

the wealthy farmers refused, some months ago, to sell their wheat at a good price; while the poorer farmers were compelled to let it go, much to their sorrow at the time. It is not often that a man's poverty puts money into his pocket; but so it has proved in this case. Wheat is now sold at less than one half the former price.

We have warm weather this summer, but the showers are frequent and seasonable. In the West complaints of want of rain are made; with us however there is no lack. As we write we cannot refrain from sighing for an hour's refreshment in the shape of a St. John fog; but we sigh in vain. The weather is in better hands, although severe storms, within the last few weeks, have resulted in loss of property and life, in various parts of this Province.

W. W.

## THE FAMILY CASKET

Is issued on the first of every month, at the office of the Christian Visitor.

Copies can be obtained in any number through the Travelling and Local Agents of the Visitor, or by addressing application to the Editor, Saint John, N. B.

TERMS.  
One copy monthly, for one year, to one address, 1s. 3d.  
Ten copies monthly, for one year, to one address, 7s. 6d.  
Twenty-five copies monthly, for one year, to one address, 15s. 0d.  
Fifty copies monthly, for one year, to one address, 25s. 0d.  
Any number of copies above fifty, to one address, at the same rate.

Pastors and Clergymen, who may wish the CASKET for distribution, can have it done up in parcels in any number which they may require, at the above rates. Any subscriber to the CHRISTIAN VISITOR who pays in advance, will get a copy of the CASKET for one year, free of charge.

## THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., JULY 23, 1856.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Terms of the VISITOR, 7s. 6d. per annum in advance, 10s. if payment be delayed over three months.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No Communication will be inserted without the author's name in confidence. Unless the opinions expressed by correspondents be editorially endorsed we shall not consider ourselves responsible for them.

Correspondents are respectfully reminded that short communications, as a general thing, are more acceptable to readers of Newspapers than long ones, and that a legible style of writing will save the printer time, which is always valuable, and secure a correct impression.

All Ministers of the gospel, who will send us the advance, for six new subscribers, will get the "Visitor" for one year free of charge.

## Association at Sackville.

We left the city on Friday, the 12th, at 5 P. M., in the "Maid of Erin," in company with Elders Nutter, Walker, Bancroft, Harris, and other friends to attend the Association at Sackville. We never anticipated a great amount of pleasure in our Bay of Fundy steamboats, but in this instance the night proved so favorable, Cop-Bellmore and the other officers so agreeable, and our company so full of life and spirits, that we began to imagine that life could be made tolerable even in a Bay of Fundy steamboat. We expected to land at Dorchester going up, but it was too foggy to attempt to make the wharf with safety, so the boat passed on to Moncton, calling at Hillborough on her way, discharging and leaving passengers and freight. We were pleased to see that these two important points are giving obvious indications of progress in the right direction. Moncton is evidently destined to be a rapidly rising place.

About ten o'clock, A. M., we were comfortably landed at Dorchester, where we were taken up by kind friends, who had come from Sackville to meet us, and to carry us forward in good style to the place of gathering.

## First Meeting.

This took place in the Bethel at two o'clock, P. M., and in accordance with a practice which has long been found exceedingly pleasant and useful, a ministerial conference was held, which occupied about two hours. The venerable Father Crandal presided, and by a few well timed remarks opened a train of thought which was so happily followed up by others as to afford an earnest of a good time coming. When the time came for organizing, the Association was called to order by the Rev. James Herriott, Moderator of last year, and the following officers were appointed: Rev. W. A. Coleman, Moderator; Rev. Joseph C. Skinner, Clerk; Rev. W. L. Prince, Assistant Clerk.

The necessary committees were then appointed to direct the appointments for the Sabbath, and to report upon the several matters which were to come before the session. This being done, the Association adjourned to meet at half past 10, A. M., on Monday.

