

Gleanings.

Is it Baptist policy for men of the world, not members of any church, to vote in business meetings? Is it proper for such to ask the privilege?

Answer.—No, it is not. In some parts of the United States the church and congregation have equal privilege in voting at church meetings; but this an outgrowth of the old Puritan system. It seems very evident that the church, as its interests are spiritual, should be controlled by those who have spiritual life. Once begin to admit those not members of the church to share in its government, and there is no limit to the possible confusion that may follow.

Summers of War.

I have been informed on good authority, that an attack is about to be made on New Brunswick, and a part of Nova Scotia. The plan is to lay siege, to all the counties, in the above mentioned territory, at the same time. Drs. Hopper and McLeod, are to be the Generals for Queen's and York, Westmorland and Albert; Revs. Wallace and Swaffield, Kings; Revs. Hartley and Stewart, Carleton; Revs. Cahill and D. G. McDonald, Sunbury; Rev. Geo. Howard, Nova Scotia; Rev. Mr. Gossell of Yarmouth, N. S., for Shelburne and Yarmouth Co's, N. S. The attack is to be made, neither on the devil, nor the Salvation Army, but upon the purses of the Baptist and Free Baptist people, in behalf of the N. B. Seminary, now under construction, at St. Martins. My good Baptist people, you need not draw the purse strings tight, and think to escape, for the motto of the generals is: Your money, or your—no Seminary.

W. J. STEWART.

The sentiments expressed in the sole Circular Letter read at the N. S. Western Association, regarding the manner in which, under certain circumstances, persons are rushed into the church, have strong confirmation in the recent utterances of C. H. Spurgeon. Speaking in London last month he remarked that, "at his place of worship—and it was, perhaps, the largest in Christendom—they were very strict in admitting members; they were investigated and questioned by several, and those had to speak before the church, because, if a man could not face the church, how could he afterwards face the world. He was of the opinion that when the entrance of the church was well guarded, people, and those of the right sort, were more apt to come."

To and From the Convention.

Concessions in travelling fares to delegates and others bona fide attending the Baptist Convention at Charlottetown.

1. Intercolonial Railway.—(Limited to 27th August.) Purchasers of full first class tickets going will receive return tickets free, either at P. du Chen or at Picquet Landing on presenting to ticket agent certificates of attendance. Those returning by Eastern Extension will receive free return tickets at New Glasgow on presenting additional certificates.

2. Windsor and Annapolis Railway, &c.—(Limited to 27th August.) Purchasers of first class tickets going, will receive return tickets for one third fare, on presenting to station agent certificates of attendance.

3. Fishwick's line of steamers.—(Limited to 26th August.) Purchasers of tickets by this line, going, will be returned free on production of certificates of attendance, which must be stamped at Spring Hill Junction.

4. Fishwick's line of steamers.—(Limited to 27th August.) Ticket holders will be returned free on production of certificates of attendance, which must be stamped at Spring Hill Junction.

5. Railway from Parroboro.—(Limited to 27th August.) Ticket holders will be returned free on production of certificates of attendance, which must be stamped at Spring Hill Junction.

6. Bras D'Or Steamship Company, C. B.—(Limited to 27th August.) Purchasers of tickets by this line will be returned free on production of certificates of attendance, which must be stamped at Spring Hill Junction.

7. St. Martins and Upham, Elgin, Petitcodino and Havelock railways will return free those who have paid one full first class fare in going on presentation of certificate of attendance, naming the steamer on which they travelled.

8. Bay steamer "Secret" Annapolis, Digby and St. John.—Excursion tickets will be issued, good from August 15 to 27. Purchasers of tickets must be identified by a certificate from pastor or church of intention to attend Convention.

9. New Brunswick Railway.—Excursion ticket for one first class fare will be sold on Aug. 18, 19 and 20, good to return Aug. 27, from the following stations: Westfield, Wolford, Hays, Fredericton Junction, Fredericton, Harvey, McAdam Junction, St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Canterbury, Benton, Woodstock, Andover, Grand Falls, St. Leonard and Edmundston.

10. New Brunswick and P. E. Island Railway.—One full fare in going—return free on presentation of certificate of attendance.

11. P. E. Island Steamers.—Point Du Carre to Summerside, daily, Picquet Landing to Charlottetown, daily, Tuesday excepted.

Excursion tickets may be purchased on one first class fare, and good to return from Aug. 17 to 27.

Purchasers must present power on boats certificates from their churches of intention to attend the sessions of Convention.

P. E. Island Railway.—Summerside to Charlottetown. Return tickets at one first class fare from Summerside to Charlottetown issued Aug. 17, and good to return Aug. 27.

