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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1889.

THE ANNIVERSARY AT ST. MARTIN'S.

The first year of work at St. Martin's closed Monday, June 10, and the anniversary exercises occurred next day.

The following is the programme: Opening Hymn, Miss Tapley.

Prayer, Rev. Mr. Parker. Piano Solo, La Cascade, Op. 114, Bendel.

Reading, The Pilot's Story, W. D. Howells. Miss Price.

Vocal Trio: Down by the Silver Stream, Misses Tapley, Vye, and Corey.

Essay, Elizabeth Fry, Miss Moore. Vocal Solo: Light of My Soul, Lupas.

Overture: Barbier de Seville, Rossini. Misses Vye, Gross, and Wallace.

Reading, The Low Back'd Car, S. Lover. Miss Robertson.

Vocal Solo, with Cornet obligato Chant Horn, Miss Tapley.

Piano Solo: Fresh Life, Spindler. Miss Wallace.

Vocal Solo (6) of These I'm Thinking, (Strelezi); (6) Waterfall, Simon.

Reading, Tom Sawyer's White-washing Scheme, Mark Twain.

Vocal Solo with Cornet: Five o'clock in the morning, Charibel.

Presentation of Diplomas. Closing Hymn.

The performers all did themselves credit. The songs by Misses Tapley and Vye were beautifully rendered.

Dr. Bill, Mont, McDonald, Esq., Wm. Peters, Esq., and C. Goodspeed, were called upon and spoke briefly.

The exercises closed with the benediction by Dr. Bill, who seems very well.

During the year there have been 62 in attendance. This is a larger number than had been anticipated before the school opened last autumn.

Considering all the difficulties through which the school has had to struggle during the year, the attendance has been exceedingly good.

It shows clearly what the school might be, under favorable conditions, after it has had time to make its place in the hearts of the people.

There are not a few who have thought that a Seminary in New Brunswick, with an Academy and Ladies' Seminary at Wolfville, was almost a superfluity.

The experience of this year is sufficient to convince all that this is a mistake. Let the Seminary but get running smoothly, and let it be well managed, and there would not be room for those who would seek admission.

Principal Simpson has been in one of the most difficult positions during the year. The position is a difficult one in any case; but there were difficulties of a peculiar nature besetting him at every step.

It is enough to say that he retires from the position with the highest esteem and respect of those who know him best.

churches. While the increase has not been so large in the other associations, it is to be hoped it will be found to be respectable.

It will be well if the churches make this time one of serious self-examination. It is no light thing for a church to end a year of its life and put down the visible results of its work in black and white.

Even when the number of additions has been large, as the times go, in most cases, considering that it is supposed to embody the outward effect of twelve months of labor for Christ and men on the part of so many, it will not be found to relieve the churches of the need of humiliation. We have said the number added to a church represents the visible results of the church's spiritual power for a year; but it would be well for each member of such churches to ask, have I helped to secure the result attained?

For it is a sad fact that the lives of all nominal church members do not help; alas, that some should hinder! Especially should this be a time of earnest self-examination and of deep humiliation before God for the churches that have few or no additions to report. It should be a matter for the gravest concern when a larger number of men and women, banded together as the servants of Christ to aid in His work of saving the lost, have had a whole year pass and no one has professed to have been saved in their congregation. Such a result can scarcely consist with a church life of any real earnestness and devotion.

Of course it is possible that God has been done in other directions; but the full aim of Christian effort has not been reached unless souls are born into the kingdom. Will not the members of churches that have had little or no blessing lay these things to heart?

This leads to inquiry about the second great aim of church life—the edification of the members themselves, an aim which is fundamental, and must be attained, in some measure, before there can be much success in the work of saving men. In how many of our churches can there be seen real growth in grace? Are the members more loving, more devoted, more unselfish, more pure in heart? Do they attend more steadily upon the means of grace? Are they more mindful of their privileges of communion with God, study of His word, prayer, and all that evidences as well as helps to greater spirituality and strength of character and influence? It is just possible for churches to have some increase of membership where there is little increase of grace in the church itself; but the blessing cannot be large, much less can there be hope of its continuance, unless the growth in grace of the membership is maintained.

