

Although enjoying so much of respect from all the members of the church of which he was the senior deacon, yet there was not probably one who had a deeper sense of humiliation before God, or a more child-like trust in Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour. He often spoke of this, much to the comfort and edification of his brethren and sisters in the church. In all its operations, up to the close of his life, Mr. N. gave to the church his most cordial sympathy and co-operation. He rejoiced in its joys, and mourned over its sorrows and trials. On his death-bed while speaking with the pastor of the church, he enquired with deep interest and much particularity concerning the recent session of the Central Association. He was much gratified that it had been so harmonious and satisfactory, and intimated that he was more concerned than ever for the church of Christ, and its progress in the world. He had given up his interest in all temporal matters, he said, but would be glad to hear of whatever was done in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Our venerable brother had his mental vigor and genial disposition to the last; but he has now finished his course; and we are again taught the lesson of our mortality; that, however much our lives may be lengthened out, yet here "we have no continuing city." May we all, writers and readers, have our citizenship in heaven, then may we look forward to a glorious re-union in the bright world above.

The following is the official report of a meeting of the legal profession for the purpose of giving an expression respecting Mr. Nutting:—

MEETING OF THE BENCH AND BAR.

At a meeting of the Bench and Bar, consisting of about forty persons, held this day at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Law Library, His Honor Mr. Justice Dodd occupying the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That this meeting deplores the removal by death of James W. Nutting, Esq., one of the oldest members of the Bar of Nova Scotia. Mr. Nutting held for more than half a century the offices of the Prothonotary, Clerk of the Crown, and Master in Chancery, and discharged his official duties with such zeal and courtesy as to command the highest respect of the members of the profession. He was one of the originators of the Bar Society of this Province, and for many years its Honorary Secretary. The deceased was a ripe scholar, accomplished man, a true friend, and a sincere Christian; and his loss will long be deeply regretted by all who knew him.

Moved by the Hon. J. W. Ritchie, seconded by Hon. W. A. Henry, and supported by appropriate remarks from E. H. Harrington, Esq., and Judge DesBarres:

Resolved,—That, as an expression of sympathy with the family of the deceased in their sad bereavement, a copy of these resolutions be sent to them, and that as a mark of respect, the Members of the Bar attend the funeral in a body and wear crapes for one month.

Moved by William Sutherland, Esq., Q. C., seconded by Peter Lynch, Esq., Q. C., and spoken to by W. A. Johnson and S. L. Shannon, Esquires.

Hon. J. W. Ritchie read a note from Sir William Young, Chief Justice, regretting his inability to attend, but expressing his readiness to concur in the resolution of affectionate esteem which he doubted not would be adopted by the meeting.

Mr. W. A. Johnson also stated the regret his father, the Equity Judge, felt at his unavoidable absence through indisposition.

The several gentlemen who addressed the meeting spoke in the most feeling manner of the virtues and amiable qualities of the deceased, his kindness of heart, gentlemanly demeanor and scholarly attainments, and of their sympathy for his family; also the universal esteem in which he was held, not only by the members of the Profession but by the community generally.

L. W. DESBARRES,
Secretary.

June, July 9, 1870.

N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

SECOND ARTICLE.

Our anticipations of last week respecting the N. S. Eastern Association were fully realized. Every sitting was characterized by a spirit of harmony, and by earnest spirited addresses on the several matters as they were brought up for consideration.

In addition to the arrangements made by the Committee, an application came from the Rev. Thos. Todd, of Sackville, N. B., and his pulpit was also supplied by two brethren, one of whom was Rev. M. Normondy.

The weather on Lord's Day, and indeed

all through the Session, was all that could be desired. Large congregations filled the several places of worship. The Amherst Baptist Church was crowded at each service. The erudition of Rev. Dr. Sawyer in the morning; the wise counsels of the aged pastor, Rev. Dr. Tupper, in the afternoon; and the plain statements shewing the relation between grace and glory by the Moderator, Rev. W. B. Boggs, in the evening; formed a beautiful combination in the exercises of the Sabbath. The singing, led by the splendid organ and fine choir, was joined in heartily by the congregation. The prayer-meetings at 6 o'clock in the morning of each day were attended by a goodly number, and formed a most appropriate commencement of proceedings.

The Sabbath School assembled in the large convenient lecture-room in the basement at 9 a. m., and was appropriately addressed by several brethren.

The following resolution, after some lengthened discussion, was adopted by the Association:—

Whereas, by the 6th and 7th Articles of the Constitution of this Association, no churches are to be admitted to its fellowship unless they signify their adherence to the principles of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia.

Therefore Resolved, That the Churches composing this Association be recommended to place within the reach of all its membership the means of becoming acquainted with the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia."

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Cramp on Monday morning, from "The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," 1 Timothy iii. 15. A special request was made for its publication, which, we trust, will be complied with.

New churches at Cow Bay, C. B.; South Bar, C. B.; West Bay, C. B.; St. Ann's, C. B.; and Mount Pleasant and Centreville, near Pugwash; applied for admission into the Association, and were received by the right hand of fellowship being given to their delegates.

