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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The editor will (D. V.) attend the following District Meetings:

The Second, at Lower Brighton, C. Co., Saturday, June 26th;

The First, at Wicklow, C. Co., Saturday, July 3rd;

The Fifth, at Hampstead, Q. Co., Wednesday, July 7th; and

The Sixth, at Penobscus, K. Co., Friday, July 9th.

He will be glad to meet subscribers of the INTELLIGENCER at these meetings, and hopes to receive subscriptions from those who have not yet paid. Will those who are in arrears, who are likely to be at any of the meetings, please make an effort to pay then? Or, if not present in person, they may send by ministers or other brethren who will attend.

We would like also to secure as many new subscribers as possible. Will the ministers and other friends of the INTELLIGENCER do it the favor of again bringing the paper to the attention of the people and solicit them to subscribe? By doing so they may give us the encouragement of a goodly number of new names during the meetings.

—NOVA SCOTIA has voted strongly in favour of repeal of the Canadian Confederation, so far at least as that Province is concerned. What next? is the question asked on every hand.

—THE Messenger and Visitor publishes the following notice:

At the Southern Baptist Association of N. B., it was voted to strike the name of W. E. Vickery from our list of ministers. This means that he is no longer to have the recognition of our body as a minister of the gospel.

—A SOUTHERN paper tells of a Methodist layman in Mississippi who has made a vow to increase his assessment for the support of the ministry five dollars every year. This year he pays twenty-five dollars and says the Lord has so blessed him that it is easier to pay this than it was to pay five dollars five years ago.

—FIVE HUNDRED additional policemen are to be appointed in New York City. The press of the city approve of the proposed increase, declaring it a necessity. The state of things that makes an army of police necessary is, without doubt, attributable to the rum trade.

—LUDWIG, King of Bavaria, committed suicide by drowning last week. The day before he had been pronounced insane, and had been relieved of the responsibilities of government. For several years his peculiarities and excesses had been very marked, and he had by his foolish and extravagant expenditures run the kingdom into debt to the amount of many millions.

—DR. JOHN HALL expresses himself very plainly about the drones in the Church. He says that "any church-member who has the ability and adaptiveness for church work and neglects or refuses to do it, is a shirk and has no rightful place among the people of God. He is like the burden they put upon certain horses on the race course." There are many of them in all the churches.

—THE CORRESPONDING Secretary of the Boston Young Women's Christian Association, counsels young women not to go to that city for employment. There is an employment office in connection with the Association; and on its books are the names of scores of applicants for situations which have been registered for months and yet there is no prospect of work for them. She says many of the advertisements in the papers are misleading, and being answered lead to ruin.

—THE Presbyterian General Assembly adopted a report on Temperance which recommended presbyteries, sessions and congregations to secure the adoption and rigid enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act; to petition all provincial governments to appoint a sufficient number of officers in full sympathy with the provisions of the act, and that in electing members of parliament able and good men be chosen who are well known to be in sympathy with prohibitory legislation.

We wonder how Dr. Macrae, Dr. Grant and others, whose utterances are used as canvasses by the rum men, feel about such a report.

—EVANGELIST Sam Jones says many good things in a sharp way peculiar to himself. He also says many things not so good, nor very sharp, and he says some very unwise and unwarranted things. Among the latter is his recent utterance: "If any man says only immersion is baptism, tell him I say he is a liar!"

It is not a very pleasant thing to be called a liar. And it is not surprising that Baptists everywhere should resent Mr. Jones' insult. It is likely to quite seriously interfere with union services under his direction hereafter, so far at least as any branches of the Baptist family are concerned. Already it has had effect. Mr. Jones was about to hold meetings in Indianapolis, and Rev. Dr. Ferry (Baptist) after having satisfied himself that Mr. Jones had said what we have quoted above, refused to co-operate in union work under his leadership. In an address to his church he said:

I utter my protest in the interest alike of denominational fealty and Christian Catholicity. I should count myself a poltroon were I to give the countenance of my support or even my presence to a man, coming here in the garb of a Christian minister, who vilifies the honest conviction of the denomination to which I belong, or outrage my sense of the respect due to the equally conscientious opinion of any other portion of the great brotherhood of Christians.

