

men when they first enter on their academic career, a fair mastery of more than one or two intellectual studies in each kind. The University of London requires a good knowledge of both Latin and English, of mathematics, natural philosophy, and chemistry, and it will further require either Greek or French, or German to be taken up by every candidate for matriculation. The decision appears to us a wise one. The academic tendency of the present day, is to require not too much knowledge, but too wide a range of superficial knowledge, from those who are starting in the path of learning, and everything which diminishes the area of the pressure on school-teaching is a guarantee for thoroughness—that is, for teaching lads better the great secret of all—how to learn.

For the Christian Messenger.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES IN NOVA SCOTIA, CAPE-BRETON, AND P. E. ISLAND.

Dear Sisters.—You will have noticed in last week's *Christian Messenger*, that one of our Missionaries has returned home for a time, to recruit her health. Miss DeWolfe has been in Burma five years, and for the last few months has been struggling with disease, hoping that she might be able to resume her labors. But this privilege has been denied her at present, and we can but bow to the divine will, in this, as in all cases. Miss Norris is now the only representative of our Societies, but as two sisters have been accepted by the Foreign Mission Board to be our missionaries, we shall find our responsibilities increasing. Miss F. Eaton of Cornwallis, and Miss M. Armstrong of Wolfville are the names of the sisters who have long desired to be engaged in this great work, and it remains with you to decide, as to the necessary means. A large income will be required this year, to meet the necessary extra expenses, and it is to be hoped that the friends of our Mission will be able still to carry on this noble work. Each year has added to our list of subscribers, and yet how many members of our churches are still unrepresented. If each one of these would give from this time forward two cents a week our Treasurers would soon be equal to all demands.

We do not ask those who are regular contributors to increase their subscriptions, but we suggest that each one should use her influence to induce one more person to join the Society, thus at the same time doubling our numbers, and—still more important—doubling our means for carrying on the glorious work, which has been committed to our care. One more suggestion might be carried out if the sisters wished. If each Society in our organization, would engage to have a Strawberry Festival, or a Tea-meeting or a Concert, at any time during the next month, in the several localities in which they reside, and forward the proceeds as soon as possible, our Treasurers' Report at the Convention, to be held at Windsor in August, will show that we do not intend to draw back from the work to which we are pledged, but that full encouragement is given to go on with undiminished vigour. Different plans may suggest themselves to other persons, but these have been mentioned, because—unlike Bazaars—they do not take long to get up, and we know at this season of the year, how heavy the home cares and duties fall upon most of our friends. The cause is good, will you not be willing to aid in this way or any other?

M. R. SELDEN.
June 21, 1873.

For the Christian Messenger.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

III.

That part of the Programme which belongs to the journey through France is a blank. From Calais to Paris, and thence to Lyons and Marseilles, it was night and storm, always one, sometimes both, the whole distance. As outlook was impossible, introspection was the traveler's only resource against vacuity and ennui. The Railway system, with respect to carriages and furniture, at least, is simply a repetition of that on the other side of the Channel. Fine upholstery and elegant discomfort are conspicuous and impressive. Every arrangement says distinctly—You mustn't be sleepy, you mustn't be sick, you mustn't allow the stock of animal heat in your anatomy to get too

low—you know, for no provision whatever is made for such an unreasonable condition of things.

Arrived at Paris the traveller has an opportunity to perform a feat which gives him a new view of the possibilities of human flesh and sinews. Get baggage—then the Custom House—call a cab—traverse a great part of Paris from North to South—get your ticket—check your baggage—do all this in one hour, and do it all with jabbering Frenchmen who are as hopelessly ignorant of English as you are of French, and if you do not miss the train—a result which you think we could previously have demonstrated to be inevitable—you readjust your views of the power of human endurance. On the present occasion one traveller would certainly have been left behind, had not an American fellow-traveller come to his aid. This friend in need made himself master of the situation at one glance, and executed certain manoeuvres, with such admirable skill, that the jabbering shoulder shrugging Custom House official sank at once into an attitude of bland and dignified inattention to trunks,—the baggage was in the cab, and the travellers dashing through Paris mud and rain, in less time than it has taken to make this record of the performance.

