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OUR BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

The following resolution is forwarded by the Secretary of the N. S. Central Baptist Association with a request for its publication. He says:

NEW GERMANY, July 25, 1884.

Dear Editor,—

Inclosed please find a resolution brought before the Association by Rev. T. A. Higgins. I thought that perhaps it would be well to have it published in the MESSENGER, so that all who read may see it now. Only a few read the Year Book.

Yours, &c., M. W. BROWN.

Whereas, The field of our operations in Christian work is rapidly enlarging, and the calls for help becoming daily louder,

And whereas, All our Boards are straitened and hampered for the want of funds, even to sustain the work of the Lord in its present state of efficiency,

And whereas, the majority of our people have not as yet recognized their obligations to God, so far as worldly property is concerned,

Therefore Resolved, That this Association hereby recommend the pastors and officers of the churches of which it is composed to adopt some practical means of arousing a greater spirit of benevolence among the individual members of our congregations.

And that we know of no safer or better rule in this matter than what is found in the law of the Lord, as revealed in the Old Testament, which enjoined at least one-tenth of all increase to be devoted to His service. Although in the New Testament that law is not positively enjoined, yet inasmuch as the Gospel, as a revelation, is in advance of the law, more beneficial to the world at large, and designed by its Divine author to be spread abroad till it fill and cover the earth, our benevolent contributions, through which this increase must come, instead of falling below the standard named in the Law, ought rather to go beyond. One-tenth of all increase is hereby recommended to our people as a means to bring forth temporal and spiritual prosperity.

FROM INDIA.

The following interesting item came to us on Monday morning by Postal Card:

BIMLIPITAM.—Dear Brother,—Quite recently we had the joy of welcoming two others to baptism and church fellowship. The Lord is granting us from time to time, tokens of His Spirit's presence and power. Pray that the work may prosper gloriously.

The good tidings from churches in our native land is very refreshing. Praise the Lord! May He continue to build up Zion!

Yours sincerely, R. SANFORD. June 20th, 1884.

The following is from another Postal Card to the Secretary of the N. S. Central Board of the W. M. A. Societies:

BIMLIPITAM, INDIA, June 20, 1884. The "Box" arrived at this Port in safety on Sunday 15th inst., and was forwarded to Bobbili on Monday 16th. It arrived at Madras on the 12th of May, and was there nearly a month before reshipment to this Port. A necessary delay of 12 or 15 days occurred in the passage of the Bill of Lading from Madras to Bobbili and return. Besides that the Agents of the "Clan Line" in Madras appear to have delayed unnecessarily in sending the box along. However it has come, and is very thankfully received, I am not able to write anything respecting the contents as yet.

Yours sincerely, R. SANFORD.

THE TASK THAT PARALYZED THE EDITOR.—"How glorious it is to be engaged in a purely intellectual occupation?" murmured a Boston maiden, gazing rapturously into the admiring eyes of a country editor; your own mental faculties for tools, and the whole universe for a workshop. Now tell me," she added, "what do you find the most difficult thing connected with your noble profession?" "Paying the hands," said the editor.—Philadelphia Call.

That editor is not alone. Others have experienced similar difficulties. If every reader in arrears would take this into serious consideration, he might help to remove said difficulty.

N. B. BAPTIST SEMINARY.

At the meeting of the Union Baptist Education Society, held in St. John on the 31st. ult., the question of locating the proposed new buildings was fully discussed. The resolution fixing upon St. John as the place, which was adopted some time ago, was reconsidered in order to open up the whole question. The claims of Sussex and of St. Martins respectively were strongly advocated by several speakers, each being backed up by a list of subscriptions to the funds, given for the most part on condition that the Seminary should be located where subscribers wished it to be. Sussex offered \$10,000 and a site of four or five acres. St. Martins offered some \$7000. Other speakers claimed that St. John possessed several advantages over any other place. A vote was taken on a motion that St. John be the place of location. This was negatived by 22 to 18. The conclusion reached was that a committee of disinterested persons be appointed to examine into the suitability of the several localities named, the amount to be raised in each, and the future prospect of support in each, to be reported at a future meeting of the society.