I do not presume to dictate to you what is your duty in the premises, but I know what is my own. I shall not attend his services. In fact, it is proper that I assume that a man professing such a high sense of honor as does Mr. Jones, would not wish the co-operation of these whom he has denounced as liars, nor can I see how self-respecting immersionists will be willing to seek lessons of purity, love and honor from the billingsgate chattering of a mountebank, who in addition to all the other indecencies of his speech, has dared to call them liars. Let me say to this "accuser of his brethren" Mr. Jones, before God they lie not. That which they declare they sincerely believe. Mr. Jones claims, I understand, that his special mission is to the mean and vile. Let all who consider themselves included in either class find ample room to wait upon the ministry of a man whose stock in trade is scurrility and scum.

Though the language may sound strong, it is not too strong for a protest against such an insult as that of which Jones was guilty.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The time of holding District Meetings is at hand. Four of them will be held within the next four weeks. Of the other three, one will be held in August and two in September.

These meetings hold an important place in the denominational system and work. Each is composed of representatives of the churches within its limits, and of the ministers' labouring in it whether as pastors or missionaries. But one session is held each year. Each church in the District is required to send a written report to the meeting. Forms of reports are furnished the churches, thus ensuring uniformity, and, if church clerks are at all careful, the fullest information statistical and otherwise. The District Meeting has authority to deal with matters of trial referred to it by any of its churches; and it may administer discipline to a church if deemed necessary in the interests of the cause.

The real value of District Meetings depends largely on their composition. If the churches are careless in their choice of delegates, sending brethren without regard to their fitness for the duties required of them, the meetings do little or no real work. It is not every good man who is qualified to be a useful member of such a meeting. Of course those sent should be good men, men of unquestioned piety. But they should, also, be men who have broad views of Christian work, the spirit of Christian enterprise, a proper

denominational ambition, coupled with business ability and a purpose to devote themselves to the work entrusted to them. That there are such men in all the churches there can be no doubt. It is well, too, to put a share of responsibility on the young men. A church which sends two delegates can almost always find an old man and a younger one to represent it, both filling the above mentioned requirements. Among the advantages of this are the encouragement of the young, and their initiation into duties the fuller responsibility of which they will soon be called upon to bear.

It is a question whether as much is always made of District Meetings as might be. It is not enough to have the reports from churches read and commented on in a few off-hand and cursory remarks. Such speeches are, necessarily, for the most part, made up of generalities; they do not get at the real facts stated in the reports, and deal with them as they need. There should be a careful examination of the reports by a committee, who should present in a clear and concise form a summary of the facts as to numerical strength, net increase, financial doing, missionary interest, pastoral care, Sabbath school work, real spiritual condition, etc. With such facts before the meeting intelligent discussion could be had, and means be adopted to meet the needs revealed.

Another thing not always observed is the claim the place in which the meeting is held has on the brethren. It frequently happens that more or less religious interest is awakened during the session. This should be taken advantage of to promote revival in the community entertaining the meeting. Often not a minister or delegate is found in the place an hour after the adjournment. We think it ought to be arranged to have one or two ministers remain at each place and continue the work.

We hope the District Meetings of this year may be seasons of unusual profit to the churches. To this end let the churches pray.

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Executive of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society was held in Fredericton on Thursday, 10th inst. The object of the meeting was to consider the appointment of missionaries to the Indian field. The names of two candidates were before the Executive, viz., Mr. A. B. Boyer and Miss Clara Shea. After due examination and a full consideration of the whole question it was unanimously voted to accept them as the missionaries of the Society.

