

in his lectures on the New Testament, and the fact will probably not be disputed.

What we are all in search of, is Truth. By a little forbearance and kindly spirit we may make the search, at least, pleasant. I think have no other object in connection with this matter, than to become better acquainted with the oracles of divine truth, and ascertain what is their proper meaning.

J. McCULLY.

Halifax, N. S., 8th Sept., 1856.

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The recent Association.

The following deeply interesting account of the recent Anniversary at Jacksonville, from the able pen of Bro J. Davis, is so full and complete that prolonged remarks from us are unnecessary. It was truly a Session of more than ordinary interest. The attendance was very good, and the preaching, exhortations, prayers, discussions and doings, were all distinguished by enlightened Scriptural sentiment, harmony of feeling, and unity of purpose. The moderator faithfully fulfilled his part, and business was conducted with life and despatch. The hospitality of the good people, both at Woodstock and Jacksonville, was all that could be desired, and to crown all, the God of Heaven was present by the power of his spirit, to aid his servants and to bless the people. It was a glorious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. We shall take occasion to remark more fully hereafter upon the important subjects brought under discussion. Read what Bro. Davis says:—

Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

DEAR BROTHERS:—The Association at Jacksonville,—journalists thither,—doings there,—these are my present themes. Let me try to make your readers partake both in the pleasure and profit which have been realized in connection with these matters.

MOVEMENTS BY LAND AND WATER.

I left St. George on Wednesday the 3rd inst., at 11 a.m., by stage for your City. Within miles of the city, I found men busy laying down pipes for the conveyance of the waters of Spruce Lake into Carleton. I presume your fellow-citizens residing there will be taxed for their luxury. Well, if they will but save their water out of their river, they will have a capital bargain, though at first it may seem an expensive one. Reaching Portland, Bro. Sims became my Gauss for the night, and in the morning at nine I set off by the *Anna Augusta* for Fredericton.

This was my first excursion up your noble St. John, and the River and its scenery made their first and indelible impression upon my mind. The stream is remarkable for its breadth and depth; ranging as it does during a large portion of its course to the Provincial Capital of some ninety miles, from half a mile to a mile in width, and traversed night and day during the open season, by steamers of large bulk. Leaving Indiantown, you pass, to the right, the outlet of the Kennebecensis, leading to Hampton Ferry, at a distance of some thirty miles. Then, as you ascend, still on the right, there is Belle Isle Bay, indenting the land to a great depth. Then, higher up again, and again on the right, is the Washedemoak, a lake rather than a river, about thirty miles in length. Yet higher up is Grand Lake, (with its mouth, the Jemseg) thirty miles in length, and from three to six miles in breadth. All these occur within a distance of fifty miles from the city; and all are navigated from May to November by steam vessels of respectable size and power. The country washed by these lakes and rivers is, as I am informed, extremely valuable both for farming and lumbering purposes. What a system of waters!—what seats for population and prosperity!—what a City must they ultimately render St. John!—and what scenes, present and prospective, for the labours of the schoolmaster and evangelist! Along the whole course of the St. John, in its long and winding journey of five hundred miles, smaller rivers pour in their contributions, fertilizing the country, and conveying its produce of every kind down to the father of New Brunswick waters. Ascending the river, about twenty miles up, the intervals, the fat intervals, begin to open, and only begin, since they extend far above Fredericton. Then there are many islands, too, composed, like the intervals, of alluvial soil, annually enriched, and apparently even created by the elevation of the river in spring. The crops on these intervals, the doomed potato alone casting a dark shadow on the soil. In many a field the reapers, glad and busy, doffed and enlivened the view; the highlands, too, approaching the river, or retiring to a blue and hazy distance, imparted an air of protection and grandeur to the scenery. There were the stacks, the barns, the houses, the villages, thickly scattered along the banks on either hand, telling how man here held and enjoyed his great heritage. Nor must the trees and shrubs be forgotten, with their vast proportions, and their fringe-like aspect, everywhere diversifying and adorning the landscape. What a paradise, if winter could but be kept at bay!—a paradise in spite of winter. As to Fredericton, it is a pretty little city, with some state and pretension, such as bishops, and priests, and governors, and government employees are apt to effect. But a temperance man and a Baptist could not be expected to regard it with any great complacency. Yet there I found Brother Spurgeon, (whose guest I became), with his Seminary, our little Baptist community also, with their fraternal demonstrations. There are good things and good people even at Fredericton.

