

REV. HUGH STOWELL BROWN.

Many of our readers know something of Hugh Stowell Brown, the recently elected President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, whose inaugural Address we copy, in brief, from one of our London papers. We may mention for the information of others that he is the pastor of the Myrtle Street Baptist Church at Liverpool, G. B., and has been since 1847. His predecessor, the Rev. J. Lister, was a man of much ability and equal strength of character. Learned in the Scriptures, devotedly attached to the faith which he held was delivered by the Lord to the saints, and for more than forty years pastor of the church, Mr. Lister had won the admiration, trust, and love of the congregation. It was no easy task to fill the office he resigned; but, from the first, Mr. Brown's ministry was successful. In 1847 the Myrtle-street Church reported 317 members and 554 Sunday scholars, but not one mission station. In 1877 the members numbered 900, the Sunday scholars 1,850, and the mission stations 7. Year by year the work has grown and extended, making steady progress. It is the same with the help afforded to denominational societies. Myrtle-street congregation occupies a foremost place, and has done so for many years, in the record of nearly every good work. In Liverpool his name is a household word. Every man knows him. Mr. Brown's Sunday afternoon lectures to "the common people" won for him the ears and the hearts of tens of thousands. As a lecturer to men he at once made his mark. Crowded meetings hung upon his lips. His "plain talk" on such subjects as "Five Shillings and Costs"—went straight to the mark, and stuck there. And still, whether at the lecture table, or on the platform, or in the pulpit, Hugh Stowell Brown is sure of the heartiest of welcomes.

Strangers who are in Liverpool on a Sunday generally try and hear Mr. Brown. We see by the last *Presbyterian Witness* that Rev. John Forrest of this city did so. He writes:

"In the evening I managed to hear two Liverpool ministers, H. Stowell Brown, a prominent Baptist, and Mr. Lefroy, a parish minister. I was much pleased with both services. Brown's Church is a plain building, almost square. The sermon was just a good earnest exposition of the truth contained in the text, 'I am the good Shepherd,' and concluded with a very pointed appeal on behalf of the Sabbath-schools of the congregation.

The music, or rather the hearty congregational singing, in both churches was very fine. The organist seemed to aim at giving the air clearly and distinctly without drowning it in a thunder-storm of bass or a whirlwind of variations. The aim seemed to be to lead the singing and not to show the power of the organ or the skill of the organist. Used in this way an organ is a great help."

TO OUR POLITICIANS.—Perhaps the gentlemen aspiring to represent their fellow-citizens in Parliament—Dominion and Local—are not aware that one of the best ways of reaching the constituencies at their homes, where they think about such matters, is to advertise their Election Cards in the *Christian Messenger*—if prepaid, so much the better. We have a large number of the best Electors on both sides in all the counties of the Province, on our list of subscribers. We should not be surprised to find that the gentlemen who take this means of addressing their friends come in with large majorities in their favor whenever the elections shall take place. Success to the best men!

It is not often that Baptist ministers are troubled by becoming heirs to large estates. But we find that there is good reason to believe that the Rev. James Trimble, who has resided in New Brunswick till within two or three years, has learned that by the death of a relative in Ireland he is one of the heirs to a large property there. The *Calais (Me.) Times* says:—

"Several months since we gave some facts in connection with the great estate in Ireland, to which Rev. James Trimble and his two sisters are largely entitled as heirs; also of the progress of the legal proceedings which are to restore them their rights. We have just received further information which the numerous friends of Mr. Trimble will be glad to learn.

The *Dublin Advertiser*, of a recent date, states that the counsel for the heirs of the McSwain estate has notified the defence that he will settle the claims for \$900,000; \$450,000 for his cousin, Rev. James Trimble and his two sisters, residents of Maine, and the same amount for Hon. E. McSwain and sisters, of Belfast, Ireland. The offer made

by the defence ten months ago to pay £40,000 sterling to Mr. Trimble, and £10,000 sterling to each of his sisters has been refused, and the prospect is that the heirs will get at least a third more than this offer. If the demand for \$450,000 is not complied with, legal proceedings will be resumed on the meeting of the Court in September next. Many would prefer to take the \$300,000 bird in the hand; but as Mr. Trimble is sure of that at any time, nothing is lost by trying to obtain the \$450,000 of which he is reasonably certain."