For several years from the organization of the Society which took place in July, 1864, Dr. Phillips and wife were its missionaries. Later, in 1873, Miss Hooper was sent to India by the Woman's Society. When Dr. Phillips became Principal of the India Bible School, his salary being provided for by that Institution, he ceased to be our missionary. Then, for several years our Society supported a native preacher, Purna Chandra Basu. Miss Hooper was compelled by ill-health to come home in 1883. A few months ago Purna Chandra Basu died. Since then New Brunswick has been without any representative in India. All along there has been much prayer that God would move the hearts of some among ourselves to devote themselves to the Foreign work. In October last, feeling that we ought not to cease doing our part in the work while waiting for home candidates for the mission, the Society resolved to support any two whom the General Mission Board might name. A condition of this pledge was that so soon as any from our own churches should be ready to go we would transfer our support to them. Just as the General Board was about to name two missionaries to be supported by our Society the long-prayed for candidates were forthcoming from among ourselves. It looks as though God were trying us as to our readiness to do as well as pray, and that as soon as we showed the purpose to support the work independently of who the workers should be or from what place they came, He recognized and honoured our purpose by answering our prayers for New Brunswick missionaries.

That the Lord has so graciously heard the cries of those whose hearts have been burdened with desire (1) that the denomination should do its full share of the blessed work of bringing the heathen to the saving knowledge of Christ, and (2) that it should be represented in the work by some missionaries from our ranks, is cause for profound gratitude. There is, by this, set clearly before the denomination its high privilege and duty, to which, we trust, it will be fully equal.

Several missionaries, under appointment by the Free Baptists of the United States, are to sail for India in September. It is expected that the missionaries-elect of our Society will go at the

same time. Meantime there is much to be done, preparatory to their going.

The Executive will have further announcements to make in this matter, and expects the churches will readily co-operate in whatever plans are proposed.

We may say, before closing this article, for the information of those who have not personal knowledge of the missionaries-elect, that they are regarded by the Executive and all who know them as well qualified in every respect for the work to which God has called them. Mr. Boyer is a graduate of the N. B. University, and has been a successful teacher, having been of the staff of the Seminary last year. Miss Shea is a well educated young lady, and has for a year or two been a teacher of a department in connection with the Provincial Normal School in Fredericton. They are both Christians of several years standing, and deeply devoted to the service of the Lord.

We ask for them and for the Society which has chosen them its representative in the Foreign work the earnest prayers of all our people.

We understand that the Woman's Society has before it the names of two or three young ladies who are feeling that the Lord calls them to Foreign Mission work. We presume a meeting of their Board will be held soon. What action may be taken remains to be seen. We pray that they may be divinely directed. As a denomination the opportunity is before us and the duty upon us to "undertake great things for God." May the Holy Spirit make the divine will very clear to all.

THE "ARMY" CONGRESS.

The London papers tell something of the great gathering of Salvation Army representatives in that city. About two thousand officers have been in attendance, and many thousands of the rank and file have participated in the demonstrations. The reports given show no falling off whatever in the zeal, vigor and enterprise with which the work is carried on. In Exeter Hall one evening, a sort of "march past" was arranged, of which the platform was the field. Contingents from Europe, Asia, Africa, and America defiled past the General, and by their motley uniforms and various complexions, white, black, red, and copper colored, caused great interest and excitement. We believe that the Colonial and Indian Exhibition suggested to General Booth the idea of making a special effort to show that the operations of the Army are as wide, or even wider than the British Empire. And certainly the account he had to give of the enormous machinery he wields was very striking. It appears that he now holds the supreme command over 1,552 distinct "corps," scattered over nineteen countries or colonies. These corps are directed by 3,602 officers "separated" to the work, and, we presume, devoting their whole time to it. Every week more than 28,000 meetings are held, and the buildings owned by the Army for its operations will seat considerably more than half a million people at one time. But this gives no idea of the extent of the work; because a large number of additional buildings, such as theatres and concert halls, are occasionally rented. The income received at headquarters, for Great Britain, was stated to have been £70,000 for the last year; and of this, nearly half, or £30,000, was paid down for buildings and property. But (says the Christian World) the statistics after all give but little information on a movement like this. Brass bands, uniforms, and novel, not to say sensational, modes of procedure are sure to excite attention; and when once this is secured, good managers can always so work on the individuals attracted as to enrol them in an organization that shall be imposing in its numbers. But of course that is not a half, nor a tenth, of the work which the "Army" sets itself to do. Its work is salvation. Is that work attained? To answer this question it is not enough to enumerate the thousands who pronounce the shibboleth of the body. It would not only be unchristian, it would be ridiculous, in the face of obvious facts, to be incredulous as to the possibility of sudden conversions followed by a lasting change of character. Perhaps it would be better to speak of apparently sudden conversions. For even in the case of St. Paul it must be obvious to an attentive reader of the New Testament that there had been a good deal of previous preparation, otherwise there could have been no "kicking against the pricks." But making due allowance for this, we do not presume to doubt the reality of conversions which, to all except the Searcher of hearts, may seem as sudden as a flash of lightning. On the other hand, the nervous system plays strange tricks under excitement; and after hours of trumpet-

