

she can detect shades of sound that might escape the ordinary ear.

Miss Keller is not destitute of humor. She toys with words and phrases like the most accomplished master of speech. The author of "Beautiful Joe" was introduced to her to the pleasure of both. "Are you fond of animals?" said the author. "Yes," replied Miss Keller. "I have a beautiful cocker spaniel called Dixie." "I, too, have an American dog," said the author, "that I brought from California." "What breed is it?" inquired Miss Keller. "An Irish setter," was the reply. "Then," said Miss Keller, "it is not an American dog," putting the emphasis on American, and breaking out into a merry laugh at this flash of humor.

When in repose there is a pensive expression to Miss Keller's fine, mobile, and expressive face. But the instant conversation begins, her countenance is full of light and joy. She speaks of the natural world as if she saw and heard everything. Whether imaginary or real I am not certain, but it seemed to me that while addressing the audience in the hall of the school for the deaf and dumb, there was flashing and glowing in her face more of heavenly light than I had ever before seen on a human countenance. After the union of those two spirits in the circumstances for fourteen years—the spirit of Miss Sullivan and the spirit of her miracle of a pupil—what a calamity it would be for the great enemy to rend them asunder. Doubtless the prayer has involuntarily gone up from many a heart, "O Lord make the lives of these two so united and so dependent the one on the other, long and happy."

A sense of a great loss has pressed the spirits of the Baptists of Halifax since Miss Amy Johnstone passed away. The talents and religious fervor of her distinguished grandfather were inherited by her. No one who knew that great man, but would be reminded of him on seeing his grand-daughter before an audience. There was in her the striking individuality, the strong personality, the tact, courage, and ready ability to meet any emergency, so often exhibited in the life of the great statesman and jurist. In her early teens Miss Johnstone made her choice, and from it she never swerved. She turned her back on fashionable society. She did not seem to know that it existed. At her father's door, in the town, all over the wide world wherever she saw an open door, there she entered. Her strong character, ready utterance, and facile pen were employed in the good cause of humanity, and in the work of giving the gospel to others. Amy Johnstone was a great Christian woman, and exerted a large influence. Her name will be cherished. Upon her co-laborers there has come a feeling loss that presses the heart, a kind of impoverishment of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Kemp, a graduate of Newton, has, I have been informed, accepted a call to the west end church. Reporter has not been told anything about the antecedents of this brother, except that he is an Englishman and that is one good qualification.

Rev. G. W. Schurman and family leave next week for a vacation which will be spent at Shelburne. Rev. Ralph Hunt will occupy the pulpit of the Tabernacle while Mr. Schurman is absent.

The pulpit of the North church was occupied last Sabbath by the Rev. Charles Day of Kentville. The return of Mr. Day to the pulpit and to Nova Scotia is, Reporter believes, of the Lord. A most valuable addition is hereby made to the staff of successful ministers of the Maritime Provinces.

A farewell service will be given to Rev. Dr. Chute in the First church on Tuesday, the 16th of July.

The Medical Association of Canada is now in session in this city. About 100 are in attendance.

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tion, until in 1878 the H. M. work was undertaken by the Maritime Convention. The speaker closed with a short account of the present H. M. work on P. E. Island.

Rev. I. C. Archibald spoke in regard to the Foreign mission work. One-half of the world's total population is in Asia, and one-third of Asia's millions are in India. That country, the speaker said, will become one of the greatest in the world if the present progress can be conserved by the introduction and acceptance of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. In late years, railroads, telegraphs, post-offices and schools have been established, and a measure of self-government granted, while the taxes are extremely light. Yet all these will be of no permanent value unless the lives of the inhabitants shall be purified and blessed by the knowledge of the true God. In respect to our own mission there are many improvements to be noted—the missionaries sent out have proved efficient, and organization and methods are better than ten years ago. The native Christians also are developing in Christian life and character. But the need is still great, and the close of the address was an appeal for help both in men and money.

The third topic discussed was the Grande Ligne mission, the speaker being Rev. H. Carter. A brief but interesting outline of the history of that mission was given, and telling reasons were adduced for the continued support of Baptist work in Quebec as carried on at Grande Ligne. In closing the speaker called attention also to the great work that is being done and that remains to be done in the Northwest.