From intermediate stations, tickets issued Aug. 19, good to return to Aug. 25. Delegates will need certificates from Sec'y of Convention to present conductor on return.

GENERAL NOTE.—Through tickets, &c. purchased in Halifax or St. John, &c., to Charlottetown, will not be considered as one full first class fare.

CONV. ON TRAVELLING.

The Care of Cares.

When moderate cares and distrustful thoughts arise in our minds we must not give way to ill feelings; much less may we get ourselves into a military rout that we may muse on our misery. Natural distempers which spring up so easily of themselves will soon become doubly strong if they be not either denied entrance or quickly turned out of doors. For that purpose we may do four things.

I. We must divert our thoughts some other way and turn them to some better object. For as husbandsmen, when their land is flooded, make ditches and water furrows to carry the water away, so if our mind be flooded with cares of the world, there is no better way to drain them than by making another passage for them and diverting them to some other matter fitted to be thought upon. For which purpose we may teach our hearts to meditate on the vanity of worldly things, or on the comfort and peace of a good conscience, or on the shortness of this life, or on whatsoever other good matter our mind will most willingly receive and entertain. Such themes will find the easiest entrance and are likely to abide the longest with us. If our former cares do interrupt us against our wills, so hinder our meditations, we must call home our wandering thoughts and drive out these fancies as Abraham drove away the birds that lighted on his sacrifice.

2. We may, for the same purpose, betake ourselves to good company, choosing out those whose words may "minister grace" to us, and whose savory talk may possess our minds with a love and liking for the best things. By how much we give our minds to mark men's discourses by so much we shall diminish our distracting thoughts.

3. We may also set ourselves about the reading of the Scriptures and other wise and sober writings, which may both take up our thoughts and inform our minds. So it seemeth David did in the times of his distress. "Princes," saith he, "did sit and speak against me; but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes." And again, "Unless thy law had been my delight I should have perished in mine affliction." David did not sit down and bemoan himself with discontented thoughts, but he ran to God's word and drew comfort from it in all his troubles. So should we do; if any fears afflict our minds, we should go to the Book of God and busy ourselves with thinking on the sweet sayings which are there recorded.

4. We should see ourselves with as much cheerfulness as we may about the business and works of our honest callings. These are employments that we are all acquainted with, and therefore it will be easy to occupy our minds about the ordering of them. Thus painful thoughts will have the less room. If we set our heads and hearts to work we shall fill our minds with good thoughts and keep our fretful cares. But if, when cares and fears seize us, upon we avoid action and shun company and leave our callings and get into a corner, it is no marvel if our inquiet thoughts get head against us, for we ourselves do cherish them.—Henry Mason, in *Seeds and Trees*.

Under His Wings.

Francis Ridley Havergal had the secret of the Lord so sweetly hid in her heart that his words had a new meaning and a depth of richness when passed through her soul and out by way of her pen. Here is her exposition of this precious text:

That means to-day, not come other time! Under his wings, the shadowing wings of the Most High, you, poor, little, helpless one, are to trust to-day.

When the little eaglets, that have not yet a feather to fly with, are under the great wings of the parent eagle, how safe they are! Who would dare to touch them? If a bold climber put his hand into the nest then, those powerful wings would beat him in a minute from his hold, and he would fall down on the rocks and be dashed to pieces. So safe you will be "under his wings!" "nothing shall by any means hurt you" there. When the wild snow storms rage around the eagle, and the mountains cold is felt that is death to the unprotected sleeper, how warm the little eaglets are kept! Not an arrow of the keen blast reaches them, nor little featherless things, not a snowflake touches them. So warm shall you be kept "under his wings" when any trouble or cold day comes, or even any sudden blast of unkindness or loneliness.

"Under his wings shalt thou trust!" not "shalt thou see." If one of the eaglets wanted to see for itself what was going on, and thought it would take care of itself for a little while, and hopped from under the shadow of the wings, it would be neither safe nor warm. The sharp wind would chill it, and the cruel hand might seize it then. So you are to trust, rest quiet and

peacefully "under his wings," stay there, not by peeping out and wondering whether God is really taking care of you! You may be always safe and happy there. Safe, for "in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge." Happy, for "in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice."

Remember, too, that it is a command as well as a promise; it is what you are to do to-day, all day long! "Under his wings shalt thou trust!"

Stand Fast.

BY REV. G. H. SPURGEON.

Stand fast in the Lord.—Phil. iv. 1.