## Sabbath Services.

The following brethren, in accordance with the report of the Committee, preached on the Sabbath:

Bethel, at 10, A. M., Rev. I. E. Bill.  
3, P. M., Rev. Dr. Cramp.  
Beulah, at 10, A. M., Rev. Dr. Nutter.  
3, P. M., Rev. C. Tupper.  
Salem, at 3, P. M., Rev. E. Clay, M. D.  
Beach Hill, 7, P. M., Rev. Mr. Edwards.  
Coles Island, 7, P. M., Rev. Jas. Newcomb.  
Weston Chapel, 10, A. M., Rev. C. Spurgeon.  
3, P. M., I. E. Bill.

Notwithstanding the large number of services, the congregations were large, in some instances crowded, and in all cases deeply solemn.

## Introductory Sermon.

This was preached at the Bethel on Monday morning, by Father Joseph Crandal, from the words, "Write, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yes, with the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them." 1. The characters who die in the Lord. 2. The nature of their work. 3. Their ultimate rest. 4. The happy result.

These several propositions were enlarged upon by the preacher with much clearness of thought, energy of manner, and depth of religious feeling. For upwards of an hour the venerable preacher expatiated upon his theme, with a congregation, densely crowded, listened with manifest delight, and we hope with profit. In his concluding remarks, which were peculiarly touching, he reminded his hearers of his early ministry in Sackville, (then Tantramar), how the Spirit of

God came down upon the people. This occurred, he told us, more than sixty years ago, and then a small Baptist Church was organized, and it was among the first established in these Provinces. Edward Manning, Theodore S. Harding, and Joseph Dimock were present to aid in the organization of the Church, and to ordain him as its pastor. He contrasted the State of the Baptist cause then with its present position, and adored the riches of divine mercy that he had lived to see such wonders wrought in the name of the Lord Jesus. It was truly affecting to hear these utterances from the lips of the only survivor of that remarkable class of men, the FATHERS, who have gone to their rest. As a co-worker with them in the rise and progress of evangelical truth in these Provinces, he could recount the united triumphs of the past, and as one standing so near the borders of the invisible world, he could anticipate a speedy and glorious re-union with them in the blessedness of the future. Happy, thrice happy meeting when all the FATHERS shall meet in heaven, to be with God eternally shut in.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Moderator called the association to order, and the rest of the forenoon was occupied in reading the letters from the respective churches. Several of these reported extensive revivals of religion during the year, and large and flourishing Sabbath schools. Some complained of spiritual dearth, but upon the whole, the letters were much more cheering than usual. Eight new churches applied for admission into the body. The number received by baptism during the year was much larger than last year.

## Afternoon Session.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor and Family Casket having reported, addresses were delivered by Elders Scott, Smith, Miles, Wallace, Clay, and Nutter, giving expressions of approval in a manner that was very cheering to one's spirit. We cannot but hope that the future of these papers will be such as to show that they are not unworthy of the confidence reposed in them. Next to the approbation of our Maker and Judge, we value the approval of those with whom it is our privilege and happiness to labour in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

The Report on Temperance called out some thrilling speeches from Elders Tupper, Clay, Nutter, and Cramp, in support of the prohibitory policy. This discussion lasted for more than an hour, and was listened to throughout with the deepest interest by a crowded congregation. Our only regret was that Governor Sutton, Bishop Medley, and Priest McDevitt, with their numerous allies were not present to see and hear for themselves the opinions of a Baptist Association in relation to this great moral question. The truth is, our ministers and people in mass, are prohibitionists to the heart's core, and they will give King Alcohol no rest, or quarter at the side boards, in the market places, or in the halls of legislation, until he is driven out of the land as an enemy to all good.