Hon. A. F. Randolph of Fredericton, J. S. Leighton, M. P. P., of Woodstock, and B. L. Palmer, Esq., of Hampstead, were appointed as the committee.

The Society is to be called together not later than six weeks.

POLITICAL parties are busy in Halifax over the election occasioned by the Hon. Mr. Fielding having accepted the office of Provincial Secretary.

The Liberal Conservatives at their Convention on Thursday last, unanimously nominated John Y. Payzant, Esq., of Dartmouth, to contest the county with Mr. Fielding. The polling will take place on the 20th inst.

THE CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY we are informed is making rapid progress westward. There are 13,000 men at work north of Lake Superior, and every mile in this section is now covered. The rails will be laid through from Sunbury Junction to Port Arthur by the first of May, and traffic will be regularly carried on from the first of next July. This will give an all rail route from St. John and Halifax to the summit of the Rocky Mountains in less than a year from date. In the Rocky Mountains there are now 4,000 men at work, and the engineering difficulties are proving less than were anticipated. The gorge or entrance to the Mountains is 60 miles west of Calgary or 900 miles west of Winnipeg, and its elevation above the sea is 4,300 feet. Sixty miles further west is the summit, with an elevation of 5,300 feet. The railway was completed to this point last autumn. The Kicking Horse Pass extends from the summit to the Columbia flats, a distance of 60 miles, and on this portion the grading is progressing rapidly, and the rails will be laid by the close of the year. The Columbia river will be twice crossed, and between the crossings, the Selkirk range is to be passed at an elevation of 4,300 feet. By crossing the Selkirk range, instead of following the bend of the Columbia River, a distance of 140 miles is saved. The Gold range will be next crossed by the Eagle Pass at an elevation of 1,800 feet, and from this point the line will run along the shores of Thomson River to Kamloops. There a junction will be made with the line now being built from Port Moody. Manager Van Horne is sanguine of the ability of the Company to complete the whole work by the end of 1885. A year and a half from now.

THE city editor of the Burlington Hawkeye gives an account of an "Economic recreation, a novel and instructive way of spending a vacation."

He commenced by nursing that dear old tonsillitis until it developed into a neat laryngitis of a decidedly acute character. He says:—"We defy any man, woman or child to inform us how a week can be spent more economically than in bed with quinsy. We have tried almost every form of disease, from the measles to breaking a leg, but in

no instance were we able to live on a half a glass of milk a day, except during our last week's experiment, and then even that half glass of milk proved to be a little too much. Poor people have no longer any reason to complain of hard times, when they can get up a case of quinsy by simply catching a bad cold.

Of course, we didn't grow fat during the past week, neither did our strength increase to any wonderful extent; neither do we feel well even now; but a person occupying the position of city editor during the dull time of the year must do something for the welfare of his readers, and if our last effort will convince even one person that much can be done to reduce expenses and keep up genteel appearances by catching a judicious cold, we will feel repaid. Economy is the road to wealth, and it must be practised by young people, if they wish to become wise and respected."

FROM the Burlington Hawkeye we learn that Dr. Spinney has sufficiently recovered from his late illness to take charge again of the Presidency of the Burlington University. After enumerating the several members of the faculty the B. H. says:—"With so strong a faculty, under the energetic and personal direction of Dr. Spinney, the outlook for Burlington is indeed flattering, and the remarkable advancement made during the past two years will not only be maintained but will doubtless be largely increased. No better place can be found for educating the young than Burlington University. At no school will they find a purer moral atmosphere, or a more satisfactory social surrounding. The ability of the faculty is of the highest order, and no pains will be spared to exert the best influence upon the character and habits of the students, while their instruction in the various branches will be most able and thorough. Dr S. is a graduate of Acadia College of 1868.

News from the Churches.

New Ross.

While many of the churches are reporting large additions, we are moving along slowly and we trust surely. We should not be fainthearted, when but few are being added.