One almost unerring test of the question whether a church has grown in grace, can be seen in the amount it contributes to help on the cause of God beyond its own borders. We hope our churches may be able to stand this test this year. We are becoming more and more impressed with, shall we say, sinful smallness of the general giving of our people. We hear the moan of the millions of the perishing from across the sea; we hear cries for help from all parts of our own land; we are aware that the work of Christian education is crippled for the lack of means, and our aged and infirm ministers are in grievous straits, some of them, after a life of self-sacrificing devotion to the churches, and in response to all this, backed as it is by the claims of Christ, death, the judgment, eternity, heaven and hell, we give what averages about 50 cents each per year. That means, we give as much under pressure of all these tremendous claims as will buy a pound of tobacco, or secure a good dinner at a good hotel, as much as a man will pay for half a dozen cigars or a half dozen drinks, as much as it costs to visit a circus, or gain admittance to an ordinary concert or theatre. What must our dear Lord think of many of us, when, in response to all his claims upon us for help in his great work of bringing the world to himself, we hand out to him in a year only the half or third of the ordinary wages for a day, or an amount which men will throw away on their pleasures or their sins and not count it worth the mention. Think of it: one six-hundredth or one nine-hundredth part of the ordinary wages of a day laborer to represent our gratitude for our own salvation, our love to Christ, our yearning to see millions saved from hell and secure heaven! And then, worst of all, there are very many who do not even give this pittance. Can we hope for much blessing in our own souls, can we expect much blessing upon our work at home, in the churches, while our practical interest in the far-reaching work of God without, is so small. Brethren and sisters in the Lord, awake! and let not this year pass without raising the record. For your own sakes, for the sake of men, for the sake of Christ, let not this state of things continue, lest we be thought to be playing at religion, rather than being in dead earnest, pressed with a conviction of the solemn reality of the doctrines we profess to believe. What we do, we must do quickly, for the year is already near its close.

One practical matter needs attention. We refer to the plan commended to the

associations by the convention, of organizing the churches for Convention Fund purposes. We hope grace and wisdom may be given all, that there may be judicious planning and energetic execution.

OUR SEMINARY AT ST. MARTIN'S.

The directors of the Seminary have been in negotiation for some time with Dr. Hopper, to induce him to return and assume the headship of the institution under their charge. It has not been thought best to make any authoritative announcement of what was being done until something definite could be made known. We have now to state that the services of Dr. Hopper have been secured, and he has already arrived, prepared to throw himself with all the energy and enthusiasm of which he is master, into the work. He is as well known to the Baptists of New Brunswick as any other brother, and as well known to our Free Baptist brethren as anyone outside their own denomination. As all are likewise aware, he has had the most prominent place in pushing forward the Seminary, up to the time he was compelled to leave the province to seek restoration to health. He comes to the work, therefore, which has been upon his heart for years. His coming has renewed hopefulness to the directors generally, and it is anticipated that, with a long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether, the Seminary will be drawn forward out of its difficulties to do the grand work for the denomination and for the province for which it is adapted. His purpose is to go to work quietly and steadily. The task he undertakes is the most trying. He needs and should have the sympathy and co-operation of all. We earnestly bespeak this for him, and for his work.

By notice in another column it will be seen that the annual meeting of the society will be held on Thursday, at 3 p. m., in the Donville building, St. John. This meeting should be largely attended, as business of great importance is to be transacted. All who have subscribed stock and all Baptist and Free Baptist ministers of New Brunswick are members of the society and have a right to vote. Shall not the brethren give heed and show their interest by being present on Thursday afternoon.

THE WEEK.