Friday, the 4th, I started for Jacksonville, by land, in company with ministering and other brethren, with two of the sisterhood likewise, eleven in all. Brother Hart, of Fredericton, made one of our number; supplying us with good conveyances, well horsed, and well conducted. Then came our long journey to Woodstock, upwards of sixty miles, and so to Jacksonville, seven miles beyond. Our road wound up all the way by the river side, which afforded a farther opportunity for its study. It contracts from Fredericton upwards, and becomes shallow. It is traversed with steam, at the opening of spring, and until its waters subside, as high as Woodstock. Then, during the season for navigation, tow-boats are continually moving upon its surface; for which description of craft it is practicable as far as St. Francis, more than three hundred miles from its mouth. We found a great deal of fine farming territory as we pursued our journey, including still larger tracts of interval land. Farming and lumbering, those great staples of the province, have valuable facilities through this whole region; but perhaps farming especially. The depth of the soil in many places, and its fertility, without any manuring, are described as being wonderful. Why should our people emigrate, leaving a country like this behind them? Well, this St. John deserves all the praise it ever got. It may not be as the St. Lawrence or the Mississippi. Yet it is no unworthy member of that great family of rivers which beautify and bless this earth, and lead our thoughts up to the "river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God, and of the Lamb."

Association Services.

SATURDAY, the 6th, gathered our friends together at the great central point, Jacksonville. Most of the ministers connected with the Association were present. We opened with a season of conference, serious, yet cheerful, and preparing us well for the duties which lay before us. Brother Robinson was chosen Moderator; brethren J. Wallace, and Stephen March were appointed Clerks. In the evening we had preaching, by brother Fitch at Jacksonville, and brother G. F. Miles, at Woodstock.

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brothers Robinson and Nutter, with your correspondent, officiated at Jacksonville. At Woodstock, brethren Francis, Bill, and Robinson at the Baptist places, and brethren S. T. Rand and Bill, at the Methodist Chapel. Then at the Free Will Baptist place, not far from our own place of worship at Jacksonville, the brethren Outhouse and Tozer administered. These were the whole of the Sabbath services, well attended, well kept up, interesting, and profitable. On

MONDAY,

after a season of devotion, came the Association Sermon, brother Bill, preacher; the text, Acts xx. 28, instructive, warm, faithful, effective; heard with close and serious emotion. It is hoped that, as requested, we may have the substance of this discourse in the columns of the *Visitor*.

The reading of the letters followed. Out of forty-nine churches, on last year's list, only thirty-one reported. Where are the other eighteen? Five letters came from new churches, seeking admission, which they obtained. The letters were short, and to the purpose, and therefore heard with unusual attention. They presented a gain of 324—a loss of 143—a clear increase of 181. Rather an encouraging view; especially when it is remembered that no "peculiar" excitement seems to have visited the churches in the course of the year. Twenty-five churches reported Sabbath Schools; many of them in flourishing condition. Little was heard of discord among the brethren. Peace and prosperity do not always go together—yet it is true that "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

The afternoon was devoted to the Home Mission. A good work is in progress in connection with this organization. Concentration and Christian union have been greatly blessed here. Monies are raised and expended; prayers are called forth and answered, as they were not under the old, disjointed, unsystematic mode of operations. Scotchtown, and St. Francis churches have been planted during the year, under the auspices of the Home Mission. No church awakened more interest in the association than the latter. It lies in the north-west corner of the province, close upon Lower Canada. It is located among a small English population, but a large French one. Brother March, its newly ordained pastor, is greatly concerned for the welfare of the French, and is preparing to get at work among them. They too, seem ready to listen to the truth. The Lord seemed our young brother, and make him as a "light that shineth in a dark place." Brother Knight had much to say about his labors. His address did us all good. I wish I could report it for you. It was simple, yet full of thought, melting too, and tender. It told also of successes. Your columns have informed us of the baptism of one French convert. May we not hope for others soon? The Lord is opening the eyes and the hearts of our French neighbours. The priesthood are losing their power over them. They are beginning to think and act for themselves. Give up the French Mission? Who would have dreamt of that? By no means, even had there been no immediate promise of fruit. It is always hard to reach those with the truth whose errors are wrought into system, and consolidated by the growth of ages. This is exactly the case with Catholics everywhere. But bring the right agency to bear upon them, sustain it by prayer, and wait patiently for results, and there will surely come a harvest at last. I rejoice in the Lord that, instead of withdrawing brother Knight from his field, there exists a disposition to give him a co-worker as soon as one can be obtained. Why not ordain our brother? I trust our unbelief and impatience may be mercifully rebuked ere long, while the poor, dark, French are brought into the fellowship of the Gospel. Why not in New Brunswick as well as in Canada? Contributions freely poured in this afternoon for Home Missionary purposes, in addition to those previously taken. It was thus given and promised in the course of our meetings. It was good to see the faith and works of the brethren co-operating here. It shall not be "in vain in the Lord."