## Evening Session.

The N. B. B. H. Missionary Society held its third anniversary on Monday evening. Elder David Crandal, one of the vice-presidents of the society, took the chair. The annual report of the Board was read and showed a state of prosperity quite in advance of previous years, both as regards the number of missionaries employed, and success realized. Bro. I. Wallace, general missionary, Dr. Cramp, and Elder Rowe addressed the Meeting, urging the necessity for more consecration to this great work. Dr. Cramp, informed us that the three Associations in Nova Scotia have it in contemplation to form a general Home Missionary organization similar to this, and merge the several departments now in existence into one society. We are satisfied that the interests of the cause in Nova Scotia demand more concentration in this work of giving the gospel in all its fulness to every district throughout the land. Nova Scotia is rapidly advancing in numbers and in intelligence, and it is not to be expected that a system of agency adapted to the country years ago, would meet its necessities now. We must assail the kingdom of darkness at the strongest points, with greater numbers, with increasing intelligence, with more thoroughness of combination, and above all, with a greater measure of evangelical piety. May the God of Missions direct.

## Tuesday Session.

It was deemed advisable for the ministers and delegates to meet in Beulah for the despatch of business and to have preaching in the Bethel at the same time. Elder Nutter occupied the pulpit in the morning and Elder E. N. Harris in the afternoon. Congregations good, and services impressive. Several subjects of great moment were freely discussed in the private session. And such resolutions accepted, as we doubt not, will have a beneficial influence upon the denomination.

In the afternoon Elder Freeman, pastor of the Granville-street Church, read a report on Sabbath schools, which was regarded as an able document, and as containing practical suggestions of a most useful tendency. We regretted that there was so little time devoted to the discussion of the Sabbath school question. This enterprise stands number one in the several objects engaging the attention of our churches, and any lack of interest in this cause must not be tolerated for a moment.

Bro. Leish Wallace presented a report having reference to raising a fund for aiding young men called to the ministry. The subject was freely discussed, and all seemed to feel that the circumstances in which we are placed as a denomination at the present time demands a movement of this kind. There are some fifteen or twenty young men connected with the two associations, who have been licensed to preach, and who need educational advantages beyond those hitherto enjoyed by them. The age is emphatically progressive, and our young men who are looking to the ministry must move on with the tide of progress or they will find themselves ill prepared to take the lead of the intellectual and religious mind of our churches. This many of them cannot do unless aided by their brethren—to do this effectually, system is indispensable. A fund must be raised and a Board established to give direction in regard to it. The discussion in Sackville resulted in the appointment of a Committee to submit a plan of general operation to the Western Association. This was wise as a preparatory measure and will doubtless result in

an organization adapted to meet the case in hand.

The propriety of continuing the French mission came up for discussion also, and we were exceedingly pleased to see a strong feeling in favour of its continuance. Those who live in the neighbourhood of the French people are satisfied that our missionary is doing a good and a great work amongst these interesting people, and if such be the fact, all should be willing to make sacrifices not only to continue the mission, but to enlarge the sphere of its influence by bringing more laborers into the field.

## Tuesday Evening Session.

This meeting was a highly important one inasmuch as the subject of education in connection with the Academy at Fredericton came under consideration. The report of the educational Board was read and presented a pleasing account of the labors of the past year. The number of students had been unusually large, and improvements have been made in the rooms of the boarding department which will add much to the comfort of boarders. The annual expenses had been fully met and the debt reduced to £450. Rev. Messrs. Spurgeon, Bill, Wallace, Miles and Smith addressed the meeting in relation to the importance of liquidating the debt without further delay, and Elder Smith of St. Martins was appointed to visit the churches for the purpose of raising the sum required. Elder Magee of Nashua has already visited the churches in the county of Charlotte in furtherance of this object, and we are happy to learn his met with encouraging success. We cannot but hope that between this and the meeting of the Western Association the necessary amount will be raised, and the Institution freed from an incubus which has too long checked its onward course.

The business of the N. B. B. H. Missionary Society was next resumed, and occupied the remainder of the evening. Several important resolutions were unanimously adopted, which will appear in their place, and addresses were delivered by brethren Rowe, Scott, Trimble, and Bill calculated to awaken increasing interest in this blessed work. The remarks of Bro. Scott in relation to his labors in the Miramichi country was listened to with obvious emotion. His field is a most extensive and laborious one demanding on the part of his brethren much sympathy and prayer. Our only regret was that there was not time to hear more of our missionaries whose hearts were throbbing to give vent to their feelings; but the time having arrived for concluding the service, the business was brought to a close. A vote of thanks was most cordially given to the good people of Sackville for their whole-hearted hospitality to their respective guests; and the Association adjourned to meet the 2d Saturday in July 1857, with the Baptist Church in Moncton.