Thirty-six hours in a railway carriage, as above described, is a state of things most stimulating to fertility of invention. But out of nothing, nothing can come, and the most vigorous invention must have failed to create the possibility of warmth or sleep on that Lyons Railway Train. "Let us pay ten francs extra each and ride in the coupe"—suggested the above mentioned masterly American. Pride took me by the throat and said—now you don't know a coupe from a coupon—it may be the safety valve or the cowcatcher for ought you know, out don't you let on! All right. I give my voice for the coupe by all means! wretched pride! it soon became evident that the coupe afforded no advantages—made no change whatever as to the comfort of the traveller, for so many were anxious to pay ten francs that there was no more privacy, no more chance for rest and sleep there than anywhere else on the Train.

The dismal night, and another dreary day of rain, have at last worn themselves out, and, with just enough light left to see the blue waters of the Mediterranean and the red hills which surround the city, the train runs in to Marseilles. The one prevailing feeling in every British heart on this occasion, seemed to be a desire to get out of France without delay. And this was done by going on board the steamship "Ripon," of the Peninsular and Oriental S. S. Company. It was positively refreshing to feel once more that everything about you was English. Even the apparent sibilants of the watersounded musical. As already intimated, clouds and darkness shut out all view of the country, during the Railroad journey—and the only recreation possible consisted in talking *Burmese* to every Frenchman who would pour forth his stream of words. His shrug and the baffled expression of his face, when the queer sounds fell distinctly upon his ear, were dull exceedingly.

This is but a beggarly account to give of La belle France; but it must be remembered La belle gave the writer most beggarly weather, and most opaque atmosphere, and is only paid back in her own coin.

A. R. R. C.

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NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

BRIDGETOWN, June 20, 1873.

In accordance with the appointment made at Berwick last year, the brethren assembled at the Meeting-house in this place at 10 o'clock this morning for the purpose of holding the Annual Meeting of this Society. In the absence of the president, Rev. James Parker was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. E. Day. In the absence of the Secretaries, Rev. J. F. Kempton and Rev. I. Wallace were requested to fill that office *pro tem*.

The minutes of the session held last year at Berwick were read.

Delegates reported themselves from various churches and members in their own right. Other brethren present were invited to seats with the body, after which the meeting adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock.

In the afternoon a larger number of Delegates having arrived, they assembled soon after 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Cramp the President, took the chair.

The meeting was opened by Rev. R. D. Porter engaging in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning meeting were read and confirmed.

Rev. G. E. Day read the Report of the operations of the Board for the past year.

The Report commenced by given an account of the organization of the Board and appointment of the following officers:—

A. C. Robins, Chairman,—Samuel Brown, Treasurer,—G. E. Day, Corresponding Secretary,—W. H. Porter, Recording Secretary,—J. H. Haley, P. D. Kinney, Auditors.

Bye Laws were framed. The Report then proceeded,

"Being thus equipped for labor your Board felt anxious to enter fully and at once upon the work assigned them by the Union. They therefore hastened to correspond with the Western Domestic Missionary Board and with the Board of Management of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society, to learn if they would transfer their work and Funds to your Board. As replies in the negative reached them from both those Boards, your Board felt somewhat disheartened and perplexed. Applications for appointments to destitute fields had been made to twenty worthy brethren from different parts of the Province. And it was with no little regret and sorrow that they were now forced to inform those brethren of their inability to appoint them.

Your Board had intended to put in the field a General Agent who before the winter set in, would commence his operations in the extreme East, and then urge his way westward. They had selected for this important work the Rev. Isaiah Wallace, and offered him the appointment. But the failure of the Board to obtain the assistance of the other Home Missionary organizations compelled them to desist for a time from this highly important undertaking.

What then could your Board do? They were willing, yea, even anxious to work, but they had no field for their operations. The path of duty however soon opened before them. On the 6th of August 1872, in accordance with the vote of the Western N. S. Baptist Association at its last Anniversary, and in harmony with the constitution of the Union, the Acadia French Mission Board transferred their work and funds to your Board, who therefore assumed the responsibility and control of the French Mission.

The Report here gives a detailed account of the French Missionary operations. They sent a committee, consisting of brethren J. H. Saunders, and J. Wallace to visit the stations; after inserting the report of their visit and operations, the report proceeds:—

"In view of the favorable report of the Committee concerning that portion of the French Mission field known as the Wagoner settlement, and the pressing want of buildings that should serve, in one case, the double purpose of school house and place of worship, and, in the other, as a school-house only, your Board contributed \$100 towards the erection of such buildings,—\$75 for the Wagoner settlement, and \$25 for the Burton settlement.