We love the revival which arises from the earnest children of God crying out for help—crying in agony of soul for the lost, the dumb, the blind, the lame, the prisoner, the naked, that salvation may come, the tongue praising the Lord, seeing the beauty, the exceeding excellency of Christ, able to walk in the strait and narrow way, the shackles taken off, breathing the pure sweet air of heaven, clothed upon with Christ's righteousness. The harvest field is truly ready then for the reapers. Descend ye men of God to the reaping. But often before the church is fully alive, there must be on the pastor's part, great searching of heart, deep and earnest praying and preaching, last but not least patient waiting for showers. Waiting as David did to build the temple—not in inactivity, but in gathering the material for the work. He could not build, but he could so prepare as to make the building a grand success. I would say to those who mourn over Zion, never be downcast nor doubters, be stronger than ever in the strength of the Lord, let the preaching be the earnest, loving, bold truths of the gospel—that glad news to a dying world; let the heart overflow with love to all classes and conditions of men, be alive yourself and try to arouse others to activity. In many of our country churches, we need more life in the pew. If more of the rules and regulations of the Old Testament were observed we would have more life and better work.

How can men be blessed, who cannot trust the Lord to bless them and give success? They work like slaves all the week up to nearly Sabbath morning, and if they are Sabbath School Superintendents, or Teachers or Scholar, or Leaders of prayer-meetings, they come to their work dead, stupid, wet sticks, that nothing will kindle. The Sabbath School is dull, the prayers are droned, everything in the heavens and the earth are prayed for, but that which is most needful is forgotten;

whereas they should be keen, active, energetic, thoughtful, prayerful, having a head and heart preparation of the lesson for Sabbath School, for the hearing of the word, for the services of the hour of prayer and praise, for the conference room. No wonder the very best preaching falls dead upon such listeners. Let a part of Saturday be set apart for preparation for the Sabbath. Let earnest heartfelt prayer be offered for the success of all efforts put forth on the coming day. Let us trust in God more and self less, and we shall be richer both temporally and spiritually. I see and feel more and more the need of efficient Sabbath School instruction. We want better quality. Brain is not everything, but if it is very necessary, heart is more. Oh for more heart workers. The heart will do wonders for the brain.

Love for the lost has made Moody what he is to-day. And it will transform these hearts and heads of ours into such as can and will do wonders for Christ. Let us live Christ before our class, then the teaching must impress the pupil as sincere. The lesson wants more praying and studying than it gets. How many a minister sighs "Oh, if the professors of the religion of Christ could only get a glimpse—a vision of Him." I have read of a celebrated German sculptor who wished to carve an image of Christ. His whole soul was in the work. After working sometime, he called a child in to view the work and asked her who it was, she looked at it thoughtfully and said "a great man." He was disappointed but worked two years more and called her in again. She looked at it with awe and bursting into tears said softly "Suffer little children to come unto me." It was Christ. When afterwards asked to carve a statue of Venus he said he could not because he had had a vision of Christ. We should be alive for the interests of our souls, our families, our church, our Christian Messenger, our Baptist Book Room at Halifax, our Home and Foreign Missions, our College, and every effort put forth everywhere for Christ. We don't want the spirit of the slave owner Spurgeon tells of, who owned a part of one slave, and he prayed "Lord bless my half of Pompey."

But I have departed far from the subject. Since we came to this field they have built a parsonage, which did not meet the wishes of all. All were willing to build, but not pleased with the site and building; but we hope all wrong feelings may be banished, and that all may learn to forgive and love one another as Christians ought. The people here are active and of the giving kind. I was surprised when at the Central Association to learn how very poorly some ministers were paid in the finest part of our fair Province, and how poorly the rich farmers gave according to their means. One farmer told me his property was worth \$2400.00 clear of debt, no children, and he gave \$10.00 yearly to his minister and that the highest giving was \$13.00. We have one family here who give over \$30.00, and his whole family married and single give \$66.75, and only one belongs to the church, but they are anxious to have the gospel. Any one familiar with the roads and the distance to market will know what a sacrifice is made to do this. The people here are very kind, subscribe well and give many gifts. This church and Waterville, Hants Co., are united in my support and send preaching once a month to Sherwood a part of the Chester Church, out of the way. It is thirty miles to Waterville by Sherwood, and we have one of the worst roads in the Province.

