

The Christian Messenger.

Hatfield, N. S., June 6, 1883.

From the Burlington Hawkeys we learn that the church, of which Dr. Spinney is the pastor, on hearing of his severe illness, and that he does not expect to recover before the autumn, passed a highly complimentary and sympathetic resolution, and recommended to him absolute rest from all exertion, mental or physical, until such time as God shall graciously restore him to health and usefulness among them.

That in the meantime the work of the church be carried forward by the assistant pastor, for whom provision has already been made, and that the trustees be directed to proceed with the business of securing a minister for that work without delay.

The Wesleyan informs us that at Charles Street Church on Sunday evening last Mr. Reuben Smith preached an admirable sermon to a crowded congregation. At the close the Rev. F. H. W. Pickles baptized three adults and received thirteen persons into the Church.

Also from Deer Island, Rev. J. F. Estey reports: On April 29th it was my privilege to baptize five converts with water and to receive six into church membership.

The Archbishop of Canterbury at the recent annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, gave the unequivocal statement that immerse "is the root meaning of the word baptize."

MR. CHUBBECK preached on Lord's Day, morning and evening in the North Baptist Church to very large congregations.

A service was held in the afternoon at the Academy of Music, which was crowded. The North Church Choir sang several pieces in excellent style. Mr. C. gave a characteristic address before the sermon, exhorting the Christian laymen present to "take off their coats" and go to work among the people in the lower streets, seeking to save their souls.

MESSRS. TIPPET BURDIT & Co. St. John, N. B., have issued a splendid advertising pamphlet of Agricultural Implements entitled The Agricultural Year Book of 1883. It is fine specimen of printing done at the Globe office, St. John.

The proceedings at Saratoga are of absorbing interest. We have therefore appropriated an unusual amount of space to them.

The friends of the Missionary Union will be pleased to learn that Rev. Dr. Murdoch was unanimously re-elected Corresponding Secretary, and Dr. Edw. Judson was elected Assistant Secretary. It is hoped that he will accept.

The authorities of Harvard University have decided by 15 to 11 not to confer the honorary degree of L. L. D., on Governor Ben Butler, as has heretofore usually been done to the Governors.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER has given politicians a difficult problem or two. Why he should go to England and perform the duties of High Commissioner without the large salary of that officer; and, why he should still retain the office of Minister of Railways and Canals, and his place in the Cabinet. The reasons will probably be given at the public dinner it is decided to give him here on the 14th Inst.

The Course of Education in Acadia Seminary at Wolfville is being generally appreciated. We perceive by the Catalogue just published, that the whole number of students enrolled in the past year, is Ninety, the number in the Regular Course is Sixty. Of these thirty young ladies are receiving selected studies. The list of Instructors comprises eight Ladies, whilst in several branches the students join the classes of Acadia College and Horton Collegiate Academy.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Walter Bars for copies of the Daily Saratoga with reports of the Anniversaries and for his excellent report of the Bible Convention.

THE UNITED STATES ANNIVERSARIES AT SARATOGA

were continued through last week.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION

commenced on Thursday forenoon; the President, Rev. G. D. Boardman, D.D., in the chair. The President addressed the Union on the following theme, "The Missionary Enterprise the Key to the Problem of Humanity."

Dr. J. N. Murdoch, then presented the annual report of the Executive Committee:

The total amount received into the treasury during the year for all purposes was \$327,800.98. Of this \$163,807.36 was from donations; \$51,876.73 from legacies; \$42,977.51 from the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society; \$20,706.88 from the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of the West; \$665.23 from the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast; \$445.31 from the Woman's Society of the North Pacific Coast; \$20,605.94 was given to create or increase funds, \$15,447.05 was income from funds, and \$11,268.87 from miscellaneous sources. The total expenditure of the year was \$316,410.59; leaving a balance against the treasury of \$9,311.94.

In all the missions there are 100 missionaries, 1,364 native preachers, 1,075 churches, and 102,145 members. In 1882, 10,645 were baptized, being an increase over last year of 9 missionaries, 166 native preachers, 14 churches, and 7,266 members. The baptisms numbered 2,298 more than last year, allowing the number baptized in the German mission to be the same as in 1881; the probability is they were much larger.

Dr. Murdoch then read a special paper entitled, "A Comparative View of Christian Missions."

After the report of the Treasurer was presented, Hon. E. C. Fitz submitted important data, showing that the statements in the N. Y. Herald were maliciously false. Rev. J. N. Folwell read resolutions passed by the American and Foreign Bible Society, denying all knowledge of the author of the Herald article. A number of the missionaries of the Union, expressed their abhorrence of the charges and testified to the honesty and integrity of the officers of the Union.