The Visitor says:—"Last Sabbath we" (probably not the literal we) "spent in St. Stephen and heard the pastor, Rev. J. F. Eaton, preach a timely sermon on the necessity of rendering to God the glory due to Him, and in the evening we addressed the people of our old charge. The congregations were excellent on both occasions, and evidences of growth in our Zion there are marked. Eleven have lately been baptized and added unto the church, with three others by experience. This accession has been the source of much encouragement to pastor and church.

Ten years ago the Baptists had no Church or Sunday-School in the City. Thanks to God and his blessing upon the gifts of benevolent brethren, we have now much of material and spiritual prosperity to be grateful for.

In Calais our Baptist Church has enjoyed a very prosperous year, and about forty have been baptized or are awaiting baptism.

The Milltown Church has been pastorless since the resignation of Rev. R. D. Porter. They are seeking one to be an under shepherd of the flock, and we hope soon to be supplied. Bro. Porter, since the close of his College agency, has been residing in Calais, and some good church will be fortunate in securing his services."

At the fourteenth Annual Conference of persons connected with the Pastors' College recently held in the Metropolitan Tabernacle (Mr. Spurgeon); the Rev. J. Rogers, a teacher in that institution said he was sure the college was a good thing, because it did everybody good who was connected with it. He did not think Mr. Spurgeon would have been so good a preacher if it had not been for the college. It had brought the science and art of preaching so much under his notice, and he had to preach to preachers as well as to hearers; and where would have been those "Lectures to Students" for the benefit of multitudes but for the college? It was surprising that from so small a source such wonderful results had come.

Several addresses followed, by old and present students, and Mr. W. L. Johnson, who was for twenty-eight years a slave in the United States, and is now being trained for a missionary to Africa, sang, with his brother, an interesting original song concerning his future mission.

Mr. Spurgeon, in a brief characteristic address, brought the proceedings to a close. He protested against that departure from the primitive faith which seemed involved in modern thought, and hoped with the same simple Gospel similar glorious result would follow from the preaching of the students of the college. He mentioned that during the existence of the College nearly 50,000 members had been added to the church membership under the pastorates of college students.

At the supper which followed the total contributions amounted to upwards of £1,500, which it was hoped would be increased by friends unable to be present. The expenditure of the past year is set forth in the report as £7,062, 14s. 8d., and there is a balance of £2,038 18s. 1d., in hand.

At a recent session of the London Baptist Association the Rev. Charles Stanford spoke upon the proper standard of success in the gospel ministry, and shewed that the number of members received into a church at any one time was not the only or best proof of real success. In doing this he referred to a conversation which occurred between two brethren in Yorkshire as follows:—

"How are you getting on at your church? Much success?" Ah, no; the last year but one we added sixteen, this year we have only added one." "Well, what is that one?" "I forget." "Turn then to the church books and look." The man turns and looks, and reads the name of Robert Moffatt. "Why," was the reply, "talk about adding one; you have added generations; in that one you have added an army; and all this while you have been breaking your pastor's heart, robbing him of his sleep and presence of mind, and of

his power to work by the dismal tolling of that statistical complaint—only one." Did they know what they rang the bells of heaven for? It was a great success. The joy over one; and (continued the speaker), recollect this: sometimes the true success does not come within the range of our knowledge. Have you ever thought of the connection of Pentecost with Zacharias and Elizabeth? Who preached the sermon that, under God, converted 3,000 souls? It was Peter; and who converted Peter? His brother Andrew. And who converted Andrew? John the Baptist, by pointing to Jesus and saying, "Behold the Lamb of God." And who converted John? Zacharias and Elizabeth when he was yet a child; for when one is old enough to be a child he is old enough to turn to God. They walked, these two, in all the commandments of the Lord blameless; and there was one ordinance which we may be quite sure they did not neglect—set forth in the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy—that of parental teaching. And these 3,000 souls become in their turn 3,000 centres of similar impulse. Let us avoid the snare of modern statistics in estimating success. The greater elements cannot be presently and outwardly seen. Tell your minister, when his heart is desponding that he is a successful man, as sure as he speaks the word of God and commits it to His blessing, for that word should not return unto him void, but it should accomplish that which God pleases and should prosper in the things whereto he sent it. You will encourage your pastor, and we should encourage one another if everyone does his own work for which God has qualified him and to which God has called him according to the gifts and opportunities given. Conversion is not the stopping point, but the beginning. The convert is brought into the church for education and service. Let them tell out the Gospel in all the ways they could, but when they had told to the utmost, that was not enough. They needed the power of the Holy Ghost. Mere talking would not convert the soul. Could they by speaking give life to a stone; God calls souls in sin stones. How could they make a stone think, feel, love, obey? Take it into the bright sunshine. It is still a stone. Dip it in sparkling waters; it is still a stone. Bring it up into the garden and let tremulous bells of beauty wave around it; it is still a stone. Smash it to pieces, and in every splinter it is still a stone. Only God can work the miracle of changing the heart of stone into a heart of flesh.