I, Let us stand fast as men who are appointed to keep their places until their guard is relieved by the coming of their Lord. There is the pith of all I have to say to you this morning. If you have won the day, oh, do keep it! You must not suppose that the whole of religion is wrapped up in the day or two, or week or two, which surround conversion. Godliness is a life-long business. Especially in London—I don't know how it may be in country towns—our churches suffer considerably from the great number who drop out, who either go back to the world or else must be pursuing a very secret and solitary path on the way to Heaven.

II. Stand fast doctrinally. In this age all the ships are pulling up their anchors. Now, put your anchors down. Learn no teaching but what Christ teaches you. If you see a truth in God's Word, grip it and if it is unpopular, grip it the more. The one watchword now for the whole army of God is, "Stand fast."

III. Stand fast practically. All the barriers are broken down. People try to make the Church and the world meet. Therefore it becomes Christians to gather up their skirts, and be more Puritanic and precise than ever they were.

IV. Mind that you stand fast experimentally. Pray that your inner experience may be a close adhesion to your Master. Stand fast without wandering into sin. Only so will you be preserved from the vortex of iniquity. Stand fast without wearying. Stand fast without walking with any kind of error. The weather is very bad just now spiritually. Stand fast because of your citizenship.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

NEW ARDEN.—A sister followed the Master in baptism July 24th. For a number of years she suffered from a slight heart received on the knee, and about a year ago her leg was amputated to save her life. Her faith was strong enough to enable her to go into the water on crutches. She is a sister-in-law to Miss Gray, our missionary in India.

T. D. DAVISON.

PARROBORO.—Four happy converts were baptized in Parroboro, N. S., last Lord's Day. A young man, Peter's Christian Endeavour Society was organized lately. The society will be under the watchcare of the Pastor. The young people are united and earnest and they have a good place in which to labor. Bro. I. W. Porter has been called and has come to labor with the church for a time. We have reasons to believe that with Bro. Porter as their leader, the Parroboro Baptists will move forward a united people in the work of the Lord. I am holding gospel meetings at Port Greenville this week. Many are believing and turning to the Lord in this place.

P. S. MACGREGOR.

July 27, '97. General Missionary. NARAWAY.—Baptized on Sunday, July 17, at the Covered Bridge, Nashwan, two willing converts from the Glencoe Settlement. We are expecting others to follow in their Master's footsteps.

P. R. KNIGHT.

PORTLAND.—Two were received into the fellowship of the Portland Baptist church yesterday, one by baptism and one by letter. The interest is increasing and the outlook very hopeful and encouraging.

W. J. STEWART.

LESTER ST.—Five were received by letter at the last conference. The audience room is being repainted and recarpeted, consequently it cannot be used for a few weeks. It was decided to have no preaching services for three weeks, and to worship with the German and Brussels street churches and allow the pastor—whose health, by the way, is becoming quite established to prolong his vacation. His is to open the next few weeks at P. E. Island. The audience room will be opened the last Sunday in August or the first in September. The Sunday school, prayer and social meetings will be continued in the vestry as usual.

GERMAIN ST.—Pastor Gates baptized one on Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Carey, for fifteen years the pastor of this church, is expected in the city during the week, and will occupy (D. V.) the pulpit of Germain street church on Sunday morning next, and Brussels street in the evening.

ISAAC'S HARBOUR.—The people of Isaac's Harbour have effectually visited Brother Bishop's suggestion of resigning the pastorate of the church. The church has prepared the last year; twenty having been added by baptism and four by letter.

PERSONAL.

Bro. E. P. Caldwell has resigned his charge at Sydney, and has accepted a call to Deerfield, Yarmouth Co., and entered upon his new pastorate.

The next annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces will be held with the Charlottetown church, commencing on Sunday, Aug. 20, 1897, at 10 o'clock a.m. The usual favor for return has been sent to the churches. Additional copies can be supplied if necessary. The Secretary will be at the place of meeting an hour before the opening of the first session to receive the names of persons whose membership in Convention is held by virtue of Art. III. Section 3, 4 and 5, of Constitution.

E. M. KENNEDY, Secretary.

The executive meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union will be held in Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Saturday, Aug. 18th, at 10 a.m. Business meeting of the

Union will take place at 2.30 o'clock of the same day, at which meeting the various reports will be read, the officers elected, estimates adopted, and contemplated changes of the constitution discussed. The annual mass meeting will be held on Monday, 20th, at 2.30 o'clock.

M. E. MARON.

Cor. Sec'y W. E. M. U. The Annual meeting of the Book-holders of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Co. will be held in Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Friday, August 19th, at 8 p.m.

