

as vivid as the baptized believer's consciousness of the surrounding water. But the baptism of the Holy Ghost is an immersion in God, much more sensible than the preceding, as an immersion in fire would be more keenly felt than one in water.

Air has a cleansing power; it is still better to wash with water; but fire penetrates to the center, and consumes everything inferior and impure. The baptism of the Holy Spirit fulfils the prophecy of Malachi, "He is like a refiner's fire."

The baptism of fire must be such a close and intimate contact of the holy God with the inner man, as to light up its dark secrets and burn out its uncleanness. We shall know when we receive that baptism by the closer self-examination on which it will set us, and the more thorough repentance and reform to which it will incite us.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is a baptism of power. Fire suggests the idea of power in the highest degree. The fuel which is set on fire becomes itself a power.

The soul which receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit is immersed in the fire of the divine nature, and so set on fire itself. God is not cold and dull and dead, as we are. God is love, infinite affection. He has unbounded enthusiasm for the advancement of his own blessed cause: Christ's zeal was consuming. Yes, God is on fire; he is the burning sun of which the blazing orb in our firmament is the natural and fitting symbol.

What, then, must be the effect of plunging a soul into this infinite conflagration of love and zeal and enthusiasm, but to heat it red hot and to set it on fire in turn? It, too, becomes a power. It becomes like the seraphim above, whose name signifies the burning ones. Or like John the Baptist, that "burning and shining light." Or like the apostles, who from the day of Pentecost were men on fire. Or like Luther and Whitefield and Judson, of whose wonderful careers there is no other explanation than that they had received this fiery immersion into God.

The following letter from England's Premier to the wife of the stricken President of the United States is a piece of the silver lining to the dark cloud which has been permitted to fall on our neighboring nation:

Hon. Mr. Gladstone's letter to Mrs. Garfield:

LONDON, July 21.
Dear Madam,—You will, I am sure, excuse me, though personally a stranger, for addressing you by letter, to convey to you the assurance of my own feelings and those of my countrymen on the occasion of the late horrible attempt to murder the President of the United States, in a form more palpable at least than that of the messages conveyed by telegraph. These feelings have been feelings in the first instance of sympathy, and afterwards, of joy and thankfulness, almost comparable with, and I venture to say only second to, the strong emotions of the great nation of which he is the appointed head. Individually I have, let me beg you to believe, had my full share in the sentiments which have possessed the British nation. They have been prompted and quickened largely by what I venture to think is an ever growing sense of harmony and mutual respect and affection between the two countries, and of the relationship which from year to year becomes more and more a practical bond of union between us. But they have also drawn much of their strength from cordial admiration of the simple heroism which has marked the personal conduct of the President, for we have not yet wholly lost the capacity of appreciating such an example of Christian faith and manly fortitude. This exemplary picture has been made complete by your own contribution to its noble and touching features, on which I only forbear to dwell because I am directly addressing you. I beg to have my respectful compliments and congratulations conveyed to the President, and to remain,
Dear madam,
With great esteem,
Your most faithful servant,
W. E. GLADSTONE.

Mr. Blaine telegraphed Mr. Lowell as follows:—
I have laid before Mrs. Garfield the note of Mr. Gladstone just received. I am requested by her to say that among the many thousand manifestations of interest and expressions of sympathy which have reached her, none has more deeply touched her heart than the kind words of Mr. Gladstone. His own solicitude and condolence are received with gratitude, but far beyond this she recognizes that Mr. Gladstone rightfully speaks for the people of the British Isles, whose sympathy in this national and personal affliction has been as quick and sincere as that of her own countrymen. Her chief pleasure in Mr. Gladstone's cordial letter is found in the comfort which it brings to her husband. The President is cheered and solaced on his painful and weary way to health, by the many messages of sympathy which in his returning strength he safely receives and most gratefully appreciates.

We enjoyed tropical weather in Halifax on Sunday and Monday last. Thermometer in the nineties in several places.

Referring to the address of the Rev. E. M. Saunders at the P. E. Island Association, the Editor of the *Visitor*, who had left before the address was given, says:—

"According to Brother Saunders the Board are to be held responsible for not sending Bro. Boggs back to India, that hard thing said and done by the Board are the causes of Mr. Armstrong's resignation, and that he should be sent back to India—that Miss Hammond had not the ability to manage the Schools which Mrs. A. left. That the Board were to be blamed for sending out a man so limited in culture as Bro. Hutchinson."

