

will not give them up. Again the house of God is exchanged for the drunkard's cup; lower, lower she sinks; even the children in the streets cry after her, "Drunken S." She has turned like the dog to its vomit, and now glories in her shame. Again the missionary is found by her bedside, exhorting her to repentance, but even Mercy is at last weary of her. She did not like to retain God in her knowledge, and he has now given her up to her own hardness of heart. Listen! she speaks; her tongue will soon be silent in death; there is no emotion, all is calm, the calmness of the tomb. "Sir, I am lost for ever! I am going to hell! God is just, and he will damn me! Pray for me, if you like, but there is no hope; I am lost for ever."

She was a happy child, but where is she?

Young men, young women, watch the beginning of sin; 'tis like letting out of water. Security is found only in Him who has said, "My son, give me thy heart."

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RELIGIOUS AWAKENING.

So far as we are able to judge from all we see and hear of the state of our churches in this Province, there is nothing they so much need as the spirit of religious awakening. There are here and there, indications of spiritual life and progress, but we fear for the most part, our churches are indulging in the spirit of profound slumber. So far as the things of this world are concerned, all is life, zeal, and progress; but where are the symptoms of quenchless zeal for the honor of God, and for the redemption of souls? Where the manifestations of that progressive power which ought ever to distinguish the church of the first born?

We are assured that the ultimate end of all Christian and ministerial labour is to convert sinners to God. Pastoral instruction, Sabbath-schools, Tract-societies, Home and Foreign Missions, &c., &c., succeed just in proportion as the work of saving souls is accomplished. What, though you bring all the power of human instrumentality to bear upon the redemption of one soul, what does it avail, if in death, that soul sink to perdition's fearful depths? So far the labour has served only to add fuel to those quenchless fires, that shall scorch and burn the deathless spirit with increasing intensity in the world of woe. It is not simply then that we may enlighten and civilize men, and thereby make them socially and morally better inhabitants of this world, that we go to them with the message of peace, but that we may, with the divine blessing, rescue them from the verge of eternal destruction, and prepare them for a better world. Such being the fact, we cannot be too deeply impressed with the importance of so directing our labours in the vineyard of God, as to arouse sinners at once to an abiding sense of the danger to which they are exposed, and of their need of an interest in Christ.

We are aware that many wise and good men advocate a quiet, gradual method of multiplying converts to the truth, and of extending the kingdom of the Saviour. They don't approve of direct efforts to persuade men to submit to the claims of the cross, and hence they listen with incredulity, when you talk to them of extended revivals, and of the conversion of hundreds in a few days or weeks to the truth as it is in Jesus. Were not thousands turned from darkness to light in one

day at the opening of the gospel dispensation, and is that dispensation less powerful now than it was then? True, the miraculous department has disappeared, but all that is essential to the salvation of the sinner still remains. The ministry of the spirit is now, as then, the soul of the new economy, and it is just as easy for that spirit to convert thousands in one day now, as it was when Peter stood up as God's messenger to proclaim the truth.

Surely no one will say that the necessity for such an effusion of the spirit does not exist in the present age of the world, or that it is less grievous for souls to perish now than it was then. Why then should there be less direct effort to save? or why should we be surprised if the same God-like power, that was so wonderfully displayed on the day of Pentecost, should in like manner be exemplified now. What, but a measure of the same hallowed influence has produced such blessed revivals of religion during the past winter, in many of the churches of the American Union, in Nova Scotia, and in Canada? A minister of Canada West, describing a season of refreshing, which commenced in his church in October last, says:—

"About THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY have professed to have been converted during this time of refreshing! Glory be to the God of all grace! "Those converted are of all ages, from twelve to seventy, but for the most part, they are young men and young women. Among the number, there are those who were sceptics, scoffers, drunkards, formalists, and backsliders. The seed of the righteous have been largely blessed. Conviction, for the most part, was deep, though not unusually protracted. There was no noise or confusion, and there was very little terror experienced. Most complained of the hardness of their hearts. The number and aggravations of their sins seemed to be the great cause of their trouble. They fell before the truth when it was presented to them; and they possess a clear and scriptural hope in Christ, and can give the reason of it."

How great the change! Young men who used to frequent taverns, are regular in their attendance on Sabbath ordinances, and take part in the weekly religious services. Many who used to swear, now pray. Parties for years alienated from one another, have been reconciled; and some who were involved in the meshes of error, have become Scriptural in their views. For many miles around, there is scarcely a family where there are not some who are hopefully converted; and in some cases the whole family have been brought to Christ. How delightful! Reader, is your whole family brought to Jesus! O, surely we will pray earnestly for a revival of religion when its fruits are so blessed, glorious, and refreshing! Is not this recital a refreshing zephyr to our drooping souls?"

The Western Association of Nova Scotia reports 477 added by baptism the past year. The Central and Eastern Associations have also received large accessions; and what are all these but the fruits of the spirit of the primitive age? Who could witness such a glorious revival as the one so touchingly described above, without being convinced the hand of God was in it? If we denounce that as delusive, what evidence have we that any revival, either of ancient or modern times, was not deceptive? The impartation of new spiritual vigor to the hearts of God's people, and the conversion of souls hitherto dead in trespasses and sins are the constituent elements of a genuine revival of pure religion. Where these are manifest, we may be assured that God has condescended to come nigh, and to display the power of his sovereign grace.

Who can contemplate the present state of our churches in New-Brunswick, and not feel that there is an urgent necessity for this raising up of Christian hearts, this awakening of careless ones? How few of our churches will be able to report to the coming Associations renewed strength, and numbers added? They can tell of cases of fearful delinquency, of churches without pastors, without Sabbath Schools, without ordinances, without prayer, and without benevolence;—but what heart can be gladdened by such tales of depravity, and backsliding? Demons may listen and laugh; but if angels stop to listen, they only

pause to weep. We sometimes enquire, what can be done to break the profound slumber in which so many are involved? Shall the wise and the foolish virgins continue to slumber together until the midnight cry is made—"Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him?" Where are the sighs that are deep enough to be uttered, and the tears that are bitter enough to be shed over bleeding christianity, forsaken and trampled under foot? Where is the trump sufficiently loud to be heard along this extended valley of bones all bleached and dried? Where is the power that shall breathe into these slain that they may live? Eternal Spirit, thou alone can do the work. O descend upon the ministry and churches of this land, once so highly favored by thy gracious influence! Deal no longer in anger with thy servants, but in the midst of wrath remember mercy; and for the sake of the cleansing blood of the Mediator which now pleads before the throne, diffuse thy heavenly influences, infusing new life into the hearts of thy Ministers, reanimating the souls that thou hast sealed, and regenerating the tens of thousands that are rapidly pressing on to the regions of endless despair! Ministers of our holy religion! Saints of the Most High God! Let us with one accord, in humble prostration of spirit, approach the Mercy Seat, and in the name of Him who has said, "Ask in my name and ye shall receive;" plead with a God of boundless mercy until he shall pour the healing flood upon his thirsty heritage. "O LORD, REVIVE THY WORK!"

The Eastern Baptist Association of N. B.

It will be seen by a notice which appears on another page, that the next Session of this body is expected to open with the 2d Church in Wickham, on the 2d Saturday in July. We take it for granted, that as usual, the first meeting will commence at 2 o'clock, p. m., and that after a few hours spent in Ministerial Conference, the Association will be organized. If this can be done in time to read the letters on Saturday, it will tend to expedite the business of the session, and give more time for the discussion of such questions as may arise.

As matters deeply implicating the health and progress of the denomination will come under consideration, it is vastly important that there should be a full representation. Every church in the Association ought to be represented, and that by the best man or men which the church can select for the occasion. Short letters are usually sent to our Associations now, instead of those long epistles that used to tire every body in by-gone days. This is a decided improvement. The spirit of the present age demands that a great deal shall be done in a short time. This, we hope, will be the order of our meeting at Wickham. Above all, we pray, that the gracious spirit will deign to make one in the midst of his assembled servants!

Baptist Association on P. E. Island.

Our readers will perceive a notice on another page of the 1st meeting of the Baptist Association of P. E. Island with the church, at Lot 48. We regard this as a meeting of great importance to the interests of our denomination on that interesting and beautiful Isle of the sea. From several letters which have appeared from esteemed brethren, in the "Christian Messenger," we are induced to believe that questions of much delicacy, as well as of great moment to the future harmony and peace of our churches there, may be brought under consideration. It is extremely painful to us to perceive that our brethren there, are not joined together as they should be in the same judgement. This is alike unfortunate for them and for the cause which they represent. It is not for us to pass judg-

ment upon the questions at issue, or to say who are right or who are wrong. But we should like exceedingly, if we could, to throw oil upon the troubled waters. Ever since our first visit to the Island, we have been accustomed to cherish a lively interest in the brethren there, and to feel deeply concerned for the progress of the cause in that inviting field; and we cannot but grieve over any circumstances which may exist to check its onward march. Of one thing we are confident. Our brethren on P. E. Island cannot afford to differ.—they have too much at stake. They

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of the deep were they? grant the seed sown may find a lodgment in their hearts.

We are rejoiced to learn that arrangements are in progress, in addition to the stated preaching of the word in the Hall, to supply seamen with copies of the Word of God, religious Tracts, &c. &c., which are to be distributed by Committees on board of Ship as well as in the Hall.

This whole movement is one of thrilling interest, and we cannot but congratulate our esteemed brother, Rev. E. N. Harris, in the success which has attended his persevering efforts to provide for the temporal and spiritual interest of those who do business in great waters. May God continue to bless!

Bereavement.

We learn by the *Christian Messenger* of last week that the Rev. Dr. Pryor and his wife have been called in the providence of God to part with their eldest daughter, a most interesting young lady, in the bloom of life. This to them, we doubt not, is an event deeply afflictive. Sincerely do we sympathize with them in their sorrow, and earnestly do we pray that the divine presence may be their solace and their joy! How delightful to know that the beloved daughter, thus severed from their fond embrace, gave evidence that she was interested in the great salvation, and was consequently prepared for the heavenly inheritance. This thought, above all others, is adapted to sweeten the bitter cup, and to enable the smitten parents to say, "the will of the Lord be done."

Bro. H. S. Fillmore leaves the city this evening by the *Commodore*, for the Eastern section of the Province, to prosecute his Book and Visitor agency in that section. We commend our brother to the confidence and esteem of our churches, as one engaged in a most important mission, and as one who seems determined to devote his best energies to the successful prosecution of his work.