In the afternoon a session committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sentiment of all present in the management, ability and financial integrity and honesty of the officials of the Missionary Union.

Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby representing the Presbyterian General Assembly was then received, the entire audience rising to their feet and extending to him a most hearty and cordial greeting. He said: We have the same work before us and the same Lord. We feel the bond of union that binds us at the cross of Christ. The union of Baptists, without such an ecclesiastical tie as holds Presbyterians, is a marvel. You have always been the upholders of a pure orthodoxy. You with us are to meet and overcome evil. I believe the Baptists of this country will be in the forefront of the conflict with error, and extend to you the hearty, fervent greetings of the General Assembly.

President Boardman, on behalf of the Missionary Union, reciprocated most heartily the salutations and fraternal greetings, and added that a committee would wait upon the General Assembly and return the brotherly and Christian compliment.

Dr. Boardman, having called Hon. J. M. S. Williams to the chair, presented to the Missionary Union a gavel made of the wood of the gango tree, regarded by many of the Buddhists as sacred wood. He read the inscriptions on the gavel, which has also in it iron from the prison where Dr. Judson was incarcerated and a piece of stone from the grave of George Dana Boardman, the father of the donor. The inscriptions on the gavel are as follows, on one side of the handle, "Piece of the Memorial Stone from the Grave of George Dana Boardman, Missionary to Burmah. Presented to the chair of the American Baptist Missionary Union, May, 1883, by his son George Dana Boardman."

On the other side of the handle are

the words: Piece of the lion's cage in which Adoniram Judson was confined at Oung Pen la, Burmah. Presented by his stepson, George Dana Boardman.

On the lid of the case of the gavel are the words: "The President's gavel to be used at each annual meeting."

Great applause followed the eloquent words of Dr. Boardman with which he made the presentation of the gavel. In the evening Rev. T. Edwin Brown, D. D., addressed the Union on "The Relation of Christian Missions to the Life of the Christian Church."

Every form of life, he said, has a fundamental law. The fundamental law of the church life is sacrifice, helpfulness and bearing the burdens of the weak. Christian missions are the highest expression of this fundamental law. The spirit of missions has expressed and formed life. Christianity began as a mission. Jesus was sent. Peter, Philip, and the disciples who were scattered abroad, were missionaries. But to make the mission work most effective the organized church was needed. The church sent forth Paul. The first three centuries of Christian history formed an era of missions. In the 12th century—as Neander records—there was a revival of the missionary spirit. This found new embodiment in Luther and the reformers. Wesley and the Moravians expressed it.

The reflex influence of the out-reaching spirit of the missions has been most potent in developing prayer, and in calling forth the activity of the Christian women of America. It has beyond all else contributed to Christian unity. It has developed true and noble Christian character in its manifold features. It created the war cry of North America for Christ; aye, of "the whole world for Christ." Let us lift the standard skyward and seaward until our cause is everywhere and fully triumphant to the glory of Christ the Crucified.

The next speaker was Rev. J. R. Goddard, of Ningpo, China. He said he had not been privileged to attend our anniversaries for sixteen years, and expected that it would be a good many years before he should be again permitted to attend them. China presents, by all of its characteristics, a field second to none other in all the world. A sight of the idolatry of China would stir you with emotions akin to those which moved the spirit of Paul at Athens. The work to reach the Chinese is of necessity that of close and individual contact. The chief instrumentality is the living voice of the gospel preacher. Mr. Goddard urged increased and prompt and thorough work in support of missions. He then extended the salutations of the Christians in China to the Baptists of America, and requested the prayers of God's people on their behalf.

Rev. C. H. Carpenter, of Burmah, spoke of the "Christian Karens as an evangelizing agency."

Fifty-five years ago the apostle to the Karens baptized the apostle of the Karens. The Christian Karens are ready not only to work for the salvation of those immediately around them but they are moved by a mission spirit to go beyond their borders. The kingdom of God among the Karens is like leaven because they have a way of "getting up quickly and spreading" the gospel.

Rev. A. J. Gordon, D. D. said he would rather be called a missionary than a Doctor of Divinity. He called attention to the fact stated in the report of the Executive Committee that during the past year 10,000 souls had been saved through missionary effort, and had been baptized. Some deprecated exalting the numbers baptized. But this is one of the greatest things that could be proclaimed.

The Union met again on Friday morning. The reports of the Committee on European Missions and Finance were presented and adopted.

F. A. Smith, Esq., of Mass., ex-Treasurer of the Union, was received with prolonged applause. He thanked the Union, his friends, and the press for the support given him in refuting the charges that the finances had not been handled in a safe, honest, and faithful manner. He gave an account of the manner in which the securities and valuable papers of the Union are

kept. In answer to a question he said that all of the securities were kept in a safe having three different locks and that it required the presence of three persons at the same time in order to gain access to the interior of the strong box.

