

among a people having books, I feared if I did not embrace that opening among the Karens I would not be acting in accordance with the desires of the Board, and consequently gave the School, &c., to brother Ingalls, to do what he could for them in connection with his Burman labours, and left for Mergui. Why I am not there now you will doubtless have heard before this reaches you. It may not be uninteresting to you to hear a little with regard to the result of the small beginning made among this poor, degraded, yet interesting people. One of the two young men who came with me into the City for the purpose of learning to read, soon after I left returned to his jungle home; the other remained until after he had learned to read, to love Christ, and to become a disciple, and not long after was called away to his home, not in the jungle, but we trust to his home on high. He died of the Cholera. In the little School a number of lads learned to read partially at least, and then they were induced to come to School in the City. A number of whom have since given a hope of being converted, and some eight or ten have been baptized by brother Ingalls. One of these also was carried away by fever a few months ago, and we trust that he too has joined the heavenly multitude in singing the "New song." He was a very studious fine young man. The language of the Kemees has now been reduced to writing by brother Stilson, who three or four years ago spent two or three months at one of their villages for the purpose of collecting words. I am sorry, dear brother, I have nothing of more interest to communicate. We have now been some months resting upon our oars, but I hope soon to get to work again. I purpose, if God may continue my health even as good as it is at present, to make an effort to get some Karens to school in town during the coming rainy season; which is now near at hand. The ravages of the Cholera will I fear alarm them so that it may be difficult to get many of them; to come. I felt very anxious to visit them before the rains commenced, but our Physician here would not under any consideration give his consent to it, and I was obliged to submit. You are, my dear brother, in the midst of many whom I love very much, both people and pastors, and to whom you will kindly give our united most affectionate regards. Tell my dear brothers Robinson, Dimock, and McDonald, that if they can occasionally find time I should be very glad to hear from them. I hope you will write as often as you can. We are looking anxiously for the arrival of the Christian Visitor, &c., which you mentioned as having kindly sent to the "Mission Rooms" Boston for us.

Mrs. Burpe unites with me in very kind Christian regards.

I remain, dear brother, your's very affectionately.

R. E. BURPE.

Eastern Baptist Association.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BROTHER VERY.—I give you in brief an account of the proceedings of the Association held in this place.

On Saturday, 7th July, 3 o'clock, P. M. a large number of the Ministers and Messengers composing this body having arrived, the services were commenced by an interesting sermon preached by Elder J. Bunting, from Rom. i. 20; when the Ministers and Delegates united in a good old Conference, in which the Divine presence was strikingly manifested, and the people were convinced that God had owned their coming together to worship Him.

On Sabbath morning after prayer meeting held at an early hour, Elder Joseph Crandal preached at 10½ o'clock from John xii. 24.—Elder G. F. Miles at 3 o'clock P. M. from Jeremiah li. 10, and at 6 o'clock Elder W. Jackson from 1 Peter i. 11. A solemn attention from an overflowing congregation was given. The Sermons were deeply interesting and the truth told on the minds of the people with energy and force. At the Calkin's meeting-house, Elders James Blakeney and Merrit Keith preached at 10 and 4 o'clock, from Rom. xii. 1, and Psalms cxlv. 20; these discourses were followed by addresses from Elders D. Crandal, M. Keith, J. Francis, and E. F. Foshay, with prayer by J. V. Tabor, and Elders Blakeney, D. Crandal, E. F. Foshay, Newcomb, Ring, Parker, Silas Viditoe from Nova Scotia, and prayer by Brother Goutcher from Horton Academy. The attention and effect was highly salutary. Meetings the same hours were held at Harvey in the Methodist Chapel.

On Monday after prayer meeting Elder D. Crandal preached from Mark xiv. and first clause of 8th verse. The subject was very touching and produced lively conviction that we had not done what we could.

A collection was then taken up for Domestic Missions and the Association was organized. Elder D. Harris, Delegate, and Silas Viditoe, with Bro. Goutcher from Nova Scotia, and Elder G. F. Miles, Delegate from Western Association, with Bro. Robert Emmerson and J. V. Tabor took seats with the Association.

The letters from 27 churches were then read, many of which bore highly interesting intelligence of the growing interests of our denomination. After adjournment the Association for next year was appointed to be held at Springfield, but not without the friends requesting it in many other places, and those representing churches who made requests discharging their duty in full in agreement with said requests. Elder W. G. Parker was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon of next year. Various resolutions were then carried, and at 6 o'clock P. M., Elder D. Harris, whose tender heart had already overflowed a number of times, preached a good discourse on Missions from 1 Chron. iv. 10.