The Circular Letter was read by the pastor of the Amherst Church, on "Go forward."

The afternoon was occupied in Educational matters. Good speeches were made by several brethren and the necessity for more active effort to increase the number of students was recognized. The principal speakers were Revs. Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Cramp, G. F. Miles, and Dr. Tupper; Prof. Jones, Prof. Higgins, H. C. Upham, and Wm. Cummings.

The following is the Report of the Committee on this subject, which is perhaps better than any summary we might give of the speeches:—

Your Committee desire that this Association should again place on its records a declaration of the great value of public education, and of the importance of properly guarding and preserving in its integrity the system of public instruction which has thus far proved to be so valuable and effective for the general education of the young.

Our denominational Academy at Horton, under the successful direction of Rev. T. A. Higgins continues to deserve the patronage of our people to a much larger extent. Pastors of churches and laymen interested in Education, should exert themselves to send there at least one representative for every church and congregation. The higher departments of our system of education cannot be properly supplied with students unless the Academy has a large number constantly in attendance.

The number of students in the College for the past year has been forty-two. A large part of these are studying with the purpose of entering the Ministry. We trust that the general management of the College is such as still to command the confidence and cordial support of the Denomination.

At the last meeting of the Governors arrangements were made for a year of Theological study subsequent to the completion of the College Course. This will give opportunity for much more extensive and thorough research than was possible on the previous plan. The Committee would also call special attention to the fact that the Faculty of the College invite young men, who propose to labor in the Ministry, but, who for any reason are not able to take the full course, to remain for any period that may be convenient and pursue such studies as they may choose. We cannot doubt that there are many who ought to avail themselves of this arrangement.

In conclusion, your Committee would urge on the attention of the churches the importance of making the annual contribution for the support of the college more general, as the work is one in which all should share.

The following report of the Committee on the *Christian Messenger* was unanimously adopted:—

Your committee on the *Christian Messenger* report.

That they have great pleasure in recommending the *Christian Messenger* to the continued confidence and support of the Baptist denomination in this province.

We know that it is unreasonable to suppose that any man can please every body in the discharge of any public duty, yet we think that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* has given as little

cause for offence as any other man could be expected to give under the same circumstances.

It is an important thing for an Editor to know how to deal fairly with correspondence in cases of controversy, and conduct his editorials in such a spirit as to show independence of thought, and courtesy of manner.

Your Committee are of the opinion that our Editor has admirably succeeded in these respects. We further believe that there has been a marked improvement in the reading matter which has filled the columns of the *Messenger* during the past year. We hope, therefore, that by the continued confidence and increased support of the denomination, the Editor will be stimulated to further improve the paper, and make it still more attractive.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Missionary Meeting on Monday evening was somewhat interfered with by the fire which occurred at Mr. J. S. Hickman's residence, just before the hour of commencement. Although delayed for about an hour, during which time some routine business was attended to, yet a goodly number assembled afterwards, and good speeches were made by Revs. T. H. Porter and Wm. McPhee, after which the subject was adjourned to the following morning, when several brethren spoke more at length.

The Annual Meeting of the Home Missionary Society was held on Tuesday morning, the Report read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected. We shall have occasion to refer again to several matters which were brought up before the Associations.

Amherst, if not unequalled, is certainly unsurpassed, as an appropriate and desirable place in which to hold our Annual convocations; with a goodly number of brethren and friends, having comfortable residences but a short distance from the place of meeting, and large, benevolent hearts, making the brethren feel perfectly at home; and, as in the early days of Christianity, when the disciples for a time at Jerusalem "had all things common"; so it was there.

The business being completed soon after one o'clock, the Union Hymn was sung, and the session adjourned to meet on the first Saturday in July, 1871, at North Sydney, C. B.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES, FOR HEATHEN LANDS.

It affords us much pleasure to learn that the proposal to form these societies in the Baptist congregations of these provinces has had a beginning. The following communication addressed to the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board will shew our readers that there are some earnest spirits at Canso prepared to enter heartily upon this work:

CANSO, June 23, 1870.

REV. C. TUPPER, Secy. For. Mis. Board.

Dear Sir,—According to previous appointment, a meeting was held at 3 P. M., in the Baptist Church at Canso, for the purpose of organizing a "Woman's Baptist Missionary Aid Society for Heathen Lands."

Mrs. S. Whitman was appointed to preside, Miss M. Norris acting as Secretary *pro tem*.

After reading the 13th chap. 1 Cor. and prayer by the President, the Secretary read a form of Constitution and Bye Laws previously prepared, which, after discussion, was unanimously adopted. The Society then proceeded to the election of officers as follows:

President,—Mrs. S. Whitman.
Vice-Presidents,—Mrs. T. C. Cook, and Mrs. John Matthew.

Secretary,—Mrs. A. W. Bigelow.
Treasurer,—Mr. C. H. Whitman.

Auditor,—Mr. T. C. Cook.
Managers,—Mrs. A. W. Bares, Mrs. A. N. Whitman, Mrs. Jas. Publicover, and Mrs. W. J. Bigelow.

Finance Committee,—Mr. C. H. Whitman, Mrs. T. C. Cook, and Miss C. Cunningham.

A list of the subscriptions of the members present was then taken amounting to \$108.00. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on the Wednesday evening following; when the subscriptions for the present year should be paid. It was also agreed that the efforts of the Society should be expended in supporting Miss H. M. Norris in Burmah, as soon as arrangements could be made for her to go thither.

After singing the doxology the Society adjourned to the Wednesday evening following.

The above is a summary of the minutes of the first meeting held; since which there has been another meeting, and two hundred and eleven dollars have been subscribed in all.

It will be understood that the Society is intended to be auxiliary to the Foreign Missionary Board.

We would be pleased to see similar Societies organized in all the churches.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

MRS. A. W. BIGELOW,

Secy. W. B. M. Aid Society.

A similar Society to the above has been formed in Granville Street Church. We hope to be able to publish the proceedings and Constitution of said Society in our next.

The Episcopal Synod has been in session in Halifax during the past week. A large number of Clergymen and lay delegates of the Church of England were in attendance. They sat from Wednesday the 5th inst., to Friday the 8th. We learn by the published reports of proceedings that a great variety of subjects came before them for consideration, which were discussed with much freedom, and pronounced upon with more or less of unanimity. The two most important matters were, Union with the Synod of Canada, and a Revision of the Common Prayer-Book. The motion to adopt the Act of Union was carried but not unanimously—12 voting against it. Twelve clergymen and twelve laymen were chosen to represent the N. S. Synod in the Synod of Canada.

The Bishop's order to approve the new Lectionary (the revised prayer-book) as soon as it was ordered in England was adopted by a large majority.

The subject of Education was brought forward and discussed. Differences of opinion were expressed respecting Free Common Schools. A committee was appointed to consider the subject and report next year.

A resolution on church discipline was introduced, but no action taken except to appoint a committee to gather information on the subject and report.

On the question being asked if it were proper to omit portions of the church service in places where the people were not able to repeat the responses, the bishop said that, as Bishop, he knew nothing of such irregularities until complaints were made by some of the people.

On it being asked if a church might be opened to lecturers on scientific subjects, His Lordship replied that it might be allowed unless it were on some objectionable subject.

The matter of a more suitable Hymn-book for use in the churches, after some discussion, was deferred, for the purpose of seeing what action would be taken on the subject by the Canadian Synod. The proceedings were closed on Friday afternoon by singing the 'gloria in excelsis' and the Episcopal benediction.

Rev. E. M. Saunders is expecting to leave in the steamer on Friday next, to spend three months in Europe. During his absence the Rev. W. B. Boggs of Sydney, C. B., will supply the pulpit in Granville Street Church.

BLOWN DOWN.—The frame of the new Presbyterian Church, near the Bridge at Dartmouth was blown down on Friday morning. It was nearly completed and will cause serious loss and delay.

Notices, &c.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Notice of Postponement.

A General Election is ordered on the Island, for Monday, the 18th inst. The next meeting of the Island Baptist Association is therefore postponed from Saturday the 16th, to Saturday the 23rd inst. The Association will meet at East Point on the last mentioned of these days, the 23rd inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.

M. P. FREEMAN, Moderator.

Prince Edward Island, July 1, 1870.

THE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD,

Will meet (D.V.) in Tremont, Aylesford, on the third Tuesday in July, the 19th day, at one o'clock, P. M. A full attendance is particularly desirable.

CHARLES TUPPER, Secretary.

Halifax, June 28th, 1870.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Delegates who expect to attend the Convention, to be held with the Baptist Church of Fredericton, on Saturday, the 18th of August, are requested to forward their names immediately to

RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, Church Clerk.
Fredericton: July 6, 1870.

ERRATUM.—In the Central Association, Circular Letter, C. M., July 6th, 2nd. column, 15th line of 3rd. paragraph, for "In the christian church a person should not be highly esteemed merely because he loves the truth, &c., read—In the christian church a person should not be highly esteemed merely because he is talented, educated, or rich, but because he loves the truth, &c."

Letters Received.

Rev. P. R. Foster. J. Moser. Rev. J. L. Read. Rev. T. H. Porter, 1 sub. \$5.50. Alex. G. Musgrave, \$22.50. Robt. Bares, \$2.50. Rev. W. H. Richan, \$2. Rev. J. Davis. Rev. C. Randall, \$5. Dr. J. Woodbury, \$10. Rev. I. J. Skinner. M. Kinsman, \$4. J. L. Tremain. O. H. Cogswell, Esq., 1 sub. Rev. J. E. Balcom, Rev. H. Achilles. D. H. Jenks, \$1.10. Rev. Dr. Tupper. G. Whitley, \$1.50.