There is very little general news of any kind this week. It seems to be understood that nothing of special importance will come up for consideration in the British parliament during the present session. Gladstone has gone forth on a tour through the south and southwest of England. He is received with enthusiasm everywhere and addresses vast audiences. He is pleading for the consolidation of the Liberal party. As this section of England is that in which the Unionists are strong, his object evidently is to prepare the minds of the people for the next election. His addresses will doubtless produce a profound impression, as he not only carries with him the magic of a great name and a great record, but also speaks with youthful enthusiasm and force. Alas for the Tories who have so long been hoping to see him end his career and relieve them from their most dreaded and hated antagonist; for he seems to be one who does not grow old.

The periodic war rumors are coming to the front again. This time it is that Russia is gathering up war material along her western frontier, and making great preparations of a warlike nature. Probably this is a sensational dispatch to some paper to help its sale. It is said that the alliance between Germany, Italy and Austria, the time of which has just expired, will not be renewed, it being thought to be unnecessary, the relations between the countries being so cordial. One of the conditions of the alliance was that Italy be ready to put an immense force into the field should war occur. She is nearly crushed by the burden that was imposed. Debt is accumulating, and the people are flocking from the country to escape taxation. Gladstone, who has written an article for one of the English magazines on Italy, thinks she cannot support the burden of her present military force much longer.

The Samoan conference is at an end. It is said that Bismarck has had to yield. Not only has he given up the claim of Germany to paramount influence; but, it is said, he has had to abate, very largely, his demand for exorbitant indemnity for German losses.

It is said that an arrangement has been arrived at between Great Britain and the United States, by which no British vessels will be seized in Behring Sea, during the year.

A man by the name of Beverly Vidito, and styling himself an evangelist, has been travelling and holding meetings in the western part of N. S. It is said that he professes to carry a license, or what amounts to that, to preach. Enquiry has been made of the church from which he has professed to come, and it is known on good authority that he has no such recommendation, nor is the church of which he is a member at the present time disposed to grant one.

Letter from Dr. Judson.

I would be glad to express in the columns of your excellent paper, my gratitude for the kindness received by me from friends in Wolfville. I was invited to deliver a lecture to the Athenaeum Society of Acadia College, and this occasioned my making a visit to that garden spot of the Maritime Provinces. The historical associations of the place, as well as the beauty of the scenery and the exhaustless fertility of the meadows, made the whole valley through a kind of earthly paradise, and I have never met people who seemed to be more congenial and attractive. I had most delightful occasions of worship, not only in the college and with Young Men's Christian Association, but in the church at Wolfville and at Canard, and all the good people there seemed interested in the effort which I am making to build in lower New York, among the homes of the poor, a memorial to my father, and the first American foreign missionary. Very handsome contributions were made for this project which lies so near my heart, and in fine, the whole experience which I had in that beautiful Annapolis Valley will remain for all time to come as a bright memory in my mind.

June 5. EDWARD JUDSON.

A Word of Commendation from the Antipodes.

A recent letter from my son, Edward Manning Bill, in Australia, informs me that the MESSINGER and VISITOR reaches him regularly, that he reads its contents with much interest, and adds, "the paper is a credit to the editor and to the denomination whose mouth-piece it is." To this commendation his father adds his hearty Amen!

This son, so long absent, has built for himself a home in a lovely town near Melbourne, and calls it Nictaria in honor of his birth-place in the charming valley of the Annapolis. He speaks of his adopted country as making rapid strides in all the elements of genuine progress.

Ontario Denominational Gathering.

Having had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the "Brant Baptist Association," which held its meetings on the 6th and 7th inst., a few notes may be of interest to your readers, especially as several Lower Province men took a prominent part. The meetings were held at a fine village about equidistant from Woodstock, Stratford, and Brantford, called Plattsville. Considering the small extent of territory covered by this Association, and the few churches in it—sixteen—and some of them quite small, the attendance was very good. The Association sermon was preached by a Nova Scotian, Rev. H. E. S. Maider, pastor of the Third Church in the City of Brantford. He used 1 Cor. 3:9—"We are laborers together with God," and gave such a grand view of the Christian laborer's high position that the humblest and weakest worker must have been stimulated and encouraged. Bro. Maider was, after the sermon, elected Moderator, and did his work most effectively. Rev. G. W. M. Carey, known in St. John, N. B., and Professor T. H. Hand, of McMaster University, were the others known to some of your readers; and Rev. D. Hutchinson may also be remembered by some of your readers. The general business of the Association was very interesting, and the reports from several of the churches quite encouraging. The increase reported was 237. The report of the W. M. Circle was excellent. In the First Church, Brantford, Pastor Carey, the Circle raised over \$200; and in the Third Church, Brantford, Pastor Maider, the Circle raised \$155. At the evening meeting excellent addresses were given on Home and Foreign Missions and Education. The last was by Dr. Hand, and was a credit to himself and the denomination. I was pleased to see that our Maritime men do good work among our Western brethren.

R. D. C.

The Upper Aylesford church in parting with Bro. J. L. Read, who has been their pastor for thirty years, presented him with a farewell address. It refers to the fact that nearly all the present members of the church have been baptized by our brother, and that he leaves them a united body. They follow him with deep sympathy and best wishes.

Bro. Read, in his reply, refers to their steady and loyal co-operation with him in the work of the church and Sabbath-school, and in every moral reform, and to their kindness in his deep affliction, and thus concludes:

God only knows how much pain it has given me to give up and leave a church and people with whom I have spent so many pleasant days, where I have laid away the one who has shared my joys and sorrows, who for 29 years proved herself to be a true wife and a faithful worker in all that pertained to the kingdom of Christ. As it now seems to be the will of God for me to leave a church and people that I so dearly love, so I submit to His will. I am glad to know as I leave this church, that your love and prayers go with me to my new field, and that God may crown my efforts with great success. "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy," is the desire of your old pastor.

Home Missions Board Meeting.

The regular meeting of the H. M. Board was held the 10th instant.

REPORTS were received from Brethren J. Wallace and A. H. Hayward, Gen. Missionaries, and C. S. Sterna, A. Cogwell, S. C. Moore, D. H. McQuarrie and G. P. Raymond.

GRANTS were made as follows:

- 1. To Lunenburg church for three months, Rev. W. H. Richan, acting pastor, \$50.00.
2. To Graywood and Milford church for one year \$50. Rev. J. E. Bleakney, pastor.
3. To the Port Medway and Millville churches, Queens Co., N. S., \$100 for one year. Rev. A. W. Bars, pastor.
4. To Sydney church, Cape Breton, \$100 for one year. Rev. John Miles, pastor.
5. To 2nd St. Martin's church, Fairfield, St. John Co., N. B., \$50 to assist in the support of Bro. J. B. Caldwell during the vacation.

APPOINTMENTS of student missionaries confirmed:

- 1. W. L. Black to Upper Stewiacke, N. S.
2. B. H. Beatty, to Port Greville and Diligent River.
3. Clarence H. Minard, to Rockland, Car. Co., N. B.
4. Fred. Bradshaw, to Moser River and Eum Secum.
5. L. J. Ingraham, to Tyne, Valley field.
6. E. B. McLatchy, to New Canaan and Albert, N. B.
7. W. J. Rutledge, to Acadia Mines, assistant to Rev. P. H. Foster.
8. P. A. Starrats, to Maitland, etc., Anta Co., N. S.
9. H. H. Saunders, to Molega Mines, etc., Queens Co., N. S.
10. H. Y. Corey, to East Florenville, etc., Carleton Co., N. B.
11. Harry Davis, to Weymouth and Digby (colored church).

A. CORON, Cor. Sec'y H. M. Board. Hebron, June 13.

Concerning Your Native Village and Its Surroundings.

OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. No. 5.

