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N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Lockeport, formerly called Locke's Jesand, is a peninsula on the rocky Shelrne coast about half a mile in length, imprising 160 acres, having on it arly a thousand inhabitants. It has seautiful safe harbor, although some wat difficult of access, and has some imagerous ledges at its entrance, but it is well supplied with light-houses and in clear weather may be entered with safety. It is of considerable commer cial importance, its people being bold, enterprising men, having a large trade with the West Indies and the United States. They are engaged in fishing, and understand how to prepare the treasures of the deep when brought to land so as to suit the best markets. The reputation they have secured in this way gives them ready sales and good prices, and by this industry and skill they have grown wealthy, and influential as merchants and as politicians in the councils of the province. Some idea may be formed of the extent of their business by a fact we learned of a member of the firm of Johnson and Churchill, that last year it cost them ten thousan I dollars simply for bait to supply their fishing

Sixteen vessels came in on Wednesday last from the Newfoundland Banks where they had been fishing for the last two months, and had taken a good quantity of fish, probably about 1000 quintals each. This at \$5.00 a quintal would represent a large amount of money. One of these vessels had a flag at half mast, having lost a young man about 20 years of age.

A large proportion of the Lockeport people are Baptists and are not behind many larger places in sustaining our denominational institutions, at home and abroad. They can appreciate the value of education, quite a number having received the benefit of superior culture at Wolfville. They have now just built

A NEW CHURCH EDIFICE which for its size and capacity would be a credit to a very much larger town. It is, with the vestry about 85 feet in length by 40 in breadth, and being in the high central part of the village, its tall spire may be seen a long way out at sea before reaching the harbor. Its interior is so arranged that the large lecture room at the lower end of the building, by opening large doors, may be thrown into the larger audience room, and so afford accommodation for seven or eight hundred people. Although the interior was not quite finished, yet the seats being fixed and their walnut finishings all ready for use, the Western Asso. ciational meetings were held there last week, instead of in the old church, with much convenience and comfort to the large gatherings of delegates and friends who assembled there.

The original Baptist Church edifice of a former generation at Lockeport, has been removed from where it was first built, and is now used by Mr. Joshua Chadsey as a sail-maker's shop nearly opposite the handsome new church. The contrast is striking! The church which has been used for the past quarter of a century or more is a good building, but not as conveniently situated as the new one in the centre of the town.

On the ocean side of the isthmus joining Lockeport with the mainland is called "the beach," about a mile of fine smooth sand over which the tide continually breaks. If this were near Halifax it would be a The bridge by which Lockeport is reached and connected with the rest of the county is about a quarter of a mile in length, and has been a principal ingredient in the political contests of the county. It crosses the flat marshy flows.

THE ASSOCIATION.

In our last we reported in brief the opening of the Session of the Western Association and the doings up to Monday morning.

The Moderator, Rev. J. A. Gordon stated on Saturday evening that in consequence of the death of a child in his congregation, and all the other ministers being away from Yarmouth, a despatch had been sent for him to return to officiate at the funeral, and he therefore asked leave of absence. In consequence of this on Monday morning Rev. C. Goodspeed was chosen by acclama. tion Moderator for the remainder of the session.

In the absence of both preachers appointed last year for the Associational Sermon, Dr. Day was invited to preach, which he did from the words, "The

people had a mind to work." He treated it under: 1st. The laborers. 2nd. The disposition, and 3rd. their work.

The Associational Circular Letter which may be found on our first page was read by the writer Rev. C. Good-

A request was made for its insertion in the CERISTIAN MESSENGER, and as it was subsequently decided to ask for the Minutes to be printed in the Year Book and no action further was taken for the Letter to be sent to the churches, our brethren will please take this as the medium of its reaching the ministers and churches of the Association.

On Monday afternoon the business was resumed, after the reading of the letters since received. A resolution was offered requesting Rev. Dr. Day to furnish a copy of his sermon for publication in the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Report on Education was read by the chairman, Rev. W. H. Richan. This expressed high appreciation of the in stitutions at Wolfville-Acadia College, Horton Collegiate Academy, and Acadia Seminary-and, after stating the facts and statistics which have already appeared in our columns, said, "We hope that God will so bless the efforts now being made to secure funds, and so open the hearts and purses of His people that all embarrassment will be removed. And they would urge upon the churches such increased liberality towards the funds of this great enterprise as will maintain our schools in a position to compete successfully with other institutions more highly favored financially."

