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—WELL SAID. Says the Nashville Advocate:

"The preacher who is more popular with the laicest class of outsiders than with the solid men and saintliest women in the church would be wise to ask himself why it is so."

Pity 'tis that there are preachers who seem to think they are successful in proportion as they have this kind of popularity. It is worse than questionable.

—Good News. The letter from Bro. Crowell, published in another column, contains good news about the cause in Nova Scotia, in which all the friends of the denomination will rejoice. Our brethren there have done excellent work, sometimes in the face of great difficulties. That God is just now favouring them in various ways is cause for devout thankfulness. May He abundantly and increasingly bless their labours and prosper them.

—THE NORTHFIELD MEETING. Bro. VanWart, whose letter appears on this page, is the representative at the Northfield Conference of College Y. M. C. Association of the N. B. University in which institution he is a student. He is a member of the Free Baptist church in this city. His letter was addressed to his pastor, but the pastor has used his privilege as editor to print it as of more than personal interest. We would that more young men could be amidst the gracious and helpful influences which he tells of as surrounding those assembled at Northfield. We hope to have other letters from Bro. V. for publication.

—WAITING. How true, as says the "Register," that to some people the art of waiting is much harder to learn than the art of labouring. It is easier to do and to see the immediate results of our doing than to be patient and wait for results whose manifestations must be long postponed. The youthful husbandman would like to dig up the seed, just to see if they have begun to sprout. The mature husbandman in other fields of life is sometimes too anxious to plant before he has ploughed, to eager to harvest before the crop is fully ripe. In all moral and social reform, patience is an important element. We must not only learn to labor but to wait.

—AN EDITOR'S EXPERIENCE. The editor of the Minneapolis Free Baptist, telling of a subscriber who stopped his paper because something in it did not meet his approval, says what most editors often feel, thus:

We are sorry that the brother has found any cause of stumbling, but shall continue right on in the even tenor of our ways consulting the good of the cause and the interests of the whole as paramount to the wishes of any one reader.

It is the easiest thing in the world to find fault, and the editor who expects to please everybody and evade criticism had better postpone the first issue of his paper till the dawn of the millennium. The fact is editors soon become so accustomed to being kicked that such things fail to make an impression. If an editor has really said anything to hurt your feelings and you are determined to punish him, do something helpful such as sending him a dozen new subscribers, and they will prove to be literal coals of fire every time. If you don't believe it and ever have a chance to prove it, do not let the opportunity pass of enjoying the sweetest kind of revenge. It is a thousand

times better than the boycott which at the best cannot be classed as a spiritual weapon. If ever any of our readers are tempted to use it, take our advice and substitute the golden rule, the only one we intend to use in the conduct of the paper.

—THE GALT CASE. Referring to the case of the members of Galt, Ont. Presbyterian church, who were propagating the doctrines of instantaneous, entire sanctification, and which was settled by the General Assembly sustaining the action of the church in disciplining them, the Canada Presbyterian, organ of the church, says:

The decision settles a number of points besides the doctrinal issues that were in dispute. The Assembly made a clear distinction between holding and propagating doctrines that are contrary to the Standards. Had the appellants merely held their peculiar doctrines, their membership would not have been interfered with. Holding opinions, however, and promulgating them are entirely different things. A private member of the Church must be allowed, and is allowed, quite enough of latitude in exercising the Protestant right of private judgment, but if he disturbs the peace of a congregation by propagating doctrines contrary to the Standards, and, as the Church believes, contrary to the Word of God, the Church says kindly but firmly, Brother, we don't interfere with your personal liberty, but you must not interfere with our work. Every fair man will say that is a reasonable position for the Church to take. A Church that would do less than this would soon lose the respect of every sensible man in the country.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER.

No. II.