The above is far from a fair representation of the Address of Mr. Saunders. Had the Editor of the *Visitor* been present, he would not have so interpreted the speech. Mr. S. did not recount the well known facts of Mr. Boggs's experience with the Board and Convention, and stated that a mistake was made in not sending Brother Boggs back to India; but Mr. S. did not fix the blame anywhere.

He said that there was trouble between the Board and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong—trouble which had resulted in separation; but he abstained from fixing the blame on any person. He urged all to labor and pray that a reconciliation might take place, and that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong might return to India under our Board. He said he belonged to one of the executive Boards of the Convention himself, and he urged all after Rev. G. D. Macdonald's speech to have confidence in the F. M. Board.

He spoke in the highest terms of Miss Hammond and said that no young lady could have done better than she had done. And that it was impossible for her to carry on the school left by the Armstrongs. He also spoke in terms of highest praise of Mr. Hutchins on and assured him whether he went out after the Convention, or in the more distant future, he would have his sympathy and support. But he stated that, in his opinion, as Bro. Hutchinson had only completed his second year in College, and as he had not had any theological training or experience as a pastor, it would be better for him to have more experience and more training before he goes to India. Mr. S. stated that the American Board would not send missionaries at this stage of attainment and experience. The above, we think, is a fair and impartial representation of what Bro. Saunders said.

Going to the Convention. See the notice in another column. The condition of the Steamer going to Digby on Friday, is, that there shall be fifty delegates. All should try and go on Friday.

The congregation of the Jewish Rabbi, Dr. Kohlers, in New York has adopted Sunday as their Sabbath. This is strongly opposed by many other Jews as threatening the very existence of Judaism.

The British Methodist Conference consists of between eleven and twelve hundred persons—upwards of 900 ministers and 240 laymen.

The Grafton Street Sabbath School Rooms in this city have been enlarged and greatly improved in the interior arrangements.

DEAN STANLEY'S FUNERAL took place on Monday the 25th, at Westminster Abbey. The Prince of Wales was present, and other members of the royal family were specially represented. The coffin and the room in which it was placed pending the funeral were decorated with wreaths and crosses of the choicest flowers, including a wreath of roses sent by the Queen, with a note in her own handwriting bearing the words, "A mark of sincere affection and high esteem from Victoria." There were also wreaths from well-known Americans in London. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided at the grave. Many persons present were deeply affected.

REV. DR. CASTLE will accept our thanks for a copy of the Prospectus of the Toronto Baptist College, McMaster Hall 1881-1882. It is a respectable pamphlet of 34 pages. It shows the aim and scope of this new Institution, gives the list of Trustees, Boards of Governors and Faculty, courses of instruction and various other matters concerning this rising 'school of the prophets.' With harmonious co-operation among the upper province brethren they have here a fine prospect of a wide field of usefulness. We heartily congratulate our Baptist friends on the

grand facilities here presented of securing a course of Theological training such as they have long needed for the future ministry of the churches.

McALPINE'S HALIFAX DIRECTORY, 1881-82, is just out with all the required correction and improvements. It has become an essential to the desk of every business man. Better get a copy at once, you know not how soon you may require it.

We have received a report of the 24th International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations, and the Year Book for 1881-82. It is a book of 250 pages, and contains a report of the Convention held in Cleveland, with the address of Rev. John A. Broadus, D. D., on "The study of the Bible by books with illustrations;" papers and addresses on all phases of Christian Association work; the report of the International Committee and its agents, giving the details of work among railroad men, in Colleges, among Germans, commercial travellers, colored young men, and at the West and South; the reports of seven hundred American Associations, and eight hundred Associations in Europe and other parts of the world. Also a list of Secretaries, buildings, libraries, &c., &c. The Associations now own buildings free of debt to the value of \$2,022,334, and building funds and other property to the value \$553,469 additional, a large increase on last year. 210 men are now employed as Secretaries or Assistants, an increase of 32 during the year. The book gives in a very compact form a report of what Associations all over the world are doing for young men. The price of it is 50 cts, post paid, and can be had of R. C. Morse 23rd Street and 4th Avenue, New York.

The Baptist Review, July, August, September, 1881, has the following list of articles:

- I.—The Natural Headship of Adam. By Rev. Philip S. Moxom.
- II.—The Apocalypse—its authorship and its date. By D. W. Phillips, D. D.
- III.—The Baptism of Fire. By Rev. C. E. Smith.
- IV.—The moral and Spiritual Elements of the Atonement. By Rev. George B. Stevens.
- V.—The Mother of God. By C. E. W. Dobbs.
- VI.—A study of the Inquisition. By Rev. J. C. Fernald.
- VII.—The place of Preaching in the Plan of God. By Rev. J. M. Taylor.
- VIII.—Fasting as a religious exercise—its Place and Purpose. By Rev. P. A. Nordell.