Some discussion arose on the statements in the report, and questions were asked and answered, but the addresses were reserved for the evening session.

Arrangements were then made for next year. There were two invitations. one from Bridgetown, and the other from 1st Hillsburg-Bear River. The latter was chosen as the place of meeting, and a vote of thanks passed for the former. The further arrangements were that Rev. S. McC. Black preach the Sermon, and Rev. Wm. Spencer be his alternate. Rev. James I. De Wolfe write the Circular

The following brethren were appointed the Delegates to the Convention: Breth ren A. H. Fiske, H. H. Chute, B. H' Parker, W. R. Doty, and Jas. H. Hatfield. Monday evening was appropriated to a Public Educational Meeting. After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. Clark, Bro. A. J. Denton, the agent of the Col lege, made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Funds. He did not expect to be present except in company with Dr-Sawyer, and regretted much that he had not arrived. He was glad to perceive that the people of Lockeport were disposed to expend their means for the public good. This was evinced by the beautiful house of worship in which they were meeting. They had aided our Institutions before, and he was assured that they would do so again. He stated that about \$15,000 had been conditionally raised since last Convention. He showed that Higher Education was now needed for other persons as well as ministers. Men in any profession should have as much of Higher Education as possible, and they will be the better prepared for usefulness in the state and the church.

Rev. John Clark spoke on the value and importance of Higher Education at the present day. He showed the effects of cultivation in fruit, flowers, and stock. Its effects were also seen in the greater humility and usefulness of the men and women who receive the advantages of education and culture, and we know no who may become ministers.

Rev. C. Goodspeed showed in what true education consists, and expressed his conviction from what he had seen recently that the course pursued at Acadia was that which developed and built up character, and made its students thinking men. He showed that Education consisted first of the development of power, and secondly, the right use of that power. If we have the true idea ground over which the tide regularly of education we are like those who have a large supply of grain and know how to turn it into muscle and bone. He did not think it best for a student to go where there is a very large number of professors or students. He believed that in Acadia College there was much more done than in many larger institutions, in the way of mental drill and true culture. The true idea of life is not to be all the time fighting for No. 1, but that we may become more Godlike, and show the stamp of goodness as well as

Rev. Dr. Day thought that the best influences being around students at Aca dia College gave it a claim to confidence and enlarged support.

Rev. J. L. M. Young also spoke on the subject with power and acceptance.

As some delegates were expecting to leave early for Yarmouth, Rev. J. L. M. Young offered a resolution of hearty thanks to the friends at Lockeport for gates. Which was carried by acclamation an appeal was received on behalf of the new church which is being erected at Lunenburg. A resolution expressing warm sympathy and recommending the case to the pecuniary support of the churches was adopted.

The report of the Committee on

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE expressed satisfaction "that the au gestions of the Convention had found practical shape in the establishment of a Book Room at Halifax, through which we may supply our Schools, and feel safe that no error is disseminated. It is heartily recommended to the support of this body." And further, "As to home reading, we would express our conviction that every Christian home should be supplied with a religious denomina tional paper. An undenominations paper, however good of its kind, should not and cannot take its place."

THE MINUTES.

It was also resolved, That we comply with the request of the Convention and direct our Secretary to pass over our Minutes to the Convention to be published in the Year Book, with the request that one thousand copies of the Year Book be sent to our Secretary to be sold to our churches as they may

The following resolution was also Rand. unanimously adopted:

Resolved, Whereas the Governors of Acadia College have requested that the Pastors of our churches address their own, or other congregations, by exchange, on the subject of our Educational Institutions.

Therefore Resolved, That all the pastors of our churches connected with this Association be urged to comply with the request of the Governors and preach on the subject named some time in the month of July.

On Tuesday evening a Mass Temperance Meeting was held. Excellent speeches with powerful and weighty arguments in favor of prohibition were brought forward by Rev. J. L. M. Young, Rev. George H. Goudy, Rev. W. H. Richan and the Moderator, Rev. C. Goodspeed.