In the evening, among other matters, a scheme

was presented by brother I. Wallace, the same as had been approved by the Eastern Association, for educating candidates for the ministry. The object, that of providing funds for this express purpose, was new, and vastly important. The plan for raising funds, of which the brethren may expect to hear more, seemed to be quite practicable. The whole matter was well received, called forth an animated discussion, and told hopefully for the future of the denomination throughout the Province. Religion, enlightened religion, quickens the zeal for learning in all ranks, and unless we, as Baptists, keep up with the times in this respect—with that state of the times which ourselves have helped to bring about, we lose our hold upon the people, and deserve to lose it; and God's own truth and the souls of men suffer through our neglect. Do we consent to this? I trust not. To the kind of work here indicated, then, we shall have to devote our means and our prayers.

TUESDAY

morning we resolved into a meeting of the Education Society; and important business was transacted which need not be specially noted here. Then came an address from brother Rand, on his work among the Indians. It was in our brother's best style. It went straight to the heart. The aborigines of these provinces are beginning to take heed to soul-saving truth. Their priesthood are alarmed—an excellent sign,—some of them have died in the faith of Jesus. The purposes of the brethren were freely opened for brother Rand; nor will the seed deposited in his field be lost. We had a friendly discussion, eminently one-sided, and thoroughly favourable, touching the *Visitor* and *Casket*. Suggestions were made for their improvement. But all felt that they must be sustained, and rendered more widely and deeply efficient. The spirit here was admirable and well adapted to your personal encouragement. Next to ministers, none need kind words and deeds more than the editors of religious journals.

In the afternoon we had Temperance on the carpet. Our anti-temperance Governor was not forgotten; nor were his co-conspirators. We were not revengeful, but we were angry, in the style to which Paul exhorts, when he says, "Be ye angry, and sin not." Mr. Manners Sutton may look for his day yet. It will take more than a defeat at the hustings to destroy the hold which the cause of Temperance has taken upon the hearts of New Brunswickers. Nay, defeat has been a benefit to the cause, as both enemies and friends will discover in due time.

With this subject our session closed. The meetings were harmonious, but by no means tame. It was regretted that we had not more of the devotional element, and particularly that we could not have wound up with an hour at least for exhortation, and prayer and song. With some little forecast and management, as it seemed, such an hour might have been secured. Let us hope that that matter may be kept more in view hereafter; and also, that much prayer went up from the hearts of the brethren which found not utterance through their lips.

I must add, that the vote of thanks for the hospitalities of brethren and friends, both at Jacksonville and Woodstock was well deserved. They have a rich country up there. They made us heartily welcome to their abundance. Some of us went a long way to get at the good things of the Association; but we had fine weather—excellent entertainment—charming gatherings; the smiles of both heaven and earth were around us. It was "good to be there." May it prove to have been a preparation for the goodly and everlasting Association which await the just in the skies.

Your fellow-labourer,

St. John, Sep. 12th 1856.

J. DAVIS.

Death of Dr. Peter Berryman, Son of Mr. John Berryman, of this City.

It is our painful duty to record the decease of this young man of promise. Early last winter this valued friend and brother in Christ was violently attacked with what proved to be cancer of the bowels. In the spring he visited Edinburgh for the purpose of consulting the eminent physicians connected with the Medical University of that City. He received from them the most marked kindness and respect. Professor Simpson took him to his own house and treated him as if he had been a son of his own; but he returned without being permanently benefited. Since his return, as well as before he went, the Doctor Bayards of this city used his best skill to remove the disease, but all was unavailing. His bowels were set, he could not pass over them. His sufferings, which at times were excruciating, terminated in death on the morning of the 10th inst.

Dr. Berryman having graduated at the Edinburgh University entered upon the duties of his profession in this City a short time before the visitation of the Cholera in 1853; and during the progress of this terrible disease he made himself exceedingly useful, and became a general favorite with the people. A gentlemanly bearing, associated with a very amiable disposition and acknowledged skill in his profession excited very flattering hopes in relation to his future career; but relentless death has suddenly blighted these fond expectations, and laid him low with the clouds of the valley.

We rejoice to add that while his friends deeply mourn his early removal from a sphere of enlarged usefulness in his profession, they have reason to rejoice in the fact that death found him not in an unprepared state. He had professed faith in the Son of God as his Redeemer in early life, and was baptized by the Rev. S. Robinson of this City; and although in the retrospect he felt that he had occasion to deplore his lack of entire consecration to the cause and service of his Master, yet amid the breaking up of his physical nature, he was enabled to repose his whole trust in the finished work of Calvary. His Physician informed us that never had he witnessed in the unnumbered cases which had come under his observation, a more signal example of Christian patience and submission. His bodily sufferings were dreadfully severe, but his mind was calm, resigned and peaceful. As we listened to his expressions of confidence in his Saviour and his assurance of a blissful immortality in heaven, we could but feel here is a case which adds new charms to the faith of God's elect, and sheds a fresh lustre upon the hope which the Gospel gives. Here was one in the prime and vigor of manhood, with fluttering worldly prospects before

him, caressed by Father, Mother, Brothers, Sisters, and honored and loved by a numerous circle of friends, not only willing, but anxious to leave these earthly attractions, that he might participate in the service and bliss of heaven. Unbelievers in the inspired revelation of God, read the death-bed history of the lamented Dr. Berryman, and learn how a Christian can die.

A numerous concourse of people, all anxious to pay a tribute of respect to departed worth, were present at his funeral, which took place from his Father's residence on Friday last. Religious services were performed by Rev. Messrs. Robinson and Bill, and the occasion was one of unusual solemnity. May God comfort the stricken parents and immediate relatives, at the deceased, and may this message of death be heeded by us all!

Faith Triumphant in Death.

The following impressive notice of the experience of the Rev. Charles Mackay, in the prospect of death is extracted from the *Canadian Independent*. It is highly gratifying to know, that the gospel, which he had so faithfully and affectionately proclaimed to others, so abundantly sustained him as he passed the dark valley. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

On Thursday the 28th ultimo, at 3 a.m., at the house of his beloved friend, William Lash, Esq., of Dundas, the Rev. Charles Mackay, aged 57; for nine years pastor of the Congregational Church, at St. John, N. B. By the injunction of medical advisers, he left his flock, and his beloved partner, under circumstances of peculiar trial, in the early part of last June, on a western tour, for the recruiting of his feeble frame, reduced by protracted illness. He was present for a short time, during the meetings of the Union at Hamilton; but too much exhausted by the journey, to take any part in the exercises. His vehement desires, however, forced him to speak for twenty minutes, at a Prayer Meeting of his Ministerial Brethren, the Alumni of the Theological Institute; on which occasion many will remember how earnestly he dwelt on the privilege of being a minister of Christ, and the solemn obligation on such, to preach nothing but Christ and Him crucified. This was his last public address. That same day, June 17th, he was welcomed as a guest into the family of his intimate and endeared friend, Mr. Lash (formerly a Deacon of his Church), little supposing that his earthly sojournings were there to end. But a severe cold, brought on congestion of the lungs, accompanied with awful spasms. His anxious companion, hearing of his relapse, hastened up from St. John, N. B., leaving an infant a few weeks old, as well as four other children, in care of kind friends, hoping to return shortly with the partner of her life. For ten weeks our brother continued rapidly to sink. Though most of the whole period, he was the cheerful prisoner of recovery, his might again proclaim to his beloved flock, the unsearchable riches of Christ; but as soon as he discovered the sentence of death written upon his wasted tabernacle, his soul was filled with still brighter hopes; the "desire to depart and be with Christ," though never expressed in a spirit of impatience, was evidently the all-absorbing aspiration of his heart. He spoke about dying with as much freedom from fear, as he had formerly spoken of returning to his beloved family and flock.

A few days before his death, he sent an affectionate message to his beloved people, assuring them that Christ, whose abounding grace and righteousness, he had so often attempted to set forth to them, was in his own experience, all, and more than all he had ever declared him to be. Those who were privileged to behold him fearlessly girding himself for the encounter with his last enemy, will not soon forget his faltering effort to join in singing those sweet lines—

"Precious by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds apply,
Redeeming love has been my theme;
And shall be till I die.
In nobler strains, I then shall sing
Thy sovereign power to save!
I'll say to all, where is thy sting?
Thy victory, O grave!"

His last coherent utterance, in reply to kind inquiries, as to what he wished for, was—*"Wings! Wings! I want to fly!"* The embowered spirit was presently relieved of its mortal garments, and soared a way to the realms of eternal glory.

His attached and bereaved flock have sent a deputation to perform the mournful service of conveying the beloved remains, to St. John, that he may sleep among his own people, and arise in the midst of their Resurrection morning.

Call for Enlargement.

It was suggested at the recent Association, that the Christian Visitor be enlarged to the size of the Watchman and Reflector, that the circulation be increased to 10,000 and that the price be made ten shillings. It would afford us great satisfaction to adopt all these suggestions and to act upon them promptly so far as we are concerned, and if all parties are willing to put their shoulder to the wheel who knows but this great work could be done.

Every week teaches us the necessity more and more for enlargement. This week we had to run the risk of spoiling Bro. Nutter's article by cutting it in two, and Bro. Rand's we had to serve in the same way. This was sorely against our will but it was the only alternative. The paper is being filled with original matter. We evidently want more room. How shall we get it? The present income will not justify enlargement. Let us have the ten thousand subscribers and then we pledge ourselves to give you a larger paper without increasing the price. What say you friends? Let every subscriber to the Visitor turn active agent; send us one new name each, and the work will soon be done.

German Street Baptist Choir.

We are pleased to find that our young friends of the Choir have gained for themselves a deserved reputation outside their own denomination. The *New Brunswick* speaking of them in connection with the Musical Tea Soiree, got up by the ladies of the German Street Church, to come off on Friday evening next in the Temperance Hall, says:—We have heard the performances of the Choir who attend that Church highly spoken of about Christmas and New Years' time, and we understand they intend to be present on this occasion, no doubt they will use their best endeavors to make the affair come off with credit. Report says there is to be something rich in the way of a Fruit and Flower table. Experience however is the best teacher, and we would say to all—Go.

Potatoe Blight.

We regret to state that the potato blight has extended itself over every section of the province. During our recent excursion from St. John to Jacksonville, it was painful to look upon the potato fields, all blasted and dead. So destructive has been the blight that it is said many fields will not be worth digging. A gentleman remarked that a calculation had been made, valuing the potatoes at a shilling per bushel, the County of Carleton alone would suffer a loss of ten thousand pounds. If this be true what must the loss be in the whole province? The judgment is a severe one; but it is not inflicted without a cause. It becomes mortals to bow in submission to the inflictions of Jehovah's rod and to learn obedience from the things they suffer.

Board of the Bible Union.

A slip inclosed to our address, publishes the following information:—

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the American Bible Union was held at the Managers' Rooms, on Wednesday, the 3rd of September. The attendance was large, of some thirty.

The President, Dr. Armitage, in the chair. Numerous letters had been received since last meeting, replete with expressions of encouragement and confidence. The temporary influence produced by the letters of Drs. Mackay and Judd, had already been largely counteracted by the diffusion of correct intelligence, and the belief was generally expressed that the ultimate result would be an increase of strength and usefulness. The receipts for the last two months, covering the time that has elapsed since the issue of Dr. Mackay's pamphlet, had been \$5106 96 cts., and the disbursements \$6385 40 cts.

We are further informed that by the recommendation of Dr. Armitage, the President of the Union, four gentlemen have been added to the Committee appointed to investigate the difficulties that have arisen,—so that the committee now consists of nine gentlemen, viz:—

Rev. S. W. Lynd, D.D., Pres. of the Revision Association.
Rev. G. W. Eaton, D.D., Pres. of Madison University.
Eld. Alexander Campbell, Pres. of Bethany College, Va.
Rev. W. B. Maxson, Leonardville, N. Y.
Edward James, Esq., Canal Department, Albany.

Hon. Judge Black, Supreme Court, Penn.
Hon. Judge Swain, Pemberton, N. J.
Dr. T. R. Potter, Fredericton, Ohio, and
Joseph A. Pond, Boston, Mass.

The Committee has a most important work submitted to their care, and tens of thousands scattered abroad over this great continent stand ready to call upon them in the name of all that is sacred to see to it that they fearlessly and faithfully discharge their duty to their God and to his cause.

We are pleased to see that measures are being taken by the Board to afford them every facility for arriving at a thorough knowledge of the whole case. May wisdom from above be imparted!

Hon. A. McL. Seely and Lady returned from their recent visit to England and the Continent by the *Cambridge*, and arrived in this City yesterday morning by the *Maid of Erin*. We are pleased to see them in excellent health and spirits. Mr. Wortabel, the Syrian Lecturer, accompanied them from Halifax. He has consented to deliver a Lecture this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in Carleton, in behalf of the Slave, and we are informed that he lectures this evening at the St. Stephen's Hall. Subject—"Syria and the War."

ACCOMMODATION.—In consequence of an injury received by the *Creole* during her last trip to Annapolis, she will not be able to perform her usual trips to Windsor and Annapolis this week; but we have made application to the owners of the *Maid of Erin* to get them to send her to Annapolis on Thursday, and we are happy to say that they have resolved to do so; so that the persons in Nova Scotia wishing to attend the Convention can cross in her on Thursday night, and will arrive in this City on Friday morning. Fare reduced to 15s. to and from.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.—This body opens its Session (11. V.) in the Baptist Chapel, Portland, on Saturday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M. It is a gathering of immense moment to the cause of truth in connexion with the Baptist denomination. We hope for a full attendance and above all we pray that those who attend may be full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. We want to see a revival of God's work in Portland, and we trust the ministers, who come will have a message from God to deliver that shall arouse all to action in the service of God.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—J. McK.—Your verses on the "Resurrection of dry bones" contain too many facts for the width of our columns to allow us to insert without cutting them up. Lines of the death of Rev. C. Mackay will appear next week.

H. STEWART.—The bundle of papers for Annapolis was by mistake sent to Digby last week! We will be careful that such a mistake does not again occur.

We had prepared some remarks on the subject of our recent excursion up the river, which we are compelled to withhold for the want of room. They will probably appear next week.

ACADIA COLLEGE, Sept. 5th, 1856.

DEAR BROTHERS.—You will be pleased to hear that our numbers still increase. Six candidates for matriculation presented themselves on Monday last, and were admitted. They had all studied previously in the Academy. There are now thirty students in the College, and several more are expected. The Term opened on the 1st inst., and the Classes are in full operation. I trust that the brethren who attend the Convention will be prepared to sustain the Governors in the adoption of liberal and vigorous measures. The endowment ought to be carried to the highest proposed amount without loss of time. The establishment of a professorship of Modern Languages has become a necessity. More help is also required in other departments. And a large outlay is needed for the repair of the buildings. May God bless the people with "largeness of heart!"

Yours very truly,

J. M. CLARK.

Canning, 12th Sept., 1856.

DEAR BROTHERS.—Permit me to say through the *Visitor*, that the Report in reference to a Board for Ministerial Education, which was received by the Eastern N. B. Baptist Association, at its recent Session, has been approved of by the Western Association which has just closed, and it is thought advisable for the 10 Brethren appointed by these Associations to constitute said Board, to meet at the Convention in St. John, next week, for the purpose of adopting a Constitution and Bye Laws, appointing officers and transacting such business as may come before them.

The names of the Brethren are as follows:—
EASTERN ASSOCIATION:—Rev. S. Baneroff, I. Wallace, J. Newcomb, L. H. Marshall, J. A. Smith.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION:—Rev. S. Robinson, I. E. Bill, D. Nutter, W. D. Fitch, S. Davis.
Yours respectfully,
ISA WALLACE.

Cambridge, Sept. 1st, 1856.

DEAR BROTHER BILL:—It becomes my duty to acquaint you with the death of George Wilson, aged sixteen, eldest son of Brother Francis Wilson, at the Narrows, which occurred on the afternoon of Wednesday, 13th August. His death was one of those sudden and startling Providences, which bid a community hear the voice that says, "Prepare to meet thy God."

At the time of his death, the young man was engaged in getting hay at some distance from home. While watering his team, it appears that they plunged off the steep bank, dragging him along and injuring him with their feet. The people in the fields saw the horses coming from the water alone, and after a short search the body was brought up from the bottom of the river, quite dead. It is a consolation to know that the bereaved sorrow not as those that have no hope, for the deceased was serious and prayerful, and had for a time contemplated uniting with the Baptist Church at the Narrows, of which both his parents are members. I preached his funeral sermon from these words "what is man?" and I trust that that that the season was not unprofitable.

Yours, in Christian love,
GEORGE BURNS.

MONTREAL, SEPT. 10, 1856.

M. Godard's advertisement of an *Aëronautic* Excursion was no hoax, as many of our citizens supposed. The Balloon went up according to announcement, at half-past five, Monday afternoon; the process of inflation having occupied an hour and a half. The immense concourse of spectators seemed highly gratified, and loud cheers burst forth, which were returned by the four venturesome voyagers, with equal spirit. When the writer saw it, it was floating along in graceful majesty, its outline very distinctly marked, and bearing towards the Eastern townships. It is reported to have descended in the neighborhood of St. Hilaire. M. Godard announces another ascension to-morrow, making his three hundred and eighth; and promises music and other interesting accompaniments. If the weather be favorable he will secure many spectators, and it is highly probable, some money, as the inflation is seen only on payment of the usual admission fee.

Monday, the anniversary of the taking of Sebastopol, was celebrated by a Pic-Nic to Saint Helen's Island, opposite the city, and an Officer's Ball. Thus the doubtful victory which cost so much precious life, is remembered, while many a sad heart must have been sadder at the thought of the loved ones who perished to secure it.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is announced to lecture for the first time to a Montreal audience this evening. This arrangement is not a wise one, as it interferes with the ordinary week-night services of the different churches. It is not often that a great man is introduced to the notice of the public by means of a celebrated sister, but the prominent feature in the advertisement of this excellent lecturer, is that he is the brother of the deservedly popular Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. We have no objection to this announcement; but it puzzles us to see what possible connexion this fact has with the lecturer's ability. It reminds us of the arguments of Mr. Sutton's friends—but there! we must not say a word about his Excellency or his father, as comparisons are odious, and the venerable speaker of your House of Assembly might object.

The old plan for settling disputes by single combat has not entirely gone out of favor, it would seem, in Canada, if we may judge from a correspondence recently published. Mr. Gordon Brown, the Editor of the *Toronto Globe* had commented with severity upon the construction of that portion of the Grand Trunk Railway recently opened between that city and Ottawa. Mr. Kingsford, the Engineer and General Superintendent, contributes to the *Leader*, a paper greatly in favour of the Grand Trunk Scheme throughout, whose severe comments on the *Globe's* article drew forth a reply, announcing the fact of Mr. Kingsford's contributions. This gentleman forthwith sent a challenge to Mr. Brown, who declined a duel, on the score of his inconsistency with Christianity. This refusal is generally commended, although some have been base enough to attribute it to cowardice. Mr. Brown can afford to bear the imputation, if his avowed reason be the true one.

The Church newspaper, whose proof of the Hamilton ladies for their presumption in holding a Bazaar on Friday, we noticed in a former communication, has recently deceased, from want of support. High Churchism is not so rampant as we might suppose. It is no proof of extensive patronage that a religious paper shall be permitted to expire, although in this instance true piety will sustain but little injury, we trust, by the suspension. Its revival is promised, provided a thousand paid subscriptions of one dollar each are secured. The practice of advertising Government matters in country newspapers of limited circulation for the purpose of securing their co-operation, is evidently common, and justly denounced as bribery. Whole pages of Government advertisements have been found in the first number of some papers. The new building for the accommodation of the McGill College and the High School, pupils is now almost completed. Its arrangements are excellent and greatly in advance of those of the old building, destroyed by fire a few months ago.