The Church of England Synod was in session from Tuesday to Thursday last at St. Luke's—earlier than usual to allow Bishop Binney to go home to England to attend the Conference at Lumbith in July. It was attended by sixty-one clergymen from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and upwards of fifty lay representatives. No matters of any great public interest were under discussion. A public Missionary meeting was held on Tuesday and appropriate speeches were made by a number of clergymen. The collection amounted to \$35.

Professor C. F. Hartt.

In the Rio de Janeiro newspapers received by last mail, the death is announced of Professor C. F. Hartt, an American geologist and paleontologist, who had achieved a wide reputation for his researches in various provinces of Brazil. The work by which he is best known, is a volume published in the United States in 1868, on the geology and physical geography of Brazil. He was a pupil of Agassiz, the continuation of whose investigations was the object of his first voyage to the Amazon in 1865. On a subsequent journey he made the important discovery, of rocks of the carboniferous period, rich in fossils, on the southern borders of the Amazon basin; and made a series of observations on tertiary deposits which enabled him to expose the error of Agassiz's monstrous theory of a glacial period in Equatorial South America. On his fourth visit to Brazil in 1874 he was engaged to make a geological survey of the southern provinces of the Empire, and had accumulated immense material in this inquiry when he was struck down by yellow fever at Rio on the 19th of March.—*London Athenaeum*, Apr. 20.

Notices.

N. S. WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The delegates and friends who contemplate attending the N. S. Western Association will please give notice of the same to either of the subscribers at Middleton on or before the 5th of June, and state if coming with their own private teams or by rail. Due notice will be given by the Managing Committee through the *Christian Messenger* of their location.

By Order of Managing Committee, JONATHAN WOODBURY, SAMUEL ROOP.

Anniversary of Acadia College and Semi-Centennial Celebration.

June 5th and 6th.

The Governors of the College will meet on Tuesday evening, June 4. Examination of classes in the Academic department during the day, Tuesday, and the forenoon of Wednesday. Public exercises connected with graduation in that department Wednesday afternoon.

Business meeting of the Associated Alumni Wednesday at 4 o'clock. Oration before the Alumni Wednesday evening, by Rev. C. H. Corey, A. M., of Richmond Va.

The commemorative exercises of the Semi-Centennial will be held in the Baptist Church on Thursday. Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D., will give an address on The Development of Education in connection with Acadia College. Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., will present a Review of the Religious History of the Institutions at Wolfville.

Biographical notices of Alumni and former students will be communicated by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock. Rev. S. W. De Blois, B. H. Eaton, Esq., and H. C. Creed Esq. At the close of these exercises the graduating Class of the College will receive their degrees and the Annual Prizes will be awarded.

The Alumni with invited guests will dine together in the afternoon. After dinner the time will be given to impromptu addresses and reminiscences and the consideration of plans for the further development of our educational institutions.

The Secretary of the Executive Committee sent notes of invitation to former students, so far as he could learn their address. The imperfections of the lists and the frequent changes of residence make it impossible to reach all in this way. It should be understood that the Committee desire that, as far as possible all who have been students in the College or Academy, should be present at the approaching Anniversary.

A. W. SAWYER.

Wolfville May 17th 1878.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES.

THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION will be held with the Pine Grove Baptist Church, Middleton, Annapolis County, commencing on Saturday, June 15th, at 10, A. M.

THE N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION will be held with the 1st Cornwallis, (Canard) Baptist Church, commencing on Saturday, the 22nd day of June, at 10, A. M.

THE N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION will be held with the Amherst Baptist Church, commencing on Saturday, July 13th, at 10, A. M.

THE N. S. HOME MISSIONARY UNION will hold its Sixth Anniversary with the Baptist Church, at Canard, Cornwallis, on Friday, the 21st day of June, commencing at 10, A. M.

THE N. B. WESTERN ASSOCIATION will be held with the Baptist Church at Keswick, commencing on Tuesday, the 25th of June, at 2.30 p. m.

THE N. B. EASTERN ASSOCIATION will be held with 1st Baptist Church at St. Martins, commencing on Tuesday, July 9th, at 2, P. M.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the Hall of the temporary College Building on Tuesday, June 4th, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS,

Secretary.

Wolfville, May 18th, 1878.

RECEIVED FOR HOME MISSIONS.

From Mrs. George Sanderson,	
1st Yarmouth Church.....	\$ 1 00
" Mrs. John Churchill, do.....	1 00
" Miss Bessie Robbins, do.....	1 00
" Bap. Church, River John,	
Pictou Co.....	15 00
" Miss Bessie Robbins, Salem,	
Yarmouth.....	1 00
" Bap. Church, Forest Glen,	
Yarmouth Co.....	25 00
" L. C. Vickery, Yar. Co.....	3 85
" Mrs. Hannah Crosby, do.....	1 00
" Miss Maggie Haley, Salem,	
Yarmouth.....	1 00
" Bap. Church, Weymouth	
per Rev. J. W. Bancroft.....	8 75
" Mrs. M. O. Sterrit, 1st Yar.	
Church.....	5 00
" Bap. Church, Pubnico, per	
Deacon J. F. Larkin.....	3 43
" Abram Killam, 1st Yar.	
Church.....	2 00
" Mrs. S. A. Smith, do.....	1 00
J. C. ANDERSON,	
Treas. H. M. B.	
Yarmouth, May 14th, 1878.	

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Windsor—Miss S. Shand.....	\$29 50
Falmouth—Miss Young.....	7 25
" Master J. W. Young.....	1 00
For Indian Relief Fund.....	1 00
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.	
Halifax, May 21, 1878.	

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The annual business meeting will be held in Vestry of the Baptist Church at Wolfville on Wednesday the 5th of June next at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Alumni Oration will be delivered on Wednesday evening June 5th, at 7 1/2 o'clock in the Baptist Church Wolfville by Rev. Charles H. Corey M. A. President of the Richmond Institute, Virginia. Admission 15 cents.

The Alumni Dinner will take place on Thursday, June 6th, immediately after the close of the Anniversary proceedings.

B. H. EATON,
Secretary A. A. A. C.
Halifax, May 21, 1878.

NOTICE.

Brethren and friends who intend coming to the Annual Meeting of the Home Missionary Union, and the Central Association, will please send in their names to Otis Eaton, Clerk of the Church, or to the pastor S. B. Kempton, Canard, as soon as they can conveniently. State whether coming by train or otherwise; and what day they will be likely to arrive. Kentville is the nearest Railroad Station to the place of meeting.

By order of the Church,
S. B. KEMPTON, Pastor.

Canard, May 18th, 1878.

"Vox Populi" next week.

Letters Received.

Thos. Ryer, \$2.50. Jas. E. Potter (omitted before) \$4.00. A. P. Shand, \$65. Rev. M. Ross, 1 sub. Rev. Jas. A. Stubbart, \$2. T. M. King, Esq., \$16.50. C. C. Burgess, \$1. N. R. Westcott, \$1, 1 sub. W. H. Haines, \$2.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



MAIL CONTRACT.

TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa, until noon on FRIDAY, the 28th June, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, six times per week each way, between

Newport and Newport Station, under a proposed Contract for four years, from the 1st OCTOBER next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Newport and Newport Station, or at the office of the Subscriber.

F. M. PASSOW,
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Halifax, 17th May, 1878.

POST OFFICE,

HALIFAX, N. S., 18th May, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMMENCING from the 25th instant, the Mails for GAY'S RIVER, MIDDLE and UPPER MUSQUODBOIT and MEAGHER'S GRANT will close at this office on the mornings of TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, instead of Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as heretofore.

H. W. BLACKADAR,
May 20. 31. Postmaster.

TENDERS.

THE Governors of Acadia College are prepared to receive tenders for the erection of a College Building on their grounds at Wolfville, and also for the erection of a building for a Ladies' Seminary—both to be of wood.

Tenders should be addressed to the Governors of Acadia College, Wolfville, N. S., and each marked "Tender" on the envelope. They must be presented not later than the

THIRD OF JUNE NEXT.

Plans and specifications of both buildings can be seen at the College, Wolfville, on and after Wednesday, the 22nd inst., where all necessary information will be communicated. The plans and specifications of the College Building may be seen also at the office of Dumaresq & Wicken, Architects, St. John, N. B., and the plans and specifications of the Ladies' Seminary may be seen at the office of Andrew Dewar, Esq., Architect, Halifax.

The party to whom a contract for the erection of either or both buildings may be awarded, will be required to furnish two sufficient bondsmen.

The Governors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order of Executive Committee,
A. W. SAWYER.

Wolfville, May 16, 1878. May 22.

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