From the Second District Meeting, which closed Monday afternoon, to the Fifth, which opened Wednesday morning, was a long journey. A few years ago it would have been quite impossible to attend two meetings so near together in point of time as Monday and Wednesday, and so far apart in miles as Knowlsville in Carleton County and the Narrows in Queens County. But to do so is not so difficult now, thanks to our excellent system of railways and their equally excellent arrangement of trains. In this case, as often in many things, the longest way round was the quickest way from starting point to destination. To go to Fredericton and take the steamer would have thrown us off the line of close travel connections; to go to St. John by the N. B. R., thence to Norton by the Intercolonial, and thence by carriage to Narrows, though circuitous was the quick way of getting there, indeed the only way by which we could get there to the first meeting of the session. So leaving Hartland Tuesday morning we went to St. John via "McAdam." What with reading, writing and pleasant travelling companions, seven hours pass quickly enough. At McAdam "the Yankee" and the C. P. R. (short-line) trains become one. Only ten minutes delay in St. John, and then the C. P. R. proceeds toward Halifax. We had intended to stop at Norton, but found that the train on which we were does not stop there, and so we had to go on to Sussex. To do this was not at all unpleasant though it made our arrival at Norton by the return train two and a half hours later. It gave us a couple of hours to spend amongst friends whose presence and words are always full of cheer.

Arrived at Norton we were fortunate in finding Rev. Wm. DeWare ready to carry us the rest of the way, about twenty-one miles in his carriage. That evening we went as far as Midland where we were hospitably entertained for the night at the home of Bro. John Sharp. A morning ride of sixteen miles took us to the place of meeting just as the first service was begun. The road from Norton to Narrows is not in any respect one of the best in the country. There are many and heavy hills; it is not anywhere particularly smooth and well-kept; nor is it for any considerable portion of the distance after leaving Midland through a cleared and well-tilled region. But the ride was pleasant and was quickly enough done, notwithstanding. We are much indebted to Bro. DeWare for his kindness, and greatly enjoyed the twenty miles of conversation with him touching the things of the Kingdom. We find Bro. D. everywhere highly spoken of as a preacher. He has had a good degree of success in his work. Recently he baptized a young man at Apohaqui who gives promise of being very useful as a Christian worker. He is much gratified with the success attending the building of the new church at Norton Station, recently dedicated. It is a very neat edifice, adding much to the appearance of the village, and greatly creditable to the Christian enterprise of the brethren who erected it. The cause there is, we have no doubt, likely to have larger and more permanent prosperity than was possible before.

Arrived at The Narrows we found the church filled, even all the standing

room being occupied, and even some outside. The meeting, a social conference, was led by the pastor, Rev. O. N. Mott, and was a blessed season. There were many testimonies, and a spirit of deep earnestness characterized all the exercises. A report of the proceedings of the session, furnished by the acting clerk, will be found in the department of Denominational News. It was certainly, from first to last, a session of more than ordinary interest. To meet with so many brethren, many of whom we do not often see, was a pleasure; and it was particularly gratifying to hear the expressions of purpose and confidence concerning the work, and to notice the greater heartiness with which the brethren, both ministers and laymen, seem determined to devote themselves to it.

We had to leave a little before the business was finished in order to catch the steamer for home. For the pleasant drive of nine miles to the Mouth of Jemseg, we are indebted to the kindness of Bro. Jas. C. Brown.

The three and a half hours on the Acadia would have been more enjoyed, perhaps, but that they had to be devoted to work. Not that work is not enjoyable; it is; but it was so perfect a day that the temptation to sit quietly on deck and enjoy it was great, and could only be overcome by the knowledge that as soon as we should step ashore there would be the demand that must always be met,—the printer's call for "copy." But even this did not rob us of it all; the sky was clear and beautiful above, the broad river smooth and glistening, island, intervals and hillside were green and waving with promise of a full yield, the atmosphere was pure and invigorating, and the soft breezes that found their way through open doors and windows very cool and refreshing; and we had a fair share of all.

A night and a few hours of the morning at home, most of the time spent in working off as much as possible of the accumulation of a week's absence, and in providing for another absence. Friday found us en route to the annual meeting of the First District.

The meeting was held at Lower Perth, V. Co., and began at 10 a. m. on Saturday 6th inst. Rev. E. B. Grey, Chairman of the District, and Rev. J. J. Barnes, pastor of the Perth church, had charge of the first meeting. It was a good beginning of the session.

In the afternoon sitting, church reports were received. Nine churches were reported and represented by delegates. The reports show the year a better one than for a good while, in those things that give character and permanence to church life and work.

Rev. J. J. Barnes who has been living in the District for a year and a half, has been abundant in labours. He has not only cared for his large pastorate, but has done some work outside of it. The effect of his life and labours has been good, and the people are, we think, appreciating more than ever the importance of the regular ministry of the word; they are, also, learning the necessity of supporting the ministry and all branches of Christian work. In the reporting meeting timely remarks were made by Brethren McNich, Phillips, Clark, McLeod, Rideout, Camber and Grey.