singing, "volley-firing," and

showing, a half-delirious man or woman may gasp out a cry of "glory" and "hallelujah" without the reality of any inward change at all. What we should like to know about the Salvation Army, if there were any means of finding it out, is the proportion borne by simulated conversions to real ones.

Mrs. Booth, for whose testimony we have a very sincere respect, is able to speak with great confidence. On Saturday morning she opened her lips in public for the first time after a year's comparative retirement through ill-health, and she declared that "any impartial inquirer would be surprised at the completeness of the revolution made" in the lives of the converts. We hope it is so. But it is useless to deny that there are voices on the other side. True Christianity should make us "gentle to all men." We fear, however, that the conductors of peripatetic Salvation bands are not always so, when the blare of their trumpets and the roll of their drums is objected to. We have known the case of a father who went out to intercede for silence on the ground that his sick child was at the point of death, and who in return got nothing but an unpleasant prophecy painfully like one of the imprecatory psalms. We hear also of servant girls whose heads are turned by promotion to bedchambers, and who, instead of finding their daily work hallowed by a higher devotion, change every month or two from one place to another, owing to squabbles about the amount of time they demand for "the war." Was it not a servant girl convert of Roland Hill's who told him that since her conversion she had felt inspired to "sweep under the mats" as well as around them? Can many instances of the kind be found among the "Salvation lasses"? We hope so. But we should like to hear more favorable testimony from mistresses.

THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Union Baptist Education Society was held in one of the Seminary school rooms in the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday, 17th inst. In the absence of the President, Dr. McFarlane occupied the chair. Rev. G. A. Hartley offered the opening prayer. The report of the Treasurer, C. A. Everitt, M. P., set forth that the amount received by him during the year was \$6,749.17 and disbursements \$6,748.29.

The Directors' Report stated that the internal interests of the school have been most satisfactory during the year, but that there was not a larger attendance is regretted. Nine young men had been, during the year, preparing for the ministry. The directors had settled with Mr. Cushing for the non-fulfillment of their undertaking to purchase the property in Lancaster. They recommended that a site for a seminary edifice should be selected at once by the society.

There was the sum of \$511.27 due the teachers in the institution on their salaries. This, with some other bills due, made a deficit of about \$825.00 to be provided for. Propositions had been made for the location of the seminary at St. Martins and Sussex, and the directors recommended that the propositions be considered. Rev. Mr. Gordon, of the committee appointed to confer with the friends of the institution in Sussex, reported that subscriptions for the building were on hand to the amount of \$5,930, and he thought a considerable larger sum might be secured. The subscriptions were based on conditions that the institution should be located at Sussex, and that a sufficient amount be secured to warrant its success. Wm. Vaughan, of St. Martins, said that the people of that place were ready to give as much as was originally proposed, about \$6,000, without any restrictions, to have the seminary transferred to that place.

The consideration of the location of the Seminary was referred to the incoming board of directors.

A vote of thanks from the Society was tendered to Mr. Wilson for his gratuitous services as Secretary during the last four months.

The election of directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and the following gentlemen, C. P. Barker, Foster McFarlane, M. D., Dr. Steeves, Mont McDonald, J. S. May, John March, R. C. Elkin, Wm. Vaughan, Wm. Peters, Hon. G. E. Foster, J. A. Vanwart, R. E. McLeod, E. McLeod, D. W. Clark, A. C. Smith, John Kimball, were elected.

The board was instructed when a site was determined upon to call a meeting of the Society as soon as possible.