A question-box on Foreign Missions, the questions being answered by Mrs. Archibald, proved a valuable and interesting feature of the session.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The devotional service was led by Rev. A. H. Whitman. A very comprehensive Digest of Letters was read by Rev. J. C. Spurr, of which the following is a brief summary: There are twelve fields, two being pastorless, although one of these has had a pastor until within a month; the total membership remains about the same, the baptisms (58) nearly equaling the deaths and dismissions. The largest number of baptisms were on the North River and Annandale fields.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. W. H. Warren led the devotional exercises. The report on Denominational Literature was read by Bro. A. Simpson. This report was brief but full of condensed

thought. It endorsed in the strongest terms the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, and recommended the Baptist Union and the S. S. publications of the A. B. P. S. The report was unanimously adopted, after a discussion in which many kindly words were spoken in respect to the work of our denominational paper. A carefully prepared report on Temperance was read by Rev. A. H. Whitman. The report deplored the evils of intemperance which exist in the church, and the lax enforcement of the Scott Act in some parts of the Island, and commended the educative work done in the schools and by the various temperance societies. It also endorsed the action of the Provincial Legislature in passing a prohibitory law, and expressed the opinion that the ultimate good of temperance work should be national prohibition. The various clauses called forth a spirited discussion, and the report was unanimously adopted as a whole.

An excellent report on Systematic Benevolence was read by Rev. W. H. Warren. This called forth warm commendation, and the writer was urged to have the paper published.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The devotional service was led by Bro. W. B. Howatt of Tryon. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. G. P. Raymond presided over the session. The first speaker was Dr. R. V. Jones, the well-known and much beloved classical professor at Acadia. The subject was "Our Institutions at Wolfville." The speaker emphasized the fact that while the buildings of our institutions are at Wolfville the institutions in spirit are wherever the graduates and students carry them in devoted lives and helpful service. He spoke of the old college building—how it was the product of the faith and prayers of its founders, and represented the life of those who labored for its good. So, too, this heritage of life has been passed on to the new building, and the institution calls for the active sympathy and support of Maritime Baptists. For there is still need of financial aid and increased attendance, and the young people in our homes also need the education that Acadia offers them.

Rev. A. F. Browne in his breezy way discussed the Inter-relationship of Religion and Education. The two, he held, are interdependent. There can be no true religion without some intellectual development, and without religion education must ever be defective.

The third speaker, Rev. W. H. Warren, explained "How our churches can promote Education." After a reference to the natural beauties of Wolfville and the increasing number who annually attend the anniversary exercises, he said that education can be promoted by talking about it. This would make the young people desire it, and a good education is more valuable to a young man than a bank account. The churches can also work it up by encouraging the diffident. The pastors are deeply indebted to Acadia, and they should be especially active in this work.

SUNDAY MORNING.

A twenty minute devotional service was led by Bro. R. J. Colpitts. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Clark, and Rev. B. H. Whitman read the Scripture lesson from Rom. 3. The Associational sermon was preached by Rev. G. P. Raymond of Charlottetown, from Rom. 8: 33 and 5: 1, the subject, Justification. The sermon was a strong and fearless presentation of divine truth, and the attention paid by the closely packed audience testified to their appreciation of the discourse. The following is a very brief summary: How shall man be just before God, when man is full of sin and God is infinitely pure. It is God who justifies; not by the law—which shows the sin but cannot become efficient in its removal—but through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ which by grace is made effectual for our justification, and is still the great compelling motive in turning from sin to righteousness. But this justification takes place only through the operation of faith on the part of the individual, and no one can come between the soul and its Saviour.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. Ingram, and a very profitable service closed with singing hymn 543.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

This session as usual was a missionary service. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Spurr, and the Scripture lesson from Rom. 10 was read by the Moderator. After some remarks by Rev. A. F. Browne, Dea. W. B. Howatt, led in prayer for the Divine blessing to rest upon Brother and Sister Archibald. Mrs. Archibald on rising spoke of the warmth of the greeting which had been extended to her and Mr. Archibald by all since coming to the Association. The speaker impressively contrasted the conditions of climate and life in India and Canada. A graphic description of famine time in India was given, and an explanation of famine relief work. It must be a matter of great joy to the missionaries that in the last famine the native Christians were so true to Christian principle in the positions of responsibility in which they were placed. The action of the grain merchants in holding back grain when men were starving, in hopes of obtaining somewhat higher prices, was strongly condemned, but we wondered if the same thing would not have occurred even in Christian America. In closing her address our missionary effectively compared the material famine and the spiritual famine in India, and the action of those grain merchants in hoarding the grain and the indifference or unwillingness of the home churches to send of their abundance.

Mr. Archibald also spoke briefly, and then for some minutes the missionaries underwent a fire of questions on the various phases of mission work. So closed one of the best missionary meetings the writer has ever been privileged to attend.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Rev. E. P. Calder preached an able and instructive discourse from John 6: 14; Heb. 4: 15, 19: 16. The church was crowded, many being unable to obtain seats. Your correspondent became interested in the sermon and so forgot or failed to get a full report. But really a resume could not in any way give a correct idea of such a sermon and we can only wish that many more might have had the privilege of listening to Bro. Calder's discussion of the Mission of Christ—as prophet, priest and king. A short after service was conducted by Rev. A. H. Whitman.

During the day the long-looked-for and much needed showers descended, but coming either at meal time or during service did not interfere either with the attendance or the comfort of the delegates.