W. J. STEWART, Sec'y.

P. S.—A Director's meeting will be held a half hour previous to the general meeting.

All parties expecting to attend the Convention at Charlottetown must send forward their names before the 10th of August. State whether via Picquet or Summerside. Any persons neglecting to comply with the above request will forfeit all claim upon the committee of arrangements, and will not likely find entertainment within ten miles of the city. Address EDWARD WATKINS, Box 587.

Denominational Meetings for 1897.

CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES. B. H. Estor, M. A., Q. C., President; Rev. E. M. Kennedy, Secretary; at Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Saturday following August 18th, at 10 a.m.

N. S. AFRICA.—Rev. A. W. Jordan, Moderator; P. E. McKerron, Clerk; meet at Halifax on the first Saturday in Sept'r.

N. B. EASTERN.—Rev. Joseph Murray, Moderator; Rev. T. B. Layton, Secretary; meet at Little River on the second Friday in September, at 10 a.m.

Convention Funds Received.

Lower Economy and Five Islands	\$ 15 00
A Friend, Yarmouth	25 00
First Halifax Church	100 00
Robert C. Kay, Guysboro	1 00
Freepoint Church	35 44
Chester	35 20
Mira Bay	4 75
Kempt, Hants Co.	13 25
Antigonish, N. B.	5 00
Prince St. church, Yarm.	50 00
Clifton Place, Hants Har. Gray	5 00
Perseus	9 00
Dea. Daniel C. Archibald, Upper Stewiack	1 00
Diligent River	8 00
Tabernacle church, Halifax	50 00
Billow	34 70
Upper Queensbury, N. B.	5 00
Sussex S. School	25 00
Cavendish, P. E. I.	3 00
Upper Londonderry	25 57
Great Village church	10 53
S. S. for Missions	8 08
First Halifax S. school, P. M. M.	50 00
Miss Minnie Hicks, Hartford, Conn.	5 00
Lunenburg Town	27 00
Sydney S. school for F. M.	13 00
River Herbert, instalment	19 00
A. C. Robbins, Yarmouth	25 00

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Yarmouth, Aug. 1. G. E. DAV.

P. S.—The \$2.00 credited some time since to Hamilton, N. S., should have been credited to Elias Foster, Hampton.

G. E. D.

Union Baptist Seminary.

Contributions received in response to special appeal:

Lake Side, Yarmouth	\$ 1 00
J. L. McInnis, Winnipeg	1 00
Thos O'Donnell	1 00
G. L. Slipp, Sussex	10 00
R. H. McLeod, Sussex (on stock)	10 00
Dr. J. W. Burnett, Sussex (on stock)	1 00
John Slipp, Sussex	1 00
Emersony Canada, Sussex	1 00
Miss M. J. Hay	2 00

\$32 00

Reported last week \$12 00

G. O. GATES, For Appeal Com.

St. John Aug. 1st.

W. E. M. U.

Freepoint, per Mrs C. Outhouse	\$10 00
Acadia Mines, per Mrs G. W. Cox	5 00
New Germany, per Mrs P. Webster	20 00
High, per M. A. Beck	2 50
Canning, per Mrs L. C. Woodworth	13 00
North River, per B. L. Lavers	16 00
Albert, per Mrs. J. Newcomb	16 00
Hampton, per Mrs B. L. Flewelling	8 20
Casco, per Mrs A. M. Whitman	6 00
Hantsport, per Mrs Comstock	13 00
Hopewell Cape, per E. M. Martin	4 25
Halifax (North church) per Mrs A. Clements	24 50
Sydney, per Mrs C. H. Harrington	28 00
Sydney, to constitute Mrs Lydia McQuarrie a life member	25 00
Portland, per Mrs N. C. Gould	42 75
For Mrs P. R. Foster, Collection at F. M. Concert at Barton	5 00
St. Mary's Bay W. M. A. S.	3 25
Macquarie, per E. M. Blackadar	10 00
Havelock, per E. A. Keith	12 50
Freepoint, per Annie Morrell	2 00
St. John, (Brussels Street) per E. E. Estey	12 07
Parroboro, per Mrs C. McLeod	4 00
East Ragged Island, per Miss S. Freeman	2 00
Chester Basin Mission Band, for W. B. M. U., per Mrs C. Corcum	4 00
New Canada, per Basile Wagner	1 50
Canard, per Mrs E. B. Kempton	4 00
Amherst, per A. E. Black	30 00
Lower Prince William, Mrs E. D. Esterbrook	1 00
Dartmouth, per A. E. Johnston	20 83
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Assets (including uncollected Guarantees Fund)	667,131 98
Liabilities to policy holders	213,685 00
Surplus for security of policy holders	352,468 98

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