The audit committee reported that they were unable to give a full report on the accounts that had been submitted to them. The treasurer's were perfectly correct, but during his absence at Ottawa some business had been done which could not at so brief notice be brought together. Provision

was made for the payment of the amount due the teachers on account of salaries.

At a meeting of the directors which was held after the adjournment of the annual meeting, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: William Vaughan, president; C. A. Everitt, M. P., treasurer; A. A. Wilson, secretary.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

It is desired by the Executive of the Foreign Mission Society that at the District meetings as much consideration as possible be given to the subject of Foreign missions. It is hoped that a missionary meeting may be held in connection with each. The missionary-elect, Bro. A. B. Boyer, will, in company with the Corresponding Secretary of the Society, attend the Second, First, Fifth and Sixth District meetings. In this way the churches, through their representatives, can be reached more easily than in any other way, and a general interest be awakened. We bespeak for the brethren a hearty reception, and earnest co-operation in the work of the cause they represent. Arrangements for the other District meetings will be made later.

UNION BAPTIST SEMINARY.

The closing exercises of the Seminary were satisfactory to all concerned. The examinations showed that good work had been done by the teachers, and that the pupils had applied themselves diligently. On Wednesday evening the Mechanics' Institute was crowded to witness the public exercises. The programme consisted of music—instrumental and vocal, recitations, the reading of essays, the valedictory of the graduating class, the presentation of diplomas to five young ladies, Misses Wortman, Steeves, Peters, Hopper and Tapley, and the presentation of prizes as follows:

Mathematics—Webster's dictionary, Henry Waring; donor, A. B. Boyer. Classics—Mrs. Henan's poems, Lotie Steeves; donor, W. Peters. History of Mathematics—Card case, Etiole Wortman; donor, Miss Freeman.

Orthography—Autograph album, Viva Wallace; donor, E. McLeod, M. P.

General excellence—Wordsworth's poems, Hattie Hopper; donor, T. H. Hall. Gold pen and holder, Ernest Daly; donor, E. McLeod, M. P. P. Stylographic pen, G. F. Currie; donor, E. McLeod, M. P. P. Cewper, S. Kimble; donor, E. V. Hunt. Long-fellow, H. Roberts; donor, E. McLeod, M. P. P.

Geometry—Pencil case, J. Leighton; donor, E. McLeod, M. P. P. French—Two handsome volumes, M. Peters; donor, Rev. Dr. Hopper. Geography—A handsome volume, M. Moore; donor, E. G. Nelson.

Hon. John Boyd made a speech in which he highly complimented teachers and pupils.

The proceedings throughout were of a very interesting character, and must be an excellent advertisement of the Seminary. The school is now closed for the vacation.

Correspondence.

SABBATH BREAKING.

Dear Sir:—I wish to bring to public attention a case of Sabbath breaking. Some parties in St. John, who have leased certain portions of the North Branch Oromocto and tributaries for fishing purposes, are in the habit of leaving St. John Saturday evening to spend the Sabbath fishing. They reach Tradey Station about eleven o'clock, and thence proceed about two A. M. Sabbath to the fishing place, which they reach early in the morning.

It is not difficult to judge what influence such a thing has upon the morals of our young people. I wish such violators of law—both God's law and the law of the land—would stop such a practice at once. They are something like some other men I have seen, they fail to recognize any law when at a certain distance from home. The time has come that men should be taught to respect our laws and to reverence God's holy day. And I wish to give them notice that if they again are guilty they may expect to undergo the ordeal of appearing before some J. P. and have imposed upon them such penalties as are provided for such violations. DOR.

TEA MEETINGS.—A tea meeting is to be held at Oak Point, K. Co., on Thursday, July 1st, in aid of the new Free Baptist Church building in course of erection there.

At Burnham, C. Co., there is to be a tea, July 8th, for a similar purpose. See advertisement in another column.

We hope the brethren in both cases may receive all the encouragement they need in their undertakings.

LECTURE.—The editor of the INTELLIGENCER will, by request, deliver his lecture on "The Sunny South" in the Free Baptist church, Hartland, C. Co., on Tuesday evening, June 29th.