I have spoken of the great gap between Mars and Jupiter. From Sun outwards to Mars the intervening distances ran thus: 35 millions of miles, 31, 26, 49, then a jump of 339 millions from Mars to Jupiter. Could there be some where midway this interval another great planet? If so, he had never been felt as Neptune was while still undiscovered. But observers fancying they saw a b.w. of distances as far out as Mars, were face to face with the alternative of giving up the law or finding a new planet. So in 1800 twenty-four observers joined to parcel the district into 24 parts for thorough search. Before they got to work, however, a planet was discovered by an observer not of the 24. He kept it in view about six weeks when it was lost in the Sun's rays. How to find it again? Mathematical skill came to the rescue as in the case of Neptune's hiding place and turned the telescope to the right spot. Piazzi, its discoverer, named it Ceres. She was not large as largeness is reckoned in the solar measures. Her diameter between 200 and 400 miles. But she had all the pride and grace and glory of her larger neighbors, was not an attendant any planet, differed chiefly in quantity of gross material and set her steeds for the grand journey around the Sun, her circuit vastly wider than those of Mars, Earth, Venus and Mercury. But she dwelt not alone in all that vast space. In 1802 a second was discovered. A third was found in 1804, a fourth in 1807. Were there these four and no more? The number stood thus for 38 years. In 1845 a fifth was observed; astronomers took new courage, and have ever since been adding to the number, till at latest advances 281 have been found occupying this celestial territory, all taking the grand journey, all doing obeisance to the Sun, none coming nearer than 30 millions of miles towards Mars, none moving nearer to Jupiter's orbit than fifty millions of miles. I give these 281 a place in your census, and so the number of your villagers stand all told at 310, to wit, Sun, moons and greater planets, 29; these present century claimants 281; total 310, your full resident voting strength. These minor planets have all received beautiful Grecian girl names, but on the score of their distinct individuality, the respectability of their circuits, their independence and their regularity and persistency, I enfranchise them and given them each a voice in the celestial assembly hall.

Have I completed the census taking of your village? Ah, did I not mention the visitor who comes at intervals into the neighborhood, stays not long, but still repeats his returns with such regularity as at least to entitle him to some rights, say, to be put on the non-resident list and to exercise his privilege of suffrage while actually in the vicinity at the times appointed.

I do not now allude to meteors and shooting stars and that sort of celestial materials. I reject those from our com-

putation because they are mere dust wildly rushing through space now, striking our atmosphere and by laws well known by such very striking, instantly turning to flame and for a moment acting the part of shooting stars, again but more seldom escaping the fiery ordeal and coming to earth; but, mere particles though they are, having well defined orbits and a sweep of movement which takes them often to the orbits of the farthest planets. They appear once to have belonged to and formed part of those visiting bodies to which I do allude—Comets.

Pause you a moment here to reflect upon the "majestic uniformity," the "orderly and beautiful structure" of our system of Sun planets and satellites, "every body being kept in its own orbit through endless revolutions by a constant balancing of gravitating and centrifugal forces." Is this mere rhetoric or is it fact? It is fact. You wind your watch by that fact. As the Earth with her moon moves while I write, as Venus and Mercury course in their respective circles to-day, as Mars with his two moons this moment pursues his wider pathway, as Jupiter and his four moons, Saturn with his rings and eight moons, Uranus with his four moons and Neptune and his faithful attendant, as these all move this day around the Sun, the attendants also revolving around their chiefs, and all revolving on their own axis, do they make a grander revelation yet and a vaster one still? So did they a thousand years ago, millions of years ago, all through that "vast calm flow of primeval years" following the execution of the creative fiat.