The following is the Report of the Committee on the subject and was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

As an Association of Baptist Churches, we regard intemperance as an evil of such magnitude as it is impossible to compute upon any commercial basis, as it entails much moral misery as well as financial ruin upon many innocent and

helpless sections. We deeply deplore that the traffic in strong drink is to any extent fostered and rendered respectable by any legal enactments. Loyalty to Christ as our Lord binds us to wage an uncompromising intelligent war against intemperance in all its phases. While we recognize it as our bounden duty to aim at obtain. ing a law totally prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this Dominion, as well as faithfully to enforce the laws now in operation for the suppression of intemperance, still we would record it as our firm conviction that the gospel of Christ is the only unfailing power that can emancipate

the inebriate, and that the church is

the channel through which this moral

reformation can more successfully be ac complished. J. A. GORDON, Chairman.

The following are the names of the ministers present at the Association . Clark, P. F. Murray, J. F. McKenne, W. Spencer, W. H. Richan, A. E. Ingram, J. A. Gordon, C. Goodspeed, G. H. Goudy, W. J. Bleakney, H. N. Parry, M. Normonday, J. I. DeWolf, P. R Foster, A. Cohoon, Joseph H. Fletcher J. L. M. Young, Dr. Day, J. W. Weeks. There were also about 30 other delegates besides a number of visiting friends.

A vote of thanks was passed to the choir for their excellent music at the public meetings, and the Association adjourned by prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray to meet again on the third Saturday of June, 1884, at Bear River, Annapolis County.

CORRECTION.—In our telegraphic report of the Western Association last week, the second paragraph should read: "In the absence of the Rev. J. A. Durkee, Rev. H. N. Parry, pastor of the Lockeport Church, called the Association to

Also in line 6 from the bottom of 1st column it should have been "Superintendent A. H. Fiske," &c.

THE REV. MR. BARTLETT, pastor of Leinster Street Baptist Church, St. John, N. B., is preaching a series of Sermons on Sunday evenings on the Life of Christ. We had the first of these in the MESSENGER last week. Our absence from home at the Western Association was the occasion of this notice not appearing before. These sermons will doubtless be quite popular. being full of graphic sketches of the people and the country. Two persons were baptized and were received in the their kindness in entertaining the dele- church on the first Sunday of this

OUR BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES.

Cornwallis Baptist Church has long been one of the best and most appropriate places in which to hold an Associational gathering. Those who have any proper appreciation of the past history of the Baptists of Nova Scotia, will find here the early reminiscences of the Fathers in abundance. Whilst this church has perhaps had more of these large assemblages of representatives than almost any other in the province, the people seem as ready now as ever to extend an invitation to these who hold fraternal relation to come again. Their large farm-houses seem built specially to enable them to "use hospitality." Their fruitful fields and magnificent orchards too, indicate that Providence gives them abundant rewards of their industry.

THE ASSOCIATION

opened at 10 o'clock on Saturday last and after getting the names of delegates from the letters, the officers were elected, as follows:

Moderator, - Rev. J. F. Kempton, of Clerks,-Rev. M. W. Brown, of New

Germany, and Rev. D. O. Parker, of

Berwick. Treasurer, -Bro. Geo. C. Pineo. Assistant Treasurer, - Bro. Everett

Auditor,-Bro. Andrew Shaw.

Committees were appointed as follows: To Examine Letters, - Brethren E. D King, Rev. Alex. MacArthur, and Rev. F. Avery.

To Read Letters, - Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. W. J. Swaffield, and Rev. Dr.

The reading of the letters was done quite rapidly, and yet it took a large amount of time. It would be well if with the increased amount of statistical information they contain, some abbreviation were made, and some items omitted in the reading, and given only in the printed tables.

After the letters had been read, an appeal on behalf of the Lunenburg Church, now in course of erection, was presented, and a subscription started by \$16 from J. W. Barss, Esq. Others soon came forward without further solicitation, until, in a few minutes, there was nearly \$80.

The Sabbath School Report was presented by Rev. W. J. Swaffield. It recommended the cultivation of benevolence, by having a collection taken every time the school met, either for the school or for Foreign or Home Missions. It also advised a change in the time of the holding of the Central Sabbath School Convention, so as to make it a day before the meeting of the Central Association.

This Report was taken up clause by clause, and discussed. Amendments were proposed, but the Report was eventually adopted.

J. W. Barss, Esq, was then called upon to speak on the subject, and he related a number of incidents in his experience, shewing the value of Sabbath School instruction, and the success which is given to faithful persevering effort on behalf the young.

A large number of ministers and brethren were in attendance. The ap pointments were made for preaching on Lord's Day all through the valley, so that almost every minister was engaged in some place. At the Central-Canard, the preachers were : - Morning, Rev. Alex. MacArthur. Afternoon, Rev. N. Vidito, and Evening, Rev. W. J. Swaf-

The Saturday evening session of the Association was a Public Temperance meeting, at . which forcible addresses much to the point were given by Rev. N. Vidito, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Rev. A. MacArthur, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Rev. E. J. Grant, Brother E. D. King, Rev C. Goodspeed and others. The develop ments made in applying the Scott Act in places where it is being faithfully put in operation, were given, shewing it to be an effectual barrier to the trade in intoxicating drinks, and a great blessing to the communities where men have the courage to carry out their convictions.

On Lord's Day morning a prayer meeting at 9 o'clock, Sabbath School at 10, and the public services at 11, at 3 in the afternoon and at 7 in the evening pretty well filled up the day. These services were all well attended.

The weather was clear, bright and beautiful, and the spacious surroundings of the Canard Church were filled with carriages and horses. At the public services extra seats were placed in every possible part of the house, and these were all full until there were probably from 900 to 1000 people present. in the msrning being on the attributes and operation of the Holy Spirit from John xvi. 7. Mr. Vidito's was from Hebrews vi. 19,-the gospel of Christ a secure ground of hope, a safe anchorage for the believer. The testimony of this one was given with much vigor, clearness, of the Province.

and fluency. The evening preacher was somewhat of a contrast-a powerful N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION. - The first preacher of 27 years of age, by his bold earnest utterances of the great truths contained in Galatians vi. 14, secured the rapt attention of every eye and ear,

and, we doubt not, produced deep impressions which will be fruitful in future years in men and women becoming followers of the Lord Jesus. The Associational Sermon was preached on Monday morning by Rev. E. J.

Grant, text Matthew xiii. 33, the theme of which was "The Renewing, Transforming power of the Gospel of Christ the pledge of its ultimate Universal Acceptance."

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST SEMINARY.

The closing exercises of the Seminary took place on Friday, 22nd inst. The Examination of Casses in Greek, English, Physiology, Mathematics, and other subjects was held in the morning. A goodly number of visitors seemed interested. Among those present were Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. Dr. Hopper, Rev. D. D. Currie, Rev. Prof. Keirstaad, Rev. Isa. Wallace, Rev. A. B. McDonald, Rev J. F. Bartlett and other ministers.

Rhetorical exercises were held in the afternoon Music under direction of Classes of the Misses Hartt, Essays, Readings and speeches were on the pro-

The secular papers speak highly of the work performed. The hall was too small for the audience. Dr. Hopper, Mr. McCready of the Moncton Trans cript, and Prof. Keirstead, delivered brief addresses. Mr. McVicar then dismissed the School for the Summer vacation which is to extend to Aug. 30.

Mr. McVicar and Miss Freeman have evidently worked faithfully and well, and earned the vacation they are about to enjoy.

THE FRANCHISE.

The Belgian Government has lately introduced a bill providing that a prescribed course of primary education shall be the minimum qualification for securing the right to vote in that country. Considering the fact that Belgium is Roman Catholic, this is certainly a great step towards reform, and shews clearly that the Government intend to give vitality and effect to the excellent school system lately inaugurated by them, notwithstanding the violent and persistent opposition which the priests have given to the measure. Romanism prospers best when the people are kept in ignorance, and to allow none to exercise the privilege of the franchise, but those who have reached a certain standard of education is to offer a premium upon education which wil deprive the Catholics of political power and also strengthen the hands of the enlightened statemen who are trying to reform that country.

It is still an open question whether an educational qualification for the franchise would not be an improvement in this country. We invite the attention of our political contemporaries who are now discussing the recent changes in our Canadian franchise laws to this educational phase of the subject.