Spurgeon's "Anywhere for Jesus" is inspiring to one travelling over these roads. There is a great mistake made often in regard to the kind of preaching needed for these out of the way churches. Some suppose these churches are the places for beginners; but it is here that the purest, the best, the maturest thoughts should be uttered, "Sound doctrine that could not be gainsaid," "wholesome words even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ." Every faithful man of God must be found saying "who is sufficient for these things." Christ is our only sufficiency. I wish to thank the friends at Waterville for a donation of \$11.55 towards buying me a cow, and also \$2.00 from bro. Alex.

Meister of New Ross, for the same. The kindness, the liberality, the deep interest taken in the cause here by Bro. A. P. Shand, a Christian gentleman from Windsor, has been very refreshing and healthgiving. The poor arise and call him blessed for miles around. He does his work in a very quiet way, but it is felt as a power for Christ in many weak churches in Hants and Lunenburg Counties. We should pray for many more such men in our churches. Also, we have received very great encouragement and support from Bro. Anthony Vaughan, who is the mainstay of the work at Waterville. The cause is very low. But few seem to be the children of God. We need to be faithful, minister and people. Sinners come anxious to hear the word, and hope still burns bright in our souls.

Yours truly, S. J. ARCHIBALD. New Ross, July 23, 1884.

REV. JOHN McMILLAN preached in Granville Street Church on Sunday evening last. On the previous Lord's Day, Rev. Mr. Stacey from Belleville, Ont., and Rev. Mr. Hall, Superintendent of Congregationalist Home Missions in Ontario, preached to good acceptance.

WE have had a visit from Rev. Dr. Armstrong who with Mrs. Armstrong has been enjoying a brief vacation in Cape Breton, and is returning with renewed powers to his pastorate at Kentville.

Rev. E. T. Miller called at our office on Monday. We are pleased to welcome new men to the churches of this province.

STEWIACKE.—Rev. E. T. Miller, writes Aug. 4th, 1884,—Editor "Christian Messenger":—"Thinking you might wish to hear from this field, I send you the following: I came to Stewiacke last May and was received by the churches at Lower Stewiacke and Little River. Musquodoboit, as their pastor. The Lord has been with us and a quiet, but we believe sure work of grace is going on. On May 11th three were added to the church by baptism; June 8th, two more; Aug. 3rd, one, and four others by letter. Others are seeking, and we hope ere long to visit the baptismal waters again. Our new parsonage has been occupied about two months. The congregations in all parts of the field are large and attentive, and we are looking for manifestations of the salvation of Jesus from other portions of the field besides St. Andrews. To the Lord be all the praise.

We were glad to make the acquaintance of our brother Miller at the recent Eastern Association at Amherst, and shall be pleased to hear from him respecting the progress of the work at Stewiacke, Musquodoboit, &c.

NEWCASTLE, N. B.—August 1st Bro. Chubbuck and wife commenced their labours with us on Sunday, the 20th of last month. The Lord has evidently been with them from the first. Large numbers have gathered to hear the gospel preached and sung. The impression made has been deep and lasting. A large number have professed conversion and several have been received for church membership after baptism, and we expect, all well, to baptize on Lord's day next. We are exceedingly anxious to retain the services of the evangelists for a longer time, but we are afraid they feel as though they must soon go. The brethren are much encouraged. To God be the praise.

I. E. BILL, JR.

A great improvement is being effected by the removal of the ugly stone wall surrounding the old cemetery at the corner of Grafton Street and Spring Garden Road. The material is being taken to the Grand Parade to help in the repairs of that present unsightly place. The opening of the beautiful grove of trees opposite the Court House will now give a cheerful brightness to the beginning of the walk to the Gardens and other attractions in that direction. The promoters of that change deserve much praise for their efforts. We hope they will proceed with the work and will make the corner further ornamental by a fountain and walks which may be done at a small cost. Here is a fine opportunity for some one to present their fellow citizens with an enduring monument of their regard for the beautiful.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

The late rainy weather has greatly disturbed the holiday and picnicking fraternities. The appointments have had to be put off from day to day with the proviso "if the weather is favorable" until the managing committees of the Sunday Schools and other parties were almost worn out and grow desperate to have their trips by sea or land, rain or shine. The fine weather of Saturday and Sunday assured the juveniles that now the fine weather had come, but Monday coming in with rain dashed all their hopes, and disappointment followed. Hopes deferred again make the juvenile heart sick, and they heartily wish that the reign (rain) of St. Swithen would pass away never to return.