MONDAY MORNING.

The non-appearance of the report on B. Y. P. U. work caused some discussion as to the advisability of continuing this item on the programme of the Association, but it was the general opinion that the work should be given not less attention, but rather more. A resolution was introduced by Rev. W. H. Warren calling for the preparation of papers from year to year dealing with the history of the Baptist churches on the Island.

The Circular Letter was read by Rev. A. F. Browne. The subject was Soul Winning, and the writer held that this was the finest work of all and each of God's children. Anyone who has been vitalized and energized by contact with the Lord Jesus Christ must always exert an influence in this direction, and the power of a consecrated life cannot be overestimated. But more activity in the direct work of soul saving is desirable. The religion of Christ appeals to the intellect as well as to the emotions, and satisfies the natural desire for happiness for time and eternity. Soul-winning causes growth in Christian life and experience. It means also companionship with Christ. A greater devotion to this primal work would mean a pentecostal blessing to the churches throughout the Island and the world.

On motion the circular letter was adopted and the thanks of the Association was tendered to Bro. Browne for the able and painstaking manner in which he had performed the duty of preparing this letter.

On motion the report on Missions was taken from the table and adopted.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The report on B. Y. P. U. work was brought in by Bro. J. K. Ross of Charlottetown. The report called attention to the good accomplished by these Unions, especially by the C. C. courses. Quite a general discussion followed, verbal reports being given from the different Unions, and many words were spoken commending the work that is being done by the young people's organization.

The report of the committee on Nominations was read by Rev. W. H. Warren, and was adopted.

A resolution deprecating in strong terms the use of tobacco by members of Baptist churches, and the inception of this habit by the use of cigarettes by the young moved and carried after a discussion which was altogether one-sided.

This resolution together with the report on temperance was ordered published in the Island papers.

An appeal from the Murray river church for aid in behalf of their new church building was presented by Pastor Carter, and was endorsed by the Association and Pastor Carter recommended to the beneficence of the churches.

The matter of the Twentieth Century Fund for Missions was referred to the P. E. I. Baptist Ministers' Conference.

The customary votes of thanks were then passed. Having experienced the unbounded hospitality of the people of Hazelbrook, your correspondent could not but wish that our appreciation of the kindness received might be expressed by something more tangible than a mere vote of thanks. Also the beautiful music furnished by the efficient choir deserved more than a formal recognition. But such is custom, and if any better way should be discovered it also in time would become formality. A spirited discussion took place in regard to the desirability of publishing and distributing the circular letter. At length it was decided that as usual the letter should be published.

The afternoon session was held in the vestry, while in the body of the church the Women's Missionary Aid Societies in connection with the churches held their annual meeting. A report of this appears in another column.

MONDAY EVENING.

A devotional service led by Bro. J. K. Ross. After singing, the Scripture lesson was read and prayer offered by Bro. Ritchie Elliott (lic.) Rev. W. H. Warren felicitously presented the votes of thanks which had been passed by the Association at the afternoon session.

This evening was devoted to a platform temperance meeting. The first speaker was Bro. J. K. Ross of Charlottetown, who discussed the temperance situation. This question the speaker held, is the greatest one which confronts society since not only the wealth but also the moral stamina of the country is threatened. Legislation is good and necessary, but laws will not execute themselves. So it is the duty of every Christian to help enforce legislation.

Rev. A. F. Browne spoke upon the relation of the young people in the temperance question. The liquor business is still a growing one as it is a paying one. The hope for the future is in the young people, and when the young people form a solid front against this business it must go. The traffic will destroy its victims, body and soul. The only argument which is effective against it is the argument of force. Anything short of prohibition is a compromise and should not be tolerated. On the other hand the demand should be lessened by the education of the rising generation.

The third speaker was Rev. A. R. Ingram of Wittenburg, N. S., who spoke of the hindrances to temperance and especially to prohibition. The first and great hindrance is politics. The second is the persistency of those engaged in the business. These go in the business for money but unlike the highway robber who offers a choice between money and life these demand both. The hope of the liquor traffic also is in the rising generation, and everything is being done to recruit the army of drinkers and drunkards. The third hindrance is the teaching of professed friends of temperance. Lastly there is the hindrance which is the result of the apathy of the Christian church.

The last speaker of the evening was Rev. E. P. Calder, who by vivid and striking illustrative word-pictures and parables showed the practicability of prohibition. Prohibition will be practicable as soon as the church of the living God awakens to its duty in this matter.

The Treasurer's report showed total collections of \$46 58. After paying bills of \$3 30 there remained \$43 28 to be sent to the Treasurer of Denominational Funds for N. B. and P. E. I. The Association closed with prayer by Pastor Carter, to meet next year on the first Friday in July, at a place to be determined by the Committee of Arrangements.

R. J. C.