The District W. F. M. Society held a public meeting Saturday evening. Mrs. Stephen Barker, President, occupied the chair, and with her on the platform were Miss Maud Milbery, Sec. Treas., and Miss N. O. Bloodworth Cor. Sec. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. B. Grey. The Cor. Sec. submitted a report. The receipts of the year so far as heard from were not so large as in the year preceding; some returns yet expected may increase the amount considerably. The sisters, however, are zealous in the cause, and will in this year make more determined efforts to increase the interest in the work of the Society. Mission speeches were made by Brethren McLeod, Phillips and Barnes, and Mrs. Barker. It was an excellent meeting, and evidently made a good and, we trust, lasting impression.

Sunday, as the other days of the session, was as fine a day as could be desired. There was prayer meeting at 8.30 a. m.; preaching at 10 by Rev. Jos. McLeod, at 2.30 by Rev. J. W. Clark, and at 7.30 by Rev. C. T. Phillips. At 1.30 the Sunday School met and had an interesting session of an hour, under the leadership of Mr. C. H. McLaughlan, Superintendent. There was also preaching at Perth Centre in the evening by the writer. All the services were largely attended, and a deep interest characterized them. In the evening a large number declared the dedication of themselves anew and more fully to God for faithful service.

Business was resumed at 8 a. m. Monday. Rev. J. Barnes was

elected Chairman, with Rev. C. F. Rideout assistant. . . . The time of holding the meeting was changed from the first to the second Saturday in July. . . . The delegates to General Conference are Brethren G. A. Camber and J. Kinney, with Brethren J. Flanders and Stephen Barker as substitutes. . . . It was resolved that hereafter the session of the D. Meeting be not closed till Monday evening, and that the last meeting be a devotional one. . . . A committee to apportion to the churches this sum asked from the District for Foreign Missions, was appointed. This gave rise to a lengthy and very interesting discussion of the whole question of missions, participated by both ministers and laymen. It was one of the most profitable features of the meeting. Most of the brethren have heretofore thought they could do little or nothing for missions, and have doubted the propriety of asking their churches for anything. But they are seeing the matter in a different light now, and expressed the purpose to have more part in this great work. This District may be expected to do more this year than ever before. And we are sure that so doing they will receive great benefit to themselves and every part of the home work. . . . Rev. C. T. Phillips was appointed to preach the next annual sermon. . . . The next meeting will be held at Arthurette, in July 1890. . . . The ministers present during the session were Revs. E. B. Grey, C. T. Phillips, J. J. Barnes, J. W. Clark, C. F. Rideout and Jos. McLeod, and Licentiate McNinch. . . . The business was finished at noon. A meeting for worship was held at 2.30 p. m. which closed the session. . . . The people of the place spared no pains in caring for the large number who attended the various meetings, and they well-deserved the vote of thanks given them.

The First District has always been and still is in part a mission field. It was apparent, however, during the session just closed that there is an increasing disposition among the churches to become self-supporting. Some of them are feeling the benefits of making an effort to be independent of missionary help, and may be expected to soon be quite independent. So far as we can judge, we believe there is a better outlook for the cause of the denomination there than for several years. Let the brethren stand fast, increase their efforts, push the work in all its branches, and they are sure to come into a better state soon. The labours of Bro. Barnes are prized by those amongst whom he has moved. He certainly has done brave and efficient service, and should have the sympathy, prayers and hearty support of all the people. Another man—an unmarried man, perhaps, or one with a small and inexpensive family should be in the District. There is plenty of work to be done. We hope some one will feel the hand of God pressing him that way.

The impression made by the meeting on the community was good, the effect on the delegates and visitors was excellent, and we are sure that the cause was much helped.

On the way down from the meeting we met Rev. Thos. Connor. He is now in very fair health, though needing to be quite careful since the serious illness of a few weeks ago.

Rev. T. S. VanWart, who went to look after Brookville church by appointment of the Second District Meeting, is in the midst of a good revival there.