—Rev. Dr. Murdoch read the official announcement of the retirement of the American and Foreign Bible work, and the readiness of the same to turn over all their work to the Missionary Union.

Rev. F. A. Douglass of New York desired to take the platform and make a statement. "Are you responsible for the article that appeared in the New York Herald of May 10?" asked President Boardman. "No, sir, I am not," answered Mr. Douglass. "Then you may have the privilege of the platform," said the presiding officer. Mr. Douglass then took the platform and read the following:

SARATOGA, May 25, 1883.

Dear Brethren: I am responsible only to this extent and no further, for what appeared in the New York Herald on May 10, in that I did furnish to an individual public printed documents with no thought of harm to anybody. I did not write the article, and I did not know its contents until I read it in the paper. I have never slandered anyone. I deeply regret that I seem to have been used in any way to the harm of any one by others. I ask forgiveness of God and you.

F. A. DOUGLASS.

In reply to questions Mr. Douglass, said that, on request, he had furnished some of the Union's reports, but that he had no hand in writing the Herald article and did not know what the article contained until it appeared in print. He was not in harmony with the malicious insinuations and aspersions embraced in the said article.

The Committee on Enrollment submitted its perfected report, showing the roll of membership to aggregate 572.

At 11:30 o'clock President Boardman said that the hour had now arrived for the adjournment of the most memorable session ever held by the American Baptist Missionary Union. He invoked the presence, guidance and guardianship of the Holy Spirit on all. Dr. Edward Judson, closed by prayer.

The "Missionary Hymn" was sung, when President Boardman pronounced the benediction.

THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

then held its last session, President Ebenezer Morgan of Connecticut, presiding. Rev. Dr. Armitage made a lengthy address. He spoke of the unanimity of the denomination in the happy solution of the problem that had so long been a disturbing element. This he believed was the happiest day of his life, and he joined with all in the general satisfaction. He then read the report of the proceedings of the Bible Society relative to formally turning its property over to the other societies. Dr. Armitage was especially happy in his remarks, which were frequently interrupted by applause.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY

held its annual meeting on Saturday the 26th. The President Hon. James L. Howard called the meeting to order. "Hark to the voice of Jesus calling" was sung.

Captain Pratt and the six Indian boys from the Carlisle school where present and were invited to the platform. Captain Pratt said they now had under their charge 176 Indians representing 36 tribes. He believed the Indian boys equal to the white boys, if they only are given the same equal chance. The Indians should have all the privileges of the white men. The white men should see that the 40,000 Indian children are educated and allowed to associate with the white people. The Indian boys addressed the assembly and also sang a hymn.

President Boardman said that for years he had entertained the opinion that education was the solution of the Indian question and that this denomination should use its influence to see that it is accomplished.

A vote of thanks was tendered Captain Pratt and the young Indian strangers for the pleasure the Society had experienced in receiving a visit from them.

General Morgan offered the following resolution on Bible circulation: Resolved, That in the new era of Bible work upon which, apparently, the

denomination has just entered, this society hereby instructs the Board to impress upon all their missionaries, whether local, itinerant or general, the duty of giving special attention to the work of Bible and Tract distribution, and to make known promptly to the Board the needs, in these particulars, of their respective fields, with a view of having such wants properly supplied.

He also offered other resolutions relating to temperance, morality and Sabbath observance, and instructing the society not to employ any person in mission work who did not comply with all these religious requirements. This occasioned a protracted discussion.

In the afternoon session after singing and prayer:

Rev. Mr. Morse offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, The pastors' conference of the city of New York has recently inaugurated a plan in the establishment of a Baptist Ministers' Home, by which the necessities of disabled ministers and missionaries and their families residing in Connecticut, New York or New Jersey, shall be fully and properly provided for; therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly commend the plan mentioned to the careful attention of our brethren throughout the whole country as presenting a more effective and economical method of affording needed relief than any plan hitherto devised.

Rev. Dr. Hoyt of Philadelphia emphasized strongly the necessity of pushing forward the Western mission work. The Lord's church should keep pace with the advance of progress and civilization. He characterized the Mormon church as a terrible monstrosity and as an excrescence that should be removed from the face of the country, and if legislation cannot do it, then the government should have recourse to shot and shell. It is our duty to pour the gospel into the West.

Rev. Mr. Holt of Kansas, said that his grandfather was the first Baptist missionary sent by Maine into the Kansas field. There are now fifty-two missionaries in that State and they serve eighty-eight churches and seventy-two stations. There are three hundred and sixty Baptist churches in Kansas and eighty-eight are without pastors. Many of these churches are in a feeble and struggling condition and cannot exist without outside help.

