

to be one organically. We are one in spirit." Father Perry, who knows of the doctrine as well as the spirit, has told us how much he was indebted to the Calvinistic parents who taught him to love God, and although his soul revolted from the doctrine of election, as taught by some Calvinists, "That day is over," he said, "I will hold up both hands for union with all evangelical Baptists."

That was the "point of view" of the men of whom I have written, and I am glad that I have a memory that can pigeon-hole what it receives. But I have been humiliated as I have thought of the magnanimity of those men of God who have asked, "What is his will? and the smoke of the battle was upon their garments, and if their modesty would have permitted, they could have shown their scars.

I have fought no battles, I have no scars; and yet those who have fought many battles, and can show many scars, can forget and forgive, while I remember.

His will, "that they all may be one."

Then may the memory of my wrongs be as far removed from me as my sins, and may they be as far away as the east is from the west.

Their point of view. Have they not reached a higher plane than I have ever reached,—or perhaps can ever reach? Is not my head and heart in the clouds of old prejudices, and the smoke of old battles, while theirs is above them?

And then I asked myself, when my first teachers dropped the seed in my heart, as I have asked myself many times since, Should the memory of a wrong done me or mine prevent me from doing right? "When I am at my best, in my highest moods, is not my prayer and my every effort one with the Master's?"

"That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

### INDIVIDUALISM.

Emphasizing the need of a "revival of individualism," the *Journal and Messenger* points out that the country has been swept by a wave of socialism, even religiously. Men and women have forgotten personal responsibility, and personal duties, in the self-abnegation of being a part of something. Even our young people have been eager to be organized into something, and ready to follow meekly anybody who would organize them. "Oh, to be nothing"—a part of some society, with a leader. The revival will lead us to sing, "Oh, to be something," and develop our individualism. Organization and the suppression of the individual is the principle on which the Roman Catholic church is founded—the strongest organization on the face of the earth. This willing sacrifice of individualism is the strength of Catholicism. Vital Christianity is based on individualism. Each person must accept Christ for himself. It is a personal matter. Christ himself attempted no organ-

ization. He won converts as individuals. Even the apostles made little organization, only what was found necessary to bring Christians together. And the churches they founded were designed to foster individualism to the widest extent.

In society no less than in the churches, it is individualism which develops the best men and women. Thousands of people are willing to become a part of some organization, and let the leaders do their thinking for them. And there are plenty of would-be leaders who are striving to organize some society, in order that they may have an exalted position. It is true that with the density of population, and the complications of modern civilization, we must do many things together. We are not independent units. But the tendency toward socialism during the past twenty years has been extreme. People have been sacrificing their individuality to the fetish of organization, and the re-action towards individualism is a healthful sign.

### LIFE CULTIVATION.

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Next in value to the obtaining of eternal life is the right and rapid cultivation of that life. The life is God's free gift to the believing one, but it is the possessor's stringent duty to cultivate it in harmony with God's mind, means and methods. This duty is just as imperative as is one's duty to believe on Christ for life, and to render him best service for his praise. And such cultivation includes a great deal. It includes the work of making best endeavor to enlarge and properly inform the mind. Hence a young Christian needs to thoroughly educate his mind. Strength of mind is a prime aid to one's spiritual life. It is a sin to remain an ignorant Christian. Ignorant Christians are weak spiritual babes. They are always a sore hindrance to the progress of the church to which they belong; and also to Christ's cause in the community; therefore it is the urgent duty of every young Christian to obtain as good an education of mind as may be practicable. Much of such an education can be secured by private and persistent study. I may say I have largely cultivated my mind by studiously reading solid books, such as required great mental exertion and closest application. Especially is Bible study a great mind-developer. Whatever of breadth and strength and mental powers I have, I attribute it in no small degree to energetic Bible study, and I am positive that my spiritual life has grown in power and breadth in proportion to my use of such means. One may pray fervently for a growing inner life, yet it avails but little without an assiduous cultivation of one's mental faculties. I would not confine the means to Bible study, but would include the study of such other works as are calculated to aid the soul, and hence the best life. Then, too, I cannot insist too strongly upon one's writing out his thoughts, the results of his studying, his meditation, and his praying. In this work

let there be the mightiest concentration of one's mind; then the true life will greatly grow in both grace and power.

### THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Baptist Convention concluded its labors about midnight on Tuesday of last week. The session was a busy one, and much important business was done, and the spirit of the whole meeting was excellent.