In Woodstock on Tuesday we were glad to meet Rev. H. Hartt who had just come from Grand Manan. He will spend a few days at home, and then return to the island to remain through the season. He will labour at the Southern end of the island. We hope to hear of blessing attending his ministry there.

Letter from Rev. E. Crowell.

Mr. Editor,—Hope's cheerful ray falls upon our denominational field. We have been reinforced by the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Cooper in the Yarmouth pastorate. I had much pleasure in hearing him preach, and can congratulate Yarmouth town that a man of talent has come to them. Our plans were different, but a telegraphic blunder, we believe providentially, gave Yarmouth a pastor. North of Yarmouth, what seemed a shattered interest has been skillfully repaired by the instrumentality, largely, of Elder L. A. Lang, a member of the Mass. F. B. Association, who has been spending a year or more in this Province. He is in the seventies, but his vigor seems in direct proportion to his age.

I hear that our August Quarterly meeting will convene at Sanford.

Mrs. Alice J. Whitney, widow of Deacon Whitney, of King's Co., has gladdened our hearts by some unprecedented contributions of money to our cause—one thousand dollars to the Foreign Missions, Five Hundred to the Minister's Relief Society, and Five Hundred to Home Missions. . . . In addition we have our young men willing to engage in their own Province, in preference, for the fulfillment of their divine call to the ministry.

Bro. Geo. A. Downey has gone to Port Medway for a visit, and Bro. Jas. W. Smith to Cape Island. Responsibilities are resting upon us. I do not think it too much to say that common sentiment points in the direction of an improvement in our arrangements for public and business gatherings, and that we cannot too soon begin. Something in the line of direct representation of our churches in the yearly meeting, with perhaps Quarterly sessions to foster local interests, may be proposed as a substitute for the present organization.

I grieve to write you that Elder J. I. Porter, our Clerk of Conference, has been an invalid for several months and is now fast failing in strength. He has suffered a great deal lately, and seems expectant of a speedy release. His son, Rev. D. T. Porter, will be home to-morrow from Advocate.

I have just returned from a visit to the Mass. F. B. Association at Chelsea, in the interest of our Conference. They are ranging ahead, and are peculiar, I think, among Free Baptists, in having almost all their churches in towns or cities. Bro. Halse's familiar form in the chair put me quite at home.

The Brother Martin, who gave the Chelsea church their comfortable house of worship, opened his dwelling house for the visitors at the Association to have dinner and supper near the church, and the ladies of the church cared for one hundred and fifty in that way during two days.

EDWIN CROWELL, Barrington, N. S., July 4, '89.

The Northfield Conference.

NORTHFIELD, JULY 4TH, 1889.

Dear Sir:—It is not without hesitation that I address this letter to you. I fear that I may crowd valuable time with uninteresting and perhaps uninteresting writing. However shall write what I hope may not be altogether uninteresting. Northfield has, I think, been justly called the prettiest place in North America and is very picturesque.

The village is scattered along the bank of the Connecticut River. Since coming here I have become impressed by the fact that I may never again be placed amid surroundings equally advantageous to myself. I had very much undervalued the results of the work done here, and had misunderstood its character.

The aim of the work of the conference is to give instruction, first in the best manner of conducting Y. M. C. A. work in Colleges, secondly in the studying of the Bible, and thirdly in the spiritual birth and development of individual Christians. The work under the first two headings, occupying the first two hours (8—10 A. M.) of each day, is conducted by the Executive committee. Entire freedom is allowed in asking questions, particularly in the conference on the manner of conducting Y. M. C. A. work. Many very valuable hints are given in all these meetings. The work under the third heading is as you see, of the widest range. This is almost entirely confined to the speakers who are the ablest clergymen in the States, representing almost all the denominations. Among them are Dr. Driver who, I believe, in an argumentative contest in Chicago, with Ingersoll, drove the infidel from the platform. The copy of the "Springfield Union" which I mail to you contains one of his addresses. It is characteristic of all his speaking to go back to fundamental principles. Of an entirely different style, but having equal strength and weight, is Bishop Foss (Meth.). Then there is Dr. Pierson and Dr. Gordon (Baptist). Yet a third style of preaching appears in Mr. Moody. I was disappointed in his appearance. He looks like a beer-drinking Dutchman. However, there can be no doubt that he is equally distended spiritually, as physically.

In justice to Mr. Moody I shall say that our surroundings are made the pleasantest. We occupy the five Halls belonging to an undenominational Seminary. The buildings are all new and fitted with the best appliances of the times. Mr. Moody's house is right among them.

You will understand what an effect upon one's character and ideas such surroundings have. It is impossible that I should mix so intimately with six hundred fellows of nearly my own age, the majority of whom are already imbued with the spirit of consecration, and all of whom, while full of life and fun, show by their unselfishness and

agreeableness that they have learned of Christ, being so situated, it is impossible I think that I should not be inspired with a degree of their spirit and be infinitely benefited. Until I came I thought of no particular benefit to myself which might arise. I can devoutly thank God that circumstances placed me here.

Yours etc.,

Wm. A. H. VANWART.

Religious News and Notes.

The expenditure of the Y. M. C. A., Exeter Hall, last year was nearly \$65,000 and there was a balance in hand at the close of the financial year.

In 1859 if an Evangelical minister tried to enter Florence with a Bible he was sent back to Piedmont between a couple of genlarns; now he may go free through the length and breadth of the land.

A gentleman in New England has given \$100,000, and Japanese gentleman have subscribed about \$70,000, to found a Christian University in Japan, according to a plan proposed by the Rev. Joseph Neesima, of the American Board. The Collegiate Institution which Mr. Neesima has been building up for some years contains more than nine hundred students.

An account of Father Damien's last illness states that three weeks before his death the leprosy increased terribly in his face, mouth and hands, causing him to suffer much. Strangely enough after death not a trace of leprosy was visible.

A new religion has sprung up in Toungou, Burmah—a sort of mixture of Buddhism and Christianity. The founder is a timber merchant, Koh Pai Sah. His disciples keep the Christian Sabbath and abstain from strong drink. They already number several thousands.

Two paragraphs in a London paper suggest the deep need that still exists for mission work in India. We learn that "Dr. Walker, a medical missionary from Glasgow, has gone to a new station in the centre of India, where there are ten thousand heathen temples, and not a single white man except himself. The chief industry of the place is the manufacture of idols and the people are perhaps the most bigoted to be found in any quarter of the world." Then we are informed that "Rev. Roderick Lawson, of Maybole, in a letter to his congregation during his tour in India, says that Benares, the Holy City of the Hindoos, is the metropolis of beggary, superstition and dirt. Under the guidance of a Brahmin, proudly wearing a red spot on his forehead, we rode up the Ganges and saw the people washing away their sins in the muddy waters. Entering the Golden Temple he felt like Henry Martyn, in the neighborhood of hell." Surely there is yet much land to be possessed.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

FREDERICTON.—Rev. F. Babcock occupied the pulpit of the Fredericton Church Sabbath 7th inst. His sermons, as always, were thoughtful and earnest, and were enjoyed.

DONATION.—The Free Baptist societies of Nova Scotia have recently received \$2,000 from Mrs. Alice J. Whitney, of Centerville, N. S.—Kentville Chronicle.

REV. J. T. PARSONS.—We learn that on Sabbath last Rev. J. T. Parsons, pastor of the F. C. Baptist church, Waterloo street, notified his congregation that at the close of his present engagement, September 30th, his pastoral relations with the church would cease.

FROM REV. A. C. THOMPSON.—Permit me, through the columns of the paper, to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a donation from the kind friends at Five Points. During my sojourn with them I have found them prompt in the payment of salary and extremely thoughtful and mindful of their minister's needs. Knowing well that this is a dull season financially, at least to country preachers, they projected and carried out this donation, a gift supplementary to the salary. A. Leeman, Esq., was master of ceremonies, and right well did he fill the position, by opening his house, and by earnest work with the rest of the Committee. I gave them a little talk about my army experiences, in the evening, to supplement the affair, at the close of which A. A. Steeves stepped forward and presented me a purse of \$25, with a few appropriate remarks, closing with, "and we are not forgetful of the needs of our minister's wife, and we herewith present her with this purse of \$10." What I said in reply, anyone that knows me can readily conjecture. To labor for such people cannot be anything but a pleasure. May God's blessing attend them is our fervent prayer. . . . Tuesday evening of Deacon comb, of C. tation, it be his marriage with tin-shapes and service of tables were set down to rived. It the compa- parently be especially now have friends of I be grieved, and release, and

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