Books—Reviews and Notices.

The first article in the *Review* on "the natural headship of Adam," is a very able paper, giving the results of that headship in reference to sin, the will, and personal responsibility. The idea of the natural holiness of the children of believers is cut down root and branch. The following sentences will perhaps convey the gist of the argument:

"If a determination of the nature away from God is propagable, so also is a determination of the nature toward God; and we ought to have a race congenitally Christian. It is but an evasion to say, as Augustine substantially does, that, though Christians are regenerate, they propagate as sinners. It is not true to say that, because the language of Scripture the Christian has both a 'new man' and 'old man,' therefore Augustine's assumption is sound. If sin has his sole *nidus* in the physical nature, and is wholly sensuous, then propagation must, of necessity, perpetuate depravity. But man is not a duality after he becomes a Christian. He is not two, but one. He is a single personality; and the language which seems to ascribe to him a duality of being is but an accommodation of human speech, to represent, as clearly and vividly as possible, the complex experience through which man passes in his spiritual development."

The article on the "Elements of the Atonement" is a clear confutation of Universalism. Each article is good and well worth careful perusal.

Notices.

Baptist Convention.

The next session of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces will be held with the First Baptist Church of Yarmouth, N. S., commencing on Saturday, August 20th, 1881, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Constitution provides that each church, connected with any of the Associations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and contributing annually toward the objects of the Convention, shall be entitled to send one of its members to represent it at any meeting of the Convention, and an additional delegate for every twenty dollars contributed to those objects during the year; but no church is

entitled to send more than five delegates. Forms for returns have been sent to the churches. Should any fail to receive them, copies can be supplied by the Secretary.

Pastors and clerks are requested to attend to the appointment of delegates and forwarding of Returns, so that the list of members of Convention may be ready at opening of the session.

E. M. KEIRSTEAD,
Secretary of Convention.
Windsor, N. S., July 22, 1881.

Clergymen, delegates and others proposing to attend the Convention will please notify the undersigned at their earliest convenience, and not later than August 10th.

Please answer the following questions:
When do you propose to arrive?
Will you come in your own carriage or by Rail?
Have you accepted an invitation from friends here?

The Committee on travelling arrangements are authorized to announce that Delegates coming to the Convention by the following lines, paying one full first class fare will receive return tickets *gratis*, except the Extra trip on the *Empress* on Friday the 19th.

By steamer *Edgar Stuart* from Halifax.

By steamer *Dominion* which will remain in St. John until the arrival of the Intercolonial train on Friday evening, Aug. 19th. Passengers by this boat will reach Yarmouth on Saturday morning about 7 o'clock.

By the Intercolonial Railway.

By the St. John, Maine, New Brunswick and Albert Railway.

By the Windsor and Annapolis Railway.

By the Western Counties Railway.

By the Union Line of Steamers running daily to and from Fredericton, and three times per week to and from Digby and Annapolis. One of these steamers leaves St. John, Friday morning at 8 o'clock for Digby, thence to Annapolis. The managers of this line have kindly consented to run an extra trip from Annapolis to Digby on Friday, the 19th, in order to make a through travel from Halifax and intermediate Stations to Yarmouth on that day, the Western Counties Railway awaiting the arrival of steamer at Digby.

These arrangements offer extra inducements by way of rapid transit and low fare to secure a large attendance.

The International Steamship Co. will carry ministers and College Professors only, with their wives, at one full first-class fare.

P. E. Island arrangements will be attended to by Bro. M. G. McLeod.

THOMAS B. CROSSBY,
For the Committee.

Yarmouth, Aug. 1st, 1881.

The following provisional arrangement has been made for the exercises of the next session of the Baptist Convention to be held at Yarmouth, Aug. 20th to 23rd, 1881:

Saturday morning Session.—Opening and organizing. Report of Committee of Arrangements. Report of Committee on the state of Religion in the Denomination. Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Afternoon Session.—Annual Report of Foreign Missionary Board, and consideration of the same.

Evening Session.—Foreign Missionary Meeting.

Lord's Day.—Convention Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hopper, A. M., or Rev. W. A. Corey.