They are happy to state that one house has been so nearly completed that religious service has been held in it, and the other is so far advanced as to be nearly ready for use."

The very successful visit of Rev. Isa. Wallace for four weeks to Argyle which has already appeared in our columns is then noticed. The report further says:—

"In order to collect funds sufficient to meet their engagements and to awaken an increased interest in Home Missions, your Board decided to hold a series of Home Missionary meetings, one at least with each church in the county of Yarmouth. * * * Great interest was manifested in the subject of Domestic Missions, and large amounts in collections and subscriptions were raised."

The action of the Board in preparing the Act of Incorporation and the proceedings in reference thereto in the House of Assembly is then detailed, with all of which our readers are familiar.

The Circular forwarded to all the churches of the Province requesting delegates to be sent to the Annual Meeting at Bridgetown is then given. The Treasurer's Report was also read, shewing that there had been collected by the Missionaries—Brethren Normanady and Wallace \$62 50, and received from all sources \$658 44. Of this \$565 25 had been expended, leaving a balance in hand of \$93 19.

The Report was adopted. Subsequently a resolution passed respectfully requesting the Associations to print it and the Minutes of the present session with their Minutes.

The list of Delegates was then read and the names of those arrived since the morning added. When it appeared that near one hundred had been sent from the following places:—

Acadia, South Yarmouth, Port Medway, Halifax, Melvern Square, Spring-

field, Pubnico, Great Village, Upper Aylesford, Digby, Little River, Digby Neck, Liverpool, Freeport, Middlefield, Beaver River, 1st Cornwallis, Port Williams, Annapolis Co., 3rd Horton, New Albany, East Dalhousie, Lower Aylesford, Caledonia, Kempt, Hantsport, Clements, 2nd Cornwallis, Nic-taux, 1st Horton, Brighton, Newport, French Mission Church, Mill Village, 1st Yarmouth, Temple Church at Yarmouth, Hebron, Ohio, Deerfield, Lake George, Tasket, Wilmot and Brookfield.

The following brethren were invited to sit with the Union:—Revds. T. C. Delong, R. D. Porter, D. W. C. Dimock, John Chase, Z. Morton, and brethren Eben. and Kelly Rose, D. Whitman, J. W. Bancroft, (Lic), U. Johnston, N. E. Patten, N. W. Hogg, D. Delong, C. D. Randall, and J. A. Durkee, (Lic.)

Some time was expended in considering the best mode of bringing up the discussion of the Union matters. Some regarded the Union as only conditionally formed, others held that it was fully formed at Berwick and held its existence independently of its being adopted by any of the Associations. It was agreed that the Circular should be read and considered as in Committee of the whole, "for the consolidation of all the Home Missionary organizations in one body, or for the continuance of separate societies, or with such modifications and improvements in either case as may be agreed upon."

Animated and interesting speeches were made by Rev. G. E. Day, Rev. W. H. Porter, Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Rev. J. W. DeBlois, Rev. J. Rowe, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Rev. James Parker.

In the Evening the Union assembled again, and resumed the discussion on a resolution moved by Rev. A. Cohoon, which was however withdrawn to make way for the resolution moved by Rev. G. E. Day and seconded by Rev. Obed Parker, which resolution was afterwards somewhat changed and modified, and was passed clause by clause, as follows:—

"Resolved, That this meeting approve the N. S. B. Home Missionary Union; with the following modifications:—

1. That the French Mission be considered a separate department of the said Union, and all gifts, bequests, etc., made to the French Mission go to that department.

2. That in the constitution of the Union the word *ordained ministers* be substituted for "Pastors" and that the professors in Acadia College and Male Teachers in Horton Academy, who are regular members of Baptist churches, be members of the Union.

3. That a Committee be appointed to present the cause of the N. S. B. Home Missionary Union to the Western, Central, and Eastern Associations, at their respective Annual meetings, and also to the N. S. Home Missionary Society, for their acceptance, or if they cannot accept the Union, pure and simple, that they would each suggest the modifications of the Constitution of the Union that would suit them.

4. And that in the latter case each Association be requested to appoint a committee of three to report at a special meeting of the Union—to be held for that purpose at Windsor at 10 a. m. on the Thursday preceding the next meeting of the Baptist Convention."

Addresses of varied interest were made in the course of the evening by Revds. G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, M. P. Freeman, Brother R. N. Beckwith, Rev. E. M. Saunders, and George Armstrong.

It was also resolved that Revds. Geo. Armstrong, Isaiah Wallace and E. M. Saunders be a Committee to present the cause of the Union to the Western, Central and Eastern Associations, also to the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society; in accordance with the above resolution.

The Union then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

President,—Rev. Dr. Cramp.
Vice Presidents,—Eastern, Rev. A. Chipman; Central, Rev. D. M. Welton; and Western, Rev. Geo. Armstrong.
Secretaries,—Rev. Joseph F. Kempton and Rev. M. P. Freeman.

The Directors are the same as last year.

It was voted that the Board be located at Yarmouth for the ensuing year.

The Board was elected the same as last year with the substitution of Dr. Randall for Rev. W. L. Parker.

It was resolved, That the next annual meeting be in connection with the Eastern Association, and that the Committee appointed to visit the Eastern Association respectfully request the Association to hold its next annual meeting as far west as they conveniently can.

The Union adjourned to meet at

Windsor on the Thursday preceding the Baptist Convention at 10 o'clock, A. M.

It is unnecessary that we should offer a word of comment in reference to the above, as it will come before the Associations, and they will be able to give it all necessary consideration.

The Home Mission work is of the utmost importance, and every church should be doing all in its power to extend the gospel to the regions beyond. As "true charity begins at home" so we must not allow the claims of distant lands to prevent our giving our best endeavours to the wants of our own.

NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This Association assembled at Bridgetown on Saturday last. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator of last year, Rev. J. H. Saunders. The letters were handed in to the Secretaries, and a list of the accredited delegates made out. During the time this was being attended to, devotional exercises were held. A large congregation filled the House. After reading the names of the delegates, the officers were elected as follows:—

Rev. W. H. Porter, Moderator.
Rev. Isa. Wallace, and Rev. W. H. Richan, Secretaries.

B. L. Telfer, Treasurer.

W. Miller, Assistant Treasurer.

The Committee of Arrangements being appointed, the Letters from the Churches were read by Revds. J. F. Kempton, John C. Morse, G. E. Day, and Joseph Murray. This occupied the whole of the morning session, and a large portion of the afternoon. The experience of the churches appear to have been varied. Several of them have received considerable accessions to their numbers.

On Sunday, Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. Dr. Tupper, and Rev. W. H. Porter, were appointed preach in the Bridgetown Baptist Meeting-house; Rev. Dr. Day, and Rev. R. D. Porter, in the Methodist Church; Rev. S. W. DeBlois, and Rev. J. C. Bleakney, in the Presbyterian Church. At churches in the neighbourhood, other ministers of the Association were appointed to preach.

The weather on Lord's Day was most delightful. Quite cool in the morning and clear bright sunshine all through the day. Large congregations assembled in all the places of worship, and earnest faithful sermons were preached with short appropriate addresses after some of them. After the evening discourses by Rev. W. H. Porter, Mr. Armstrong, one of the three young men about to proceed to Siam—all of whom were present at the Association—gave a very succinct view of the condition of the world in reference to the great want of the gospel in all lands, especially in the country whither they were expecting to proceed.

On Monday morning Rev. Dr. Day preached the Associational Sermon from Philippians iv 15. Subject, The Origin, Ministry and Characteristics of the Philippi Church. The Circular Letter was also read by the writer Rev. M. P. Freeman, on The claims of the Rising Ministry. We must defer any further reference to these matters till next week.

HIS HONOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHNSTON.

Just as we were going to press last week we saw the announcement that Judge Johnston had accepted the appointment to the Lieutenant Governorship of this province, but we had no time or space for more than a few lines, that first appeared in the *Chronicle*. Since then the press of all shades of politics has spoken approvingly of the appointment. As the old asperities were laid aside by all parties at the death of Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, so they appear to be forgotten in the appointment of his successor. His return to the province to occupy the gubernatorial chair is hailed as a fitting testimonial of the respect entertained for one who has stood prominently before the public in political and governmental life for nearly half a century. Although we may not now refer particularly to the contests in which Mr. Johnston was in former days engaged, yet we may remark that the country is doubtless largely indebted to him for its freedom from civil and religious disabilities, and in former days for preserving our School system from sectarianism and from attempts to enforce or exclude the Bible from public schools. The earlier labors of Mr. Johnston in the