The report on the denomination showed returns from 401 churches—27 in P. E. Island, 170 in New Brunswick, and 204 in Nova Scotia, having 49,346 members. The increase in the year by baptisms was 1,371.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board showed that they have in India eight churches, with 513 members. The increase of members last year was 66. There are nine male missionaries, six wives of missionaries, and six single women, a total of 21 missionaries. Besides these, there are of native Christian workers one ordained pastor, 47 preachers and evangelists, 6 colporteurs, 20 Bible women, 13 teachers, of whom 10 are men and 3 are women, making a total of 107 workers, in addition to the missionary staff. There are seven principal stations and 22 out-stations. The villages in which Christians live number 30, but there are 180 which receive gospel preaching. The total number of villages of all kinds is 3,039. There are 50 Sunday-schools with 56 teachers, with an average attendance of 1,000. There are two boarding schools, one for boys, and the other for girls. There is a hospital at Chicacole for the benefit of women and children. The year's expenditure for the foreign mission work was \$26,646.75. The missionary addresses by Revs. Dr. Boggs and L. D. Morse, and Miss Clarke, returned missionaries, were very interesting and impressive.

The action of the convention on temperance was a clear, strong presentation of the need of careful teaching in home, Sunday-school and church, and of consistent action on the part of Christian citizens in their choice of representatives.

The educational work of the denomination is most important. One hundred and thirty-one students are in attendance at Acadia College; thirty-five were graduated this year. The college has an endowment of \$243,000, and a debt of \$60,000. To remove the debt, provide additional facilities, and increase the endowment, it is proposed to raise \$100,000. Mr. J. D. Rockefeller has promised to give dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. The work of soliciting contributions has been well begun, about \$30,000 having already been received. It is hoped to have the \$200,000 by January, 1906.

The Convention showed its interest in the question of the union of Baptists and Free Baptists by appointing to meet a committee of the Free Baptist Conference, when appointed, to further consider the question.

The next meeting of the Convention is to be held in Truro, N. S.

### CHURCH NEWS.

MILL SETTLEMENT, S. CO.—I wish to report that Mill Settlement church has been completed, and was re-opened on August 9th. A small debt remaining on re-dedication day has since been paid, and the church is now free from debt once more.

Rev. B. H. Nobles preached morning and evening, and the Rev. J. B. Daggett in the afternoon. The sermons were excellent and were enjoyed by all. The church looks well now, and is a credit to the community; and speaks well for the earnestness of the little flock. May God bless them by the salvation of precious souls in their midst is my prayer.

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### General Religious News.

—There are reported from Canada 10,220 Sabbath schools; 82,000 teachers and 686,000 scholars. In the United States there are reported 140,000 Sunday schools, 1,420,000 officers and teachers, 11,500,000 scholars. Doubtless there are many schools not reported.

—The late Dr. William Burt, of the Methodist Church, whose recent death is greatly deplored, labored for 17 years in Italy and founded 17 new Protestant churches. His most important work in Rome, where he founded a number of excellent benevolent and educational institutions. He was greatly trusted by King Victor Emmanuel.

—The Sunday School membership of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in England decreased 7,000 in 1900. In the last two years, however, the increase has been 22,000. The present membership is 986,000, which is 15,000 greater than ever before. The growth seems to be especially notable in adult members, there being 70,000 in adult Bible classes.

—Great preparations are being made for the return of Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander to Great Britain. Manchester has already seating accommodations for an audience of 10,000, which will be made use of; and in Liverpool a building will be erected to seat some 6,000 persons. The evangelists are said to have expressed a preference for centers where audiences of 5,000 can be reached. It is understood that they have promised to revisit Dublin on condition of the erection of a building to seat 5,000 persons.

### Marriages.

WAKEHAM-COCHRANE.—At St. John, on August 11, by Rev. David Long, Sydney J. Wakeham, of St. John, to Hattie L. Cochrane, of Olinville, Queens County, N. B.

MC CONAGHY-LONG.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on July 19th by the Rev. A. A. Rideout, Wm. McConaghy to Miss Bessie Long, both of Marysville, N. B.

PHINNEY-CHANCE.—At the residence of Jos. Allen, on July 27th, by Rev. A. A. Rideout, Henry E. Phinney to Miss Marion Chance, both of Mauderville, N. B.

CAMERON-MORRISON.—At Moncton, on August 27th, by Rev. Gideon Swin, Miles Cameron and Sophia Morrison, both of Moncton, N. B.

SMITH-NORWORTHY.—At the residence of Mr. Wm. F. Norworthy, Salmon River, Victoria Co., on August 26th, by Rev. L. A. Fenwick, Mr. Ora Smith, of Studholm, Kings Co., and Miss B. Edith Norworthy, of Salmon River, Victoria Co.

### Deaths.

DEWITT.—At Blissville, Sunbury Co., on the 18th inst., of complication of diseases, John DeWitt, aged 75 years. He leaves a family to mourn. Service in Blissville church, of which he had been a faithful member for years, conducted by the writer. Text, Hebrews ii. 2. W. O. K.

MUIR.—At the home of her son, Mill Settlement, of heart disease, Mrs. Anna Muir, aged 71 years. She was a faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ and died trusting in him. Service at her late home. Interment in Patterson Settlement burying ground, conducted by the writer. W. O. K.