Monday morning Session.—Annual Report of Home Mission Board and consideration of the same. Report of Board of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund.

Afternoon Session.—Report of Finance Committee of Convention and discussion of the Report. Report of Ministerial Education Board. Report on Ordination.

Evening Session.—Home Missionary Meeting.

Tuesday morning Session.—Annual Report of Board of Governors of Acadia College, Horton Academy, and Acadia Seminary, consideration of this Report.

Afternoon Session.—General and unfinished business.

Evening Session.—Educational Meeting.

The Secretaries will be at the place of meeting from 9 to 10 o'clock, a. m., on Saturday, to receive the names of those who wish to be enrolled as members of Convention "in their own right."

E. M. KEIRSTEAD,
For Committee of Arrangements.
Windsor, N. S., July 30, 1881.

PALMOUTH, HANTS COUNTY.

The Hants County Board of Home Missions met here on 26th ult. Six ministers and a number of laymen were present. Plans of sermons were submitted by Revs. A. W. Jordan, Isaiah Wallace, and E. Whitman. Mr. Whitman read a brilliant paper on "The Mission of the Pulpit." He also preached in the evening. The next meeting is to be held at Summerville in September. The Reports from the churches show a falling off in the total amount contributed by the county.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE

N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will be held at Upper Aylesford, Kings County on Thursday, the 22nd day of September next. Morning session opens at 10 o'clock, a. m. It is very desirable that members and delegates should be present at opening of morning session. If any of the Sabbath Schools in the Central Association have not received the Minutes of the last Convention and Blank returns—they will please let me know at once, that I may forward them. A list of subjects, &c. will be printed in the *Messenger* at an early day.

HENRY LOVETT,
Sec'y S. S. Convention of the N. S. Central Baptist Association.
Kentville, July 16th, 1881.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The New Baptist Church at Debert River, Londonderry, will be opened for Divine service on Lord's Day, Aug. 7th. Ministering brethren who can favor us with their presence on that occasion are cordially invited.

RICHARD McCULLY, Clerk.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.

Deerfield Church.....\$16 00
Bridgewater Church.....7 00
Treasurer Eastern Association.....226 54
Brookfield, Queens Co.....14 25
Beulah Church, Amherst.....3 25
First Yarmouth Church, balance. 25 00
Amherst Church, instalment.....187 00

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G. E. DAY.

Yarmouth, July 28, 1881.

P. S.—We sincerely hope that the churches will send forward at an early date their contributions to the Convention Fund.

G. E. D.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY AT KENTVILLE.

Sister Armstrong (Returned Missionary) organized a W. M. A. Society at Kentville, on Wednesday, 20th July, 1881, giving a very interesting address, and shewing the amount of means already contributed by these societies—the only way the poor heathen women could be reached, and some of her own experience on the field.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

President—Mrs. Geo. Armstrong.

Secretary—Mrs. A. S. Stevens.

Meeting held on Wednesday of every week at 4 o'clock, P. M.

MARY STEVENS, Sec'y.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Mrs. Oliver Cogswell, Aylesford, per Rev. J. L. Read.....\$1 00
Indian Harbour—Miss Maggie Covey.....3 00
Wolfville—Miss Barnes.....22 10
Melvern Square—Mrs. Hall.....5 00
Canard—Mrs. Kempton.....5 00
Also, May 17, from Mrs. Kempton, (omitted).....15 00
M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer.
Halifax, Aug. 2, 1881.

FOREIGN MISSION TREASURY.

The following sums have been received since my report of July 20: Annual contribution of Dea. J. H. Fowler, Havelock, N. B., \$2; Convention Funds per Rev. G. E. Day, Fin. Com. for N. S., \$74.18; N. S. Central Board W. M. A. S., per Mrs. M. R. Selden, \$203.12.

I desire also to correct an error made in my report of 20th July, in which \$194.60 appeared to the credit of the N. S. Central Board of W. M. A. S. instead of being credited to the N. B. Central Board. The total sum received from the N. B. Board, through Mrs. Allwood, Treasurer, during the current fiscal year has been \$536.60, and during the same period from the N. S. Central Board \$776.28.

W. P. EVERETT,
Sec'y-Treas. F. M. Board.

St. John, N. B., July 29, 1881.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors at Yarmouth, on Friday 19th inst., at 9.30, A. M.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec'y.

Wolfville, Aug. 1st, 1881.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. E. M. Saunders. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Bible studies on Friday evenings at 7.30.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Pastor Rev. E. J. Grant.