On Tuesday, after Prayer Meeting at 10½ o'clock, Elder Joseph Crandal addressed the Association in his calm deliberate and deeply interesting manner, upon Education from Isaiah l. first clause of 4th verse. A very interesting report was then read, and an address filled with matter was delivered by Elder Francis.

The Home Missions was then presented and addresses made that must be long remembered—Elders Bunting, Miles, Blakeney, and Francis drew forth much feeling on this subject. The claims of the French population together with the Indian were well set forth. A collection was taken up for Domestic Missions amounting to £6 10s. 10d. and some amount signed, and Elder Joseph Crandal and Elijah Foshay, Licentiate, were appointed Missionaries to the Restigouche.

The Circular Letter, written by Elder Smith, was read and loudly responded to. He was absent, owing to the very low state of his esteemed companion's health, of whose recovery there are no hopes—much sympathy was expressed at the announcement.

The Bible cause and Foreign Missions were then presented, when Elders Parker, Jackson, and the Moderator, J. Crandal, addressed the meeting. Methought Angels laid aside their praise to hover over the congregation while those with the addresses on Home Missions were made. And while the big tears rolled from many eyes and the resounding voices drew forth the sympathies of the responding hearts, I felt that Heaven owned the meeting and mighty deeds would tell on succeeding time as the fruit of the seed now sown in this community.

Elder Silas Viditoe warmly addressed the meeting on this subject, after which the report of special committee was disposed of, and the Union Society's report came up.

Now were mental agonies evinced in heroic minds, and well digested plans laid in the addresses following and while one declared that unless something was done he had thought he must sell all he had and give it to the Lord, I thought ministers should not be charged with covetousness.

O that the Churches could feel as did those men of God while they looked in the empty treasury; how would they sigh and cry for having reversed the order of Heaven by making great gain with anxiety for more to be Godliness, instead of Godliness with contentment to be great gain.

A ministerial fasting and prayer meeting was then appointed for Wednesday morning 5 o'clock, and preaching at ten by Brother Much, who is shortly to be ordained.

A great unanimity of feeling has pervaded the Association. The glory of the Lord has filled the place and the shekinah of His presence has been visible.

The inhabitants of Hopewell have made every exertion to make the Association agreeable—having fitted up their House for its reception, and the performance of the choir is below none of equal numbers that I know of. The devotional exercises have been much augmented by that thrilling anthem called "The Judgment Anthem," and while old and young have been melted into tears under the performance thereof, a holy anticipation of that great day has lain with deep weight on many minds.

Yours in Gospel Fellowship,

A FRIEND OF ZION.

Hillsborough, July 14th, 1849.

DEAR BROTHER.—We have had a blessed Association. On Wednesday at 6 o'clock, P. M. the Ministering Brethren visited the Church in Harvey, Elder G. F. Miles preached at the the Horton Chapel, next morning they visited the Bank, another stand occupied by this Church, Elder Joseph Crandal preached; the Brethren found it sweet to breathe in the atmosphere of a revival; we feel greatly honored by this visit from our brethren. It is so unusual to go in a contrary direction to our homes at the close of the session, that we had reason to doubt the success of our application for such a favor, but they came and God came with them, and we have reason to believe that they feel well rewarded in their own souls.—On Thursday they visited Hillsborough; at 6 o'clock our young brother Emmerson preached an Excellent discourse from these words, "A Prophet will the Lord your God raise up unto you like unto me, Him shall ye hear, &c." He was followed by Brethren Parker, Miles, Jackson and others, in thrilling addresses. Father Crandal was preaching at the same time in the Calkins Meeting House, supported by a number of Brethren. Friday morning at 6 o'clock Elder Jackson preached an admirable discourse—and at 11 o'clock we all met at Hillsborough Meeting House, when the Brethren took an affectionate leave of us in this county, after a discourse from Elder G. F. Miles which will not soon be forgotten.

Your's, &c.

J. FRANCIS.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Christian Brethren composing the Eastern New-Brunswick Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In glancing at different subjects for your consideration in this our annual epistle, at a time like the present when to the joy of many, light and knowledge are generally disseminated, we discover no subject within our scope, of more importance for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and therefore claiming more strongly our efforts as a body engaged for the glory of God and the good of mankind than the advancement of Education, the want of which (considering it with all its numerous train) is one of the most serious obstacles to the advancement of truth.

It is consoling to observe that the prejudice which has heretofore prevailed with many against the efforts of Christians in the discharge of this most important duty is somewhat subsiding; and a sense of the importance of a well informed Ministry furnished with all necessary knowledge from the word of God, without too much dependence on the statement of others is pervading the mind of the greater part of the community.

The plea that many have made against a learned Ministry, that *the Apostles with few exceptions were illiterate*, is also subsiding, and the fact is more generally considered, that the word of truth was written by divine inspiration, and the Apostles endowed with the miraculous gift of tongues, were not necessitated to learn in the ordinary way a foreign tongue to understand or to teach either, the important truths have been left on record for our instruction. It is consoling also to view the efforts that are now made for the dissemination of useful knowledge by Colportage through the length and breadth of this and the sister Province, and also the efforts made for the instruction of the youth by means of the Sabbath School all of which are of the very greatest importance and claiming the first place in the exertions of the Church of God.

Although we urge strongly the importance of Education, and consider all we can say as coming far short of its claims, we would not intimate that it includes all that is necessary to attend to, but as that which may be preparatory to every good work by giving a knowledge of God's requirements at our hand.

As God has instituted his Church for the express purpose of disseminating the light and truth of his everlasting word to the earth's remotest bound, it chief duty not being to seek its own glories but the spiritual benefit of mankind, bearing in mind what Christ has done for us, and likewise the precious promises he has left on record to bear us up amidst all opposition, and which he has assured us are all yea and amen in Christ Jesus. We would consider it an important duty devolving upon us as the professed followers of Christ to deny ourselves of many of those things which we may esteem pleasant and profitable, for the sake of sending the word of God in its purity to the destitute and perishing

heathen; not only those bearing that name in foreign climes, but those also who are in reality such surrounding us in our own country. Our negligence in this, as well as in many other known important duties is no doubt the cause of so much leanness in many of our Churches and the occasion of God's displeasure, as manifested in his judgments which are abroad in the earth. It is much to be deplored that the hand of Almighty God is so little viewed in the dispensations of his providence; even the professed people of God are too many of them ascribing them simply to natural causes, not viewing God to rule in the armies of heaven and among men; and therefore they are not laid to heart, and the evils for which we are thus visited are not sought out, and repented of, and forgiveness and grace sought to enable us to engage in God's service acceptably.

As God has made it one of the chief duties of his servants, to whom he has revealed his will, to expose those things by which the enemy of souls and his emesaries are deceiving the world of mankind, it is not to be concealed that ignorance has ever been the parent of superstition; and therefore to expel that gloomy fiend it behoves all who wish well to their fellow men to engage not only by the influence and substance that have been placed at their disposal, but by approaching a throne of grace seeking from the unbounded source of wisdom and knowledge those qualifications which are necessary to endow suitably the followers of Christ. We therefore would strive to enforce upon the minds of all who sincerely wish to engage in the service of their great Redeemer the necessity of uniting heart and hand in disseminating useful knowledge through the length and breadth of the earth by every means and in every way that God may be pleased to discover to us as being the most effectual method of promoting the glory of God and the good of mankind.

NEW-BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

At the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Society, held at Hopewell on the 8th of July, the following Report was submitted by the Committee.

REPORT.

The adjoining list contains the names of the Students (Names omitted) who have attended the classes in the Seminary during the past year, from which it will appear that the number amounts in all to Fifty, and the Principal has much satisfaction in bearing testimony to the diligence evinced by the Students generally, the proficiency they have made in various branches of learning, and the good behaviour which has been observed during the year.

It would afford the friends of the Society pleasure to learn that the members of the community to which the Institution more immediately belongs were availing themselves of the means of improvement thus afforded them on behalf of their sons; the Committee however are sorry to be compelled to state that but few families, resident in the country, seek for their children the advantages of a more extended education than that which is furnished by the common schools; they do not pretend to determine the causes which operate to produce this neglect of a higher order of education, but they may be allowed to deplore that any thing short of the most absolute necessity should be suffered to prevent a youth from advancing to the highest state of mental cultivation within his reach.

But notwithstanding the indifference to education which apparently exists, and the severe commercial depression which the last year has witnessed, the Committee regard with satisfaction the circumstance that the number of Students during the year has nearly equalled that of previous years; they congratulate the friends of the Society upon this indication of general confidence in the community, and healthy prosperity in the Institution. Mr. Emerson, a licentiate of the body, pursued his studies with much diligence and success from October, 1848, to the May following, according to provision made at the Western Association held last year at St. George's: the statement of expenses incurred for the necessary purposes of Board at the Seminary will be found in the Cash account, from which it will appear that the sum of £2 7s. 6d. is still due the Steward.

The Annual Examination of the pupils took place on Friday, the 8th of June, and was attended by the Rev. J. M. Brooke and Professor Jack, of King's College, as Com-

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