Thus ended one of the most delightful and important meetings ever held by the Baptists of New Brunswick.

The hospitality of the people to their visitors was all that could be desired. For ourselves we were very kindly and most comfortably entertained at Dr. Knapp's during the time of the Association. The kind attention of himself as also his excellent wife we shall long remember with grateful emotions. May long life and prosperity attend them.

We cannot but add the fervent prayer that heaven's choicest blessings may rest upon the labors of this deeply interesting Session, and that the influence for good may be wide spread and universal.

The Moderator discharged the duties of his office with credit to himself, and with much satisfaction to all concerned.

## Visiting Brethren.

It was truly delightful to meet so many valued brethren from other Associations representing denominational interests, among them were Dr. Cramp of Acadia College, Brother Seldon of the Christian Messenger, and Elder Hugh Ross of the Gaelic Mission. He interested the people much in telling them what God is doing for the Gaelic people on Cape Breton. Then we had his brother, Elder Malcolm Ross, from P. E. Island, Elder Freeman from Halifax, Elder B. DeMott from Amherst, Elder McKen from Macan, Elder W. Everett from Massachusetts, and a number of esteemed brethren from the Eastern N. B. Association. All this tended to infuse life and energy into the session.

## Sackville as it is.

The place where we assembled is one of unequalled beauty and loveliness. If Cornwallis is justly distinguished as the garden of Nova Scotia, Sackville may be regarded as the garden of New Brunswick. The immense tracts of marsh, so rich, so fertile, and at present so loaded with waving grass, the pastures so productive of clover, the luxuriant grain and potatoe fields, and the splendid residences which meet the eye in every direction, are all indicative of the wealth of the people, and of the spirit of thrift and industry by which they are pervaded. That whole region is evidently moved by the spirit of progress, and the resources of advancement are abundant.

We were told that one standing upon what is called Fort Cumberland can look upon a range of marsh embracing 70,000 acres, and a large proportion of this equal to any marsh in the world. The numerous salt water creeks which make up in different directions afford an abundant supply of marsh mud to enrich the upland; and so effectively has this been applied that a good deal of the upland is quite as productive of grass as the marsh itself. Then they have water privileges and facilities for ship building quite equal to any in the province.

Their educational advantages are very great. The Methodist Institutions of learning are a credit to the place and an honour to the denomination which gave them birth. Mr. Allison the founder has done a work which will transmit his name to posterity as a benefactor of his race. It being vacation time the officers and pupils of both departments were absent; we had therefore no opportunity of visiting the school, but every thing about the exterior is indicative of good management, and health in the financial department.

The Baptist element largely preponderates in Sackville and in the region around. The labours of Brother Miles, who is pastor of both churches are abundant, but no one man can possibly meet the demand for pastoral labour in this growing

section. If the present pastor had an associate, and fellow labourer with him in the field, great good, we doubt not, would be done.

Arrangements are being made to secure a parsonage in perpetuity to the 2d Church. The one selected, and now occupied by the pastor, is in an eligible position, and commands a fine view of the surrounding country. We could but feel that the interest of all concerned requires prompt action to perfect the arrangements now in progress to secure this valuable property to the church forever.

Where much is given much is required. If the good people of Sackville feel the force of this sentiment and govern themselves accordingly, a mighty work will be done by them for the Lord not only in their own immediate vicinity, but in sections of the province not so highly favored, and in lands far away. God grant that they may faithfully use the talents bestowed. In so doing they will be blessed and will be instrumental in blessing others, and God's name will have the glory.