SECRET societies for treasonable purposes have received their death-blow in Ireland in more ways than one. First it has been made evident that their secrets cannot be kept from the authorities. This lesson has been clearly taught by the conviction and execution of the Phœnix Park assassins. Second. the Pope has denounced such societies with unusual energy, and has required his bishops and priests to do the same. He means to have a monopoly of the secret society business. His religious orders, notably the Jesuits, are secret societies to all but himself. But he will not permit any such secret organizations to exist that he does not control. Third, the poor dupes who take oaths to obey blindly even to the commission of the worst crimes leaders who are unknown to them, have now learned by bitter experience that these same leaders will not hesitate to give them up to be hanged when the time of trial comes, if by so doing they can save their own necks. Such dupes will probably be scarce in future. Besides The preaching was of a high order, that all this, the present law makes all such societies treasonable even in foreign countries, and their members are subject to extradition and punishment.

It is said that John F. Stairs will be the Government Candidate for the seat in the Commons made vacant by M. H. of our octogenarians still able to preach, Richey's acceptance of the Governership Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility

It is related of the younger Edwards that in conversation at one time with the great Dr. Strong he asked him. "Why is it Brother Strong that I see so much less fruit of my labours than you do "? " Because," said the doctor " you preach as if your people did not believe the Bible and you devote your efforts to defending it against skeptical objections; whereas, I take it for granted that my people do believe the Bible and then I have nothing to do but to press the truth home upon every man's conscience." We were forcibly reminded of this incident while listening to a sermon by a young brother not long ago upon "The Resurrection"; fully helf his time was devoted to the task of proving that the disciples could not and did not steal away the body of our Lcrd as alleged by the Jews and the remainder of the sermon was an effort to prove the recognition of friends in heaven. How pitiful we thought for a man to spend his strength in painful labour and discussion to prove what the Bible distinctly affirms; and in discursive speculations on matters upon which the Good Book is silent, a good opportunity for preaching the truth was lost, and much labour wasted.

THE article on Denominational Literature which appeared in our columns a week or two since, credited to " Exchange," was received from a friend, and inserted as received. We have just learned that he took it from the Southern Baptist. The Visitor affirms that it appeared in its columns as an editorial, which, of course, we do not call in question. It was a good article, and the writer should have the proper credit. Our contemporary may rest assured that we had no intention or inclination to copy without giving this.

OPIUM is being largely used for smoking in the United States. We learn from the last conual report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department, that there were imported thirty thousand pounds more of the smoking opium than during the previous fiscal year, and the Government received more than half a million dollars duty on it. Mr. Liggins who has recently written a work entitled "Opium," looks upon this as " blood money" and considers that while it is bad enough for a Government to derive a revenue from the vice of intemperance, it is still worse to do so from the vice of Opium smoking—a vicious indulgence prohibited by California, Nevada and New York, though the prohibition is not enforced, especially in New York City and San Francisco, to the extent it should be.

Sir Thomas Wade, the present British Minister at Peking, who has vainly endeavoured to get his Government to allow China to raise the duty on Opium, if they will not allow her to exclude it, says: "It is to me vain to think otherwise of the use of the drug in China than as a habit many times more pernicious than the gin and whiskey drinking which we deplore at home." Mr. Liggins gives the testimony of distinguished missionaries, medical men, merchants, travelers and scientists that Minister Wade is right, and he presents fearfully lurid pictures of the horrible effects of Opium smoking in China and

The BRIDGE for the East River in 1811 by Mr. Thomas Pope, to connect New-York and Brooklyn, is to be shown in the July ST. NICHOLAS in connection with a fully illustrated description of the present bridge by Mr. Charles Barnard. It will be accompanied by some reminiscences of Mr. Pope, contributed by General Thomas S. Cuminngs, one of New-York's oldest citizens.

Gen. Cummings states that Mr. Pope prepared a large model of his bridge, which was set up "in the green fields just above Canal Street;" and he says that one account ascribes the destruction of this model to a stroke of lightning, and moreover that this disaster is said to have befallen it on the very afternoon when it was to have been publicly tested in the presence of Governor De Witt Clinton and other distinguished

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