Rev. Dr. Wayland spoke on Systematic Benevolence. Baptists should adopt this system, and everybody outside of the poorhouse should contribute. All should give according to their means; it is a Christian duty. It should be systematic as to time and to object. Those who stay away from church in fear of having to contribute, don't count, only in the census—they have no souls. We ought to give with a Christian motive and systematically. It should be genuine Christian benevolence.

The report of the work among the Indians, was read by Rev. Mr. Kessler.

Mrs. Quinten of the National Indian Association addressed the society in behalf of the cause she represented.

Rev. Mr. Kane of the Indian Territory said that the American people hardly understood the Indian question. He denied that the Indians were decreasing in numbers, and that statistics show that they were increasing: The Indians of the Indian Territory are greatly advanced in civilization and evangelization. Indians appreciate to the fullest extent whatever is done for them.

A large number of voluntary subscriptions were granted for mission work, the amounts to be paid annually for five years.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY

assembled in the First Baptist Church on Monday morning, and was called to order by Dr. Griffith. A half hour was given to devotional exercises. Rev. Dr. Goodspeed led in prayer. "Savior, more than life to me," and "More Love to Thee" were sung.

The president, E. L. Hedstrom of Buffalo, in the chair.

The fifty-ninth annual report of the Board of Managers and Treasurer was submitted.

There have been received, from all sources, \$399,678.07, which is \$54,040.52 more than ever before received in any one year of the Society's history. In the missionary department there have been received, from all sources, \$122,246.00. The receipts in this department, for the past year, surpass those of the preceding year,

and of every previous year, in the history of the Society, by \$18,461.93. The grand total of all the receipts, during the year, in both business and missionary departments (not including the balances of previous year), is \$521,919.16—an increase of \$72,502.45 over the amount ever before received in any one year. The Society has issued forty-four new publications during the year. Of which one hundred and twenty-four thousand and seven hundred copies have been printed.

Table with financial details: Bible, Colporteur, Sunday-school and Publication Missionaries, and Secretaries..... 170; Days of Service..... 30,497; Miles Traveled..... 439,276; Persons Baptized..... 1,256; Churches Constituted..... 45; Sunday Schools Organized..... 638; Sunday Schools Aided by Don's..... 940

General Morgan offered the resolutions accepting the trust imposed upon the Society by the Bible Convention and recommending a call to be made upon the churches for suitable increased contributions.

Rev. Albert G. Lawson of Brooklyn made an address on "The Indocination of our Churches in Denominational Truth." He prefaced it by emphasizing some of the prominent features of the annual report. A grand work had been done, and will be continued. We have the truths which the Bible emphasizes, and it is our mission and purpose to disseminate and spread these great words. He said that there is no denomination in America that is so bound together by vital doctrines and brotherhood as the Baptist. We want nothing but the pure truth of the living God.

Rev. A. D. Dickinson of Richmond, Va., said that the Publication Society was now about to have one of the greatest booms it ever had. He believed that all Baptists would rally about the Publication Society. The Southern people appreciate good books, and a tract will go through an entire community. The distributing of tracts bring forth a good harvest.

Rev. George Cooper of Philadelphia believed that the church that knows what it believes is the one that will exert the greatest influence and power. Let us stand by the truth. The best Baptist book he knew of was the Bible.

The afternoon session was opened by the singing of the hymn "Jesus, I love thy charming name," and the offering of prayer.

The officers and managers of the Publication Society for 1883 were elected.

Rev. A. Blackburn of La Fayette, Ind., delivered an address on "The Bible, the Foremost Evangelizing Book." The word of God only becomes an evangelizing agency as it can be used to convert men and bring them to Christ. The Bible was of more account than all the clergymen in the country. The Bible is God's work and consequently the best means for the evangelization of men.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Pendleton read a paper on "The Special Qualifications of Baptists for Doing Bible Work." He believed that Baptists have special obligations to do this work. Baptists are intensely loyal to the truth of God as revealed in His Word, and consequently are specially qualified to do this work. Baptists have nothing to fear and everything to gain by a correct translation and interpretation of the great truths. Regeneration precedes all baptism or immersion. The Bible, especially the New Testament, is the principal means of making Baptists.

Rev. Dr. A. C. Osborn of North Adams, Mass., made an address on "The Bible Work Already Done by the Society."

On motion, the resolutions offered by General Morgan at the morning session, were taken from the table.

Rev. Dr. Everts believed that a distinctive Bible society would have been the best measure, but the brethren had almost unanimously by vote ordered otherwise, and he heartily acquiesced in their action.

Rev. Mr. Parmley of Jersey city was glad that the Bible question had at last been settled, and he hoped the resolutions would be adopted.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. Rev. Dr. Kingsford of Boston pledged his church for one thousand dollars this year for this Bible work.

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