## Dr. MacLay's Resignation.

A pamphlet of twenty-five pages has come to hand, entitled "The Resignation of Rev. Archibald MacLay, D. D., as President of the American Bible Union, explained in a letter to Rev. John J. Fulton." The object of this letter is to explain the reasons why he felt it his duty to resign the Presidency of the Union. "We have not had time to examine this document thoroughly, and therefore it would be premature in us to pass an opinion upon its merits; but it is very obvious that there is serious wrong somewhere. Dr. MacLay says that 'the Committee on Versions, and the Committee on Finance, had undergone important changes, the character of which, and the alleged reasons for which, greatly impaired his confidence in the directing power of the Board.' He complains 'that numerous translations had been made which, though not in all cases inconsistent with good scholarship, were, nevertheless, calculated, on other grounds, to compromise the character of the Union, and to shake the confidence of men in the truth of God's word.' Of these he furnishes a number of specimens. He thinks there has been a lavish expenditure of funds, and an undue exercise of power by the Secretary, which, if allowed to go on, must necessarily involve the whole concern in ruin. For these and other reasons he has felt himself called upon to resign his position. That Dr. MacLay is conscientious in the course he has pursued no one that knows him will for a moment question; but how far his views are correct will be better understood when the whole case is known.

The principle upon which the Bible Union is based we have believed from the beginning to be correct, and its object highly important. If through the corruption of human nature this principle is departed from, and the whole thing is brought into disrepute, we can only say that it is just what may befall the very best cause on earth; but we suspend our decision upon the true merits of this difficulty, until we have more information.

## Tea Meeting.

The notice of the Tea Meeting at Canning was not in time for last week's issue. We fear we shall not be able to comply with the request of our friends to be present. Our absence from the city in attending the Association was protracted so much longer than we anticipated, that it is difficult for us to leave so soon again; and for the same reason it will not be in our power to meet the Council at Chipman on Saturday next, who assemble to deliberate upon the propriety of ordaining Brother Howe. It would afford us much pleasure always to comply with the wishes of our friends on these occasions, but pressing duties at home demand our attention at present, and we must therefore be excused.

## A Week in the Wilderness.

A journey, toilsome rather than agreeable, in public conveyances, brought us to Woodstock; thence, favoured by Bro. Todd, we proceeded to St. Francis. This latter part of the journey was most highly gratifying; the weather very delightful; the country through which we travelled, for the most part fertile and well cultivated; refreshing calls on Christian friends by whom we were treated with unceasing kindness, and above all, a drive of 150 miles with an old friend and companion with whom we had formerly laboured and travelled; tended to give an amount of pleasure and satisfaction not often realized in this world of sin and sorrow.

## Madawaska.

Leaving the Grand Falls, where we made but a short stay, we passed through the Madawaska district. This is settled on both sides of the River St. John, almost exclusively by French people, with here and there a family of English or Irish descent. Nothing can be more striking than the magnificent scenery of this district; extensive intervals, were richly clothed with verdure; and owing to the very propitious state of the weather, the crops presented as promising an appearance as it was almost possible for them ever to exhibit. Much has been said about the French being a miserable class of settlers, probably they are so in some districts, but it appeared to us that in Madawaska there were pleasing indications of industry and prosperity. Probably with such unusual natural advantages other agriculturists might produce greater results. Yet justice to the Madawaska French compels us to say that their industry seems to raise them far above want, and to entitle them to respect. We presume that the same might be said of the inhabitants of the American side of the river, but our observations were confined to the state of things on the British side. The Madawaska district extends from the Grand Falls to the Little Falls, thirty-six miles; we had to ride many miles before we saw one school-house, so that the great majority of the youthful population grow to maturity with scarcely any learning, though they exhibit the clearest indications of intelligence. What must be the fearful recount rendered at the great day by the spiritual guides of these simple and interesting people, who contribute so largely of their temporal things to the support of their pastors, implicitly confiding in their teachings with reference to eternal things. Our intercourse with these people where we stopped for refreshment, was exceedingly interesting, and created strong

yearnings in our minds for their emancipation from spiritual thralldom and their eternal welfare.

