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OUR BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

The following resolution is forwarded by the Secretary of the N. S. Central Baptist Association with a request for its publication.

NEW GERMANY, July 25, 1884.

Dear Editor,— Inclosed please find a resolution brought before the Association by Rev. T. A. Higgins.

Yours, &c., M. W. BROWN.

Whereas, The field of our operations in Christian work is rapidly enlarging, and the calls for help becoming daily louder,

And whereas, All our Boards are straitened and hampered for the want of funds, even to sustain the work of the Lord in its present state of efficiency,

And whereas, The majority of our people have not as yet recognized their obligations to God, so far as worldly property is concerned,

Therefore Resolved, That this Association hereby recommend the pastors and officers of the churches of which it is composed to adopt some practical means of arousing a greater spirit of benevolence among the individual members of our congregations.

And that we know of no safer or better rule in this matter than what is found in the law of the Lord, as revealed in the Old Testament, which enjoined at least one-tenth of all increase to be devoted to His service.

FROM INDIA.

The following interesting item came to us on Monday morning by Postal Card:

BIMLIPITAM.—Dear Brother,—Quite recently we had the joy of welcoming two others to baptism and church fellowship.

The good tidings from churches in our native land is very refreshing. Praise the Lord! May He continue to build up Zion!

Yours sincerely, R. SANFORD.

The following is from another Postal Card to the Secretary of the N. S. Central Board of the W. M. A. Societies:

BIMLIPITAM, INDIA, June 20, 1884. The "Box" arrived at this Port in safety on Sunday 15th inst., and was forwarded to Bobbili on Monday 16th. It arrived at Madras on the 12th of May, and was there nearly a month before reshipment to this Port.

Yours sincerely, R. SANFORD.

THE TASK THAT PARALYZED THE EDITOR.—"How glorious it is to be engaged in a purely intellectual occupation?" murmured a Boston maiden, gazing rapturously into the admiring eyes of a country editor;

That editor is not alone. Others have experienced similar difficulties. If every reader in arrears would take this into serious consideration, he might help to remove said difficulty.

N. B. BAPTIST SEMINARY.

At the meeting of the Union Baptist Education Society, held in St. John on the 31st. ult., the question of locating the proposed new buildings was fully discussed. The resolution fixing upon St. John as the place, which was adopted some time ago, was reconsidered in order to open up the whole question.

The claims of Sussex and of St. Martins respectively were strongly advocated by several speakers, each being backed up by a list of subscriptions to the funds, given for the most part on condition that the Seminary should be located where subscribers wished it to be.

The Society is to be called together not later than six weeks.

POLITICAL parties are busy in Halifax over the election occasioned by the Hon. Mr. Fielding having accepted the office of Provincial Secretary.

THE CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY we are informed is making rapid progress westward. There are 13,000 men at work north of Lake Superior, and every mile in this section is now covered.

no instance were we able to live on a half a glass of milk a day, except during our last week's experiment, and then even that half glass of milk proved to be a little too much.

Of course, we didn't grow fat during the past week, neither did our strength increase to any wonderful extent; neither do we feel well even now; but a person occupying the position of city editor during the dull time of the year must do something for the welfare of his readers, and if our last effort will convince even one person that much can be done to reduce expenses and keep up genteel appearances by catching a judicious cold, we will feel repaid.

FROM the Burlington Hawkeye we learn that Dr. Spinney has sufficiently recovered from his late illness to take charge again of the Presidency of the Burlington University. After enumerating the several members if the faculty the B. H. says:—With so strong a faculty, under the energetic and personal direction of Dr. Spinney, the outlook for Burlington is indeed flattering, and the remarkable advancement made during the past two years will not only be maintained but will doubtless be largely increased.

News from the Churches.

New Ross.

While many of the churches are reporting large additions, we are moving along slowly and we trust surely. We should not be fainthearted, when but few are being added.

We love the revival which arises from the earnest children of God crying out for help—crying in agony of soul for the lost, the dumb, the blind, the lame, the prisoner, the naked, that salvation may come, the tongue praising the Lord, seeing the beauty, the exceeding excellency of Christ, able to walk in the strait and narrow way, the shackles taken off, breathing the pure sweet air of heaven, clothed upon with Christ's righteousness.

How can men be blessed, who cannot trust the Lord to bless them and give success? They work like slaves all the week up to nearly Sabbath morning, and if they are Sabbath School Superintendents, or Teachers or Scholar, or Leaders of prayer-meetings, they come to their work dead, stupid, wet sticks, that nothing will kindle.

THE city editor of the Burlington Hawkeye gives an account of an "Economic recreation, a novel and instructive way of spending a vacation."

whereas they should be keen, active, energetic, thoughtful, prayerful, having a head and heart preparation of the lesson for Sabbath School, for the hearing of the word, for the services of the hour of prayer and praise, for the conference room. No wonder the very best preaching falls dead upon such listeners.

Love for the lost has made Moody what he is to-day. And it will transform these hearts and heads of ours into such as can and will do wonders for Christ. Let us live Christ before our class, then the teaching must impress the pupil as sincere.

But I have departed far from the subject. Since we came to this field they have built a parsonage, which did not meet the wishes of all.

We were glad to make the acquaintance of our brother Miller at the recent Eastern Association at Amherst, and shall be pleased to hear from him respecting the progress of the work at Stewiacke, Musquodoboit, &c.

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I. E. BILL, JR.

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Meister of New Ross, for the same. The kindness, the liberality, the deep interest taken in the cause here by Bro. A. P. Shand, a Christian gentleman from Windsor, has been very refreshing and healthgiving.

Yours truly, S. J. ARCHIBALD.

Rev. JOHN McMILLAN preached in Granville Street Church on Sunday evening last. On the previous Lord's Day, Rev. Mr. Stacey from Belleville, Ont., and Rev. Mr. Hall, Superintendent of Congregationalist Home Missions in Ontario, preached to good acceptance.

WE had a visit from Rev. Dr. Armstrong who with Mrs. Armstrong has been enjoying a brief vacation in Cape Breton, and is returning with renewed powers to his pastorate at Kentville.

Rev. E. T. Miller called at our office on Monday. We are pleased to welcome new men to the churches of this province.

STEWIACKE.—Rev. E. T. Miller, writes Aug. 4th, 1884,—Editor "Christian Messenger":—Thinking you might wish to hear from this field, I send you the following: I came to Stewiacke last May and was received by the churches at Lower Stewiacke and Little River. Musquodoboit, as their pastor. The Lord has been with us and a quiet, but we believe sure work of grace is going on.

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Home News

Nova Scotia.

The late rainy weather has greatly disturbed the holiday and picnicing fraternities. The appointments have had to be put off from day to day with the proviso "if the weather is favorable" until the managing committees of the Sunday Schools and other parties were almost worn out and grow desperate to have their trips by sea or land, rain or shine.

The North Baptist Sunday School had their Excursion to Londonderry on Thursday last. It was a grand success. The following will show how it was appreciated by the young folks:—

EXCURSION TO LONDONDERRY.

By one of the girls. The North Baptist Sunday School not having had any picnic last year resolved to come out with a swell one this year. After much discussion and some opposition the place was decided upon—Londonderry—Ho! for Londonderry, Grand excursion to Londonderry &c. &c., was then to be seen in many of the shop windows and every body was anxious to go.

WE had eight cars, three of them were filled by the scholars and teachers of the Sunday School, the other five by the visitors: We had the band, composed of about ten or twelve nice looking young men just as jolly as any one could wish.

We saw the casting which was very pretty to look at and had, we went through all the buildings and had every thing explained to us. We were told that the Londonderry Iron Mines are the largest in the Dominion, so our knowledge in regard to iron and machinery has been increased very much.

The scull race which is to determine the championship of Halifax Harbor for the ensuing year is to come off to-day—the first Wednesday in August. The winner gets a prize and a belt with the honor of having it put on by some distinguished lady—almost equal to the crown of laurel won by the swiftest runner of ancient times.

The German barque Willy, of Hamburg, Capt. Henne, arrived on Thursday last from Iloilo, Philippine Islands, after a passage of 124 days, with a cargo of sugar for the Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery, at Richmond.

At Berwick, on Wednesday evening July 30th Parker's furniture factory was broken into and tools stolen with which S. J. Nichol's store was broken into and upwards of \$100.00 in money and goods taken.

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