The North Baptist Sunday School had their Excursion to Londonderry on Thursday last. It was a grand success. The following will show how it was appreciated by the young folks:—

EXCURSION TO LONDONDERRY. By one of the girls.

The North Baptist Sunday School not having had any picnic last year resolved to come out with a swell one this year. After much discussion and some opposition the place was decided upon—Londonderry—Ho! for Londonderry, Grand excursion to Londonderry &c. &c., was then to be seen in many of the shop windows and every body was anxious to go. The time was to be Thursday 31st of July. The Wednesday before the picnic it rained a steady downfall all day! But we did not despair, no not we, and the rain did not prevent the members and ladies of the Sunday School from bringing their baskets of provisions to the vestry to have them arranged for to-morrow. The question on every lip was, "Is it going to be fine?" The answer always was, "of course it is." The morning dawned cloudy, yet no one thought of staying home, but donned their summer suits sunbats accompanied by gossamer and rubbers, and set forth to the Station. Arriving there we found a very large number, the rain did not seem to frighten anybody.

We had eight cars, three of them were filled by the scholars and teachers of the Sunday School, the other five by the visitors: We had the band, composed of about ten or twelve nice looking young men just as jolly as any one could wish. At 3 past eight we were fairly off. We passed many places of interest, one was near Windsor Junction where there are so many rocks. It is said by some that is where Noah threw his ark! The train stopped at several stations including Wellington and Truro. The band had played lots of lively pieces and songs as we came along. The band was very kind playing and singing anything they were asked. Arrived at the Londonderry Acadia Iron Mines no one seemed to know in which direction to go, until one came to our rescue and directed us to the rink, which was nicely fitted up for our reception. After looking around to see where we were, we all either helped get dinner ready or looked on, and then we ate it. After everybody was satisfied here, we went through the iron works.

We saw the casting which was very pretty to look at and hot, we went through all the buildings and had every thing explained to us. We were told that the Londonderry Iron Mines are the largest in the Dominion, so our knowledge in regard to iron and machinery has been increased very much. The little ones amused themselves in the large wooden box-ways which were quite a novelty to many. Near the rink are small waterfalls, very beautiful and were much admired. About 5 o'clock we started for the train. The band leading and playing "In the Gloaming." We all bundled in the cars and started. Stopping at Truro we got out and saw some friends. Stopped again at Wellington and went for a walk while waiting for another train to pass. Then started again and the next time we stopped was at Halifax. Everybody was perfectly charmed with the place, delighted with the iron mines and works and we did have such a lovely time. Everybody said they would not have missed it for anything.

Merchant writes us:—"Minard's Liniment has saved many from a terrible death hour, as Diphtheria has been very prevalent. It cures every time when taken internally and externally. For Congestion and all Throat and Lung diseases it is equal to a doctor in the house.

The scull race which is to determine the championship of Halifax Harbor for the ensuing year is to come off to-day—the first Wednesday in August. The winner gets a prize and a belt with the honor of having it put on by some distinguished lady—almost equal to the crown of laurel won by the swiftest runner of ancient times.

The German barque Willy, of Hamburg, Capt. Henne, arrived on Thursday last from Iloilo, Philippine Islands, after a passage of 124 days, with a cargo of sugar for the Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery, at Richmond.

At Berwick, on Wednesday evening July 30th Parker's furniture factory was broken into and tools stolen with which S. J. Nichol's store was broken into and upwards of \$100.00 in money and goods taken. A young man by the name of Arthur Nowlan was arrested the next day in Kentville and the stolen goods recovered. When taken he was clothed from head to foot in stolen clothes, had several rings on his fingers, sported a showy watch and chain, and was closely shaven and shorn. He evidently supposed that he was so completely transformed with clean, new clothes, etc., that he would not be recognized. The culprit is lodged in the Co. Jail, clad in an old shirt and pantaloons of the jailor, in place of his prim new suit.