## St. Francis.

From Madawaska to St. Francis, thirty-six miles, is still, for the most part a French population. The land appeared to be scarcely equal to that recently passed through yet it seemed to be fertile and in a tolerably good state of cultivation, though it may be safely affirmed, that neither here nor scarcely in any other part of New Brunswick, can any one say what the agricultural capabilities of the soil are, for they have never yet been fairly tried. We arrived at Deacon Slocumb's in the afternoon of Friday, July 4, and in this hospitable residence found a comfortable home.

The unusual circumstance of three or four carriages travelling in company arrested the attention of the people for some miles, many a hoe and spade were laid aside for the moment to enquire the purpose which this travelling company had in view, that object was to be present with the ministering brethren who were about to engage in the ordination of Bro. Stephen March as pastor of the Baptist church in this place.

In the forenoon of Saturday, 5th, the Council met, and in the afternoon the ordination service was attended to, in the order reported in last week's Visitor. As might have been expected the service was one of unusual interest, there never having been anything of the kind in these regions before, and very few persons present having witnessed such a service anywhere else. Taking into account the sparse nature of the population, the congregation on this and the next day were unusually large, there never having been such numerous assemblages here before. People came from considerable distances, and it may be confidently hoped that lasting benefits will result from the interesting and impressive services.

## Conference.

The ordination services being ended after a short intermission a religious conference of the Church was held. The ministering brethren took part in the commencement of the service, the brethren and sisters then gave interesting addresses, stating briefly their religious experience, the means by which they were awakened the trials and difficulties through which they had been borne, their encouragement to perseverance, and their desires for complete consecration to God. Among the remarks made, those by one of the brethren were very striking, he stated that while lumbering in the forest some years since he was powerfully struck with the surprising goodness of God, and the duty of living to his praise: he prayed for strength and grace, and believes that he was there led to feel himself to be a sinner; still, things were a gloomy aspect around him; there was no meeting, no church, no public ordinance; years rolled on and things remained the same; he yearned for communion with the people of God, and for religious services, but he felt to be living in a wilderness indeed. He resolved once and again in order to meet his inward cravings to go to the Roman Catholic chapel and join that community, but each time while on his way to the priest he was arrested by the thought that there was some more excellent way and both times returned home; a third time he started on the same errand, but while proceeding in his canoe a violent storm arose; the vivid lightning and crashing thunder seemed almost to indicate the approach of the judgment day with all its dread solemnities. He was compelled to go ashore as it was impossible to proceed; he seemed to feel that it was providential interposition, he committed himself and the interests of his soul to God and determined again to wait—hoping that the dawn of better things was not far off. That time came. A minister of God came along, people began to enquire after eternal happiness, he was more fully instructed in the way of truth, and ultimately joined the Baptist Church. Are there not many yet of the Lord's hidden ones who are yearning for salvation in the wilderness districts of our country? and will not some of our young men consecrate themselves to the work of going forth to seek and to save those that are lost? The same brother before sitting down made an appeal to his brother, the force of which can never be felt by those who merely read it on paper, there was such pathos, such earnestness, such winning tones that at the time, told powerfully upon the whole congregation. He said, "I cannot sit down without saying a word to you my brother John, you have always been to me, a brother indeed, in dangers and in labours you have always been by my side; I never had need to ask you for help for you were always ready to run to my assistance, while working together in the thick forest, your axe and your hands were always at hand to render me help, my brother I want you to help us now, we are engaged in a work, I want you to help us, I want to see you my brother on the Lord's side." Great was the sensation produced by this address of which a very imperfect outline is given, and many indulge the hope that John is not far from the kingdom and will soon join the church of what his father, mother, five sisters, brother, and two brothers-in-law are members.

Two young persons related their religious experience and were admitted as members. Two others having been received at previous meetings. The session was a peculiarly happy one, yet some went from it with sad hearts, they indulged a confident hope that they loved the Lord Jesus Christ, but they had not performed their duty in confessing him before men.

## Sabbath Services.

Lord's day morning a large congregