

COAST TO COAST CONVENTIONS.

Woodstock was the last city that we were to visit in the province. We had gracious seasons at Moncton, St. John, Fredericton, and finished our Canadian tour at this old battle ground; for really Woodstock has been the battle ground for holiness in New Brunswick. The Reformed Baptist Church had its beginning in this city thirty-one years ago. There was a real fight on then, and there has been more than mere skirmishing ever since. But from the small beginning of this denomination, they now have forty-seven churches throughout the provinces and are carrying on a good thorough-going spiritual work. They have twenty-five ordained ministers, all of whom preach, teach, and stand for a full salvation. The churches are made up of good, substantial, pious people; they are set for the promotion of holiness.

The best equipped church of this denomination is at Woodstock, and it is really one of the best churches of the city. The location is on the main street and the auditorium is commodious. Rev. W. B. Wiggins is the pastor here, and this is the second time he has been pastor of this same people. Both pastor and people gave us a cordial welcome and all were desirous of having a thorough-going meeting. This church has had many great full salvation campaigns, several of our evangelists from the States having preached there, as the preaching of holiness is nothing new.

We had a good hearing from the start, the church was well filled every night, the services grew in interest and power and had really taken on large proportions by Sunday. Things did not loosen up or break through easily. There were seekers right along, and a few got through at each service, but the next service would be a bit hard again. However, we held right on and did have some real victory. Sunday night the church was packed and jammed. There were ten definite seekers the last night, all of whom obtained what they were seeking.

We had a good many visitors to this convention; quite a delegation came over from Fort Fairfield, Me., also some friends from St. John and other adjacent towns. Friends from eleven of their different churches shared with us in the services. The people of New Brunswick will go to meetings; they are not so enthusiastic as the people of the States, but they do offer a good opportunity for the ministry of truth.

The entire convention party feel that we had not only a pleasant, but a most profitable work in the province.

We were kindly received everywhere; we had splendid crowds at every convention; there were many gloriously saved and sanctified, and the conventions well sustained financially. We have now turned our faces back to the States, and are expecting some gracious conventions in New England.

The friends of the "National Association" and the lovers of full salvation will be glad to know that here are more open doors, there are more urgent calls, there are greater demands, for this convention work than there has ever been before. We pray that God will make this chain of

conventions the greatest and most far reaching of any of the previous years.

THE RAINY SUNDAY AND CHURCH.

"I attend Church on rainy Sundays because:

1. God has blest the Lord's Day and hallowed it, making no exceptions for hot or cold or stormy days.

2. I expect my minister to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home on account of the weather.

3. If his hands fail through weakness, I shall have great reason to blame myself, unless I sustain him by my prayers and presence.

4. By staying away, I may lose the prayers which may bring God's blessing, and the sermon that would have done me great good.

5. My presence is more needed on Sundays when there are few, than on those days when the church is crowded.

6. On any important business rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is, in God's sight, very important.

7. Among the crowds of pleasure-seekers I see that no weather keeps the delicate woman from the ball, the party, or the concert.

8. There is a special promise that where two or three meet together in God's name, He will be in the midst of them.

9. An avoidable absence from the church is an infallible evidence of spiritual decay. Disciples first follow Christ at a distance, and then, like Peter, do not know Him.

10. My faith is to be shown by my self-denying Christian life, and not by the rise or fall of the thermometer.

11. Such yielding to surmountable difficulties prepares for yielding to those merely imaginary, until thousands never enter a church, and yet think they have a good reason for such neglect.

12. I know not how many more Sundays God may give me, and it would be a poor preparation for my first Sunday in heaven to have slighted my last Sunday on earth."—Frances Ridley Havergal.

TEMPERANCE.

Editor King's Highway:

In reading your valuable paper the writer is pleased to note you are a strong temperance advocate. The churches, temperance societies and the enforcement of the prohibitory law have accomplished good service along temperance lines. Notwithstanding all this powerful combination and christian influence, we find strong drink still very much in evidence. Surely our church members don't take a wee little drink with the excuse our Saviour made wine. The writer was informed that if taken as a medicine in moderation no evil results follow its use. The moderate drinker is the most dangerous, for it is a leader to excess. If you refuse the first drink you will not require the second. The writer will take a safe foundation for his argument. We find in reading the best of all books that wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whoso ever is deceived thereby is not wise; then again

it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a drunkard to enter the holy city. If this be correct the drunkard's case is about hopeless and stands in danger of future punishment. To be on the safe side the use of strong drink must be abolished entirely. This moderation and medicine and social drinks for socialability is the beginning of the end about nine times out of ten, for it is safe to say that nine cases out of ten that appear before the judges's bench of justice are caused by the use of strong drink to excess. The writer a few years since visited a condemned prisoner on the eve of his execution and he informed the writer that the evils of intemperance brought him in his present position. It was an extremely touching case that the writer will remember the rest of his life, but this is only one case out of thousands that daily occur. This convict was well educated and in the prime of life. His parents were Christians and he told the writer his mother was a praying woman and he was ashamed to inform her of his serious position. This is a sad case and the feelings of the parents can be better imagined than described. The cause of strong drink has caused more ruin and distress than all other evils combined. It is the duty of every honest citizen to warn their neighbors of danger for we are in a certain sense responsible for their conduct and if possible persuade them to lead a better life and be sure to practice what they advocate and end moderation and medicine of the whiskey brand for all time to come.

Yours truly,
JOHN W. BAKER.

APPRECIATION.

Some people wait until their friends are dead and then strew flowers on their graves thinking it may soothe their conscience for past neglect. Some years ago I had an experience similar to this which I have never ceased to regret. So ever since I have endeavoured to give the flowers while my friends are living, in other words tell them how I appreciate them, and I find it does not hurt them to be told this.

The people have been exceedingly kind to us since we came to minister to them. The ladies came and did my sewing and then asked to do my knitting, thus giving me more time for Church work, study, etc. This means much to one that through any over-exertion must suffer because of physical weakness.

I wish to express my appreciation for their thoughtfulness and pray that the Lord may richly bless them in all spiritual blessings.

I. M. K.

Old age has its recompenses, especially if it is found in favor with God and enjoys the tender and gracious providential dealings of God. The long life and active service in God's kingdom provides a delightful twilight, a reminiscent period that is full of comfort and satisfaction. The evening of life will be glowing, and the sunset of life's day on earth is but the ushering in of the dawn of heaven's eternal day.—The Evangelical Messenger.