How exquisitely magnificent all the adjustments of the complicated system! Have you not feared that Mercury, so small of body, so near to the great attracting centre, so eccentric in its orbit, would on the occasion of its nearest approach to the Sun, lose its adjustment and dash away into the flaming mass? and have you not trembled lest Neptune, when he had reached his farthest verge from the Sun, would cease to obey the so far off attractive force, break from his orbit and charge his steeds for outer worlds? Dismiss the thought. You need not fear. Examine your watch if you please, distrust its correctness, its machinery is imperfect, it runs down, it grows rusty. But these great planets, with their twofold revolutions, and their satellites with their threefold revolutions (we are yet to inquire as to another distinct revolution of the whole) all these have moved with perfect regularity for centuries upon centuries.

Thousands of well ascertained facts might be adduced to rebut the idea that in extolling the wondrous uniformity, symmetry and regularity of the movements of the bodies of the solar system, we are not indulging in rhetorical flourish but are treading the solid pavement of fixed fact. Passing by the contemplation of the seasons, the alternation of day and night, ebb and flow of ocean tides, succession of moon and all its phases and so on, think of the transits of Venus, set to a cycle of 243 years and that cycle so marvelously divided into the four parts of 105 1/2, eight, 12 1/2, and again eight years, all always coming to pass as we cometh. Think of observers of 1769 in forming those of 1874 and 1882 that on the 9th December and the 6th December in those years, at such and such an hour, Venus would cross the Sun, which we know she faithfully did! The uniformity and harmony of the movement of the bodies of the solar system are demonstrated and constantly illustrated facts.

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Convention Funds Received.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes New Albany church (\$3.00), Canso church (\$8.84), Waterville church (\$1.50), New Ross, Lunenburg Co. (\$4.49), Bedouque church, P. E. I. (\$7.50), Pleasantville church, outfit for foreign missionary to India, \$4.47, LaHave church, Home and Foreign Missions, \$20, Rev. James Francis, Peterboro, N. H., \$7.00, Upper Stewiacke, Wm. Bentley for Foreign Missions, \$4.00, Digby church, Convention Fund, \$5.65, Fowler Granville, \$15.74, Yarmouth, June 8, G. E. Dav., \$62.60.

Second Hillsburg church, \$4.00, Carleton, Yarmouth Co., \$2.60, Caledonia church, \$3.00, First Hammond's Plain, \$7.00, River Hebert, \$15.00, C. Gillis, Shubenacadie, \$5.00, Valley church, Hillsboro, Albert Co., N. B., \$10.00, Wilmot Mt. church, N. S., \$1.00, Deacon J. Denton and wife, \$5.00, Saint John, per W. Allwood, \$31.80, \$114.40, Yarmouth, June 14, G. E. Dav.

In our list of deaths in this issue will be found that of the wife of our Bro. Arthur Armstrong—Mrs. Armstrong, nee Miss Huggin, was for some time teacher of French and German in our institutions at Wolfville. Her many friends will learn with sorrow of her early decease. We commend our Bro. Armstrong and his little boys to Him who knows our sorrows.

MESSINGER AND VISITOR to January 1890, for 75 cents.

St. Gr. watters was my converts Brethren June 7 Power prosper work of weeks for into to one I praise June 7 "As sold news from acceptat souls. Tour out the young The men who revived a eped. I of baptiz willing and prof ward. June 7 "Saww was made were pri in baptiz receive t Watervl greatful best of our ordi vance wa assist in June 1 LITTLE is still su commu Bro. C. P we learn been ap Board to County. paign by at Little we baptiz cording to Christ. T and we fo to report future. a noon ser creel-rou there com death of flourish to an week. trusting in salvation June 1 New I from ween paper, we contend hoping it weary p my privi minister tism. Th youngest the water in baptiz the burk After bapt of God. 3 attentive three ba preaching and but a ized into number n field, an dom. A pletely dis when the costly ed their eyes to struggt erection of this burd they, havng arman modest b members be will be Christian speak for assistance and sister Bro. Gorden Island an church he think his place, as ness in pri price it- work, by confidence ren. I w pleasant pastor, at June 1st, congregat myself ac given to were pres The progr of choic at sation, ca were duc such frie may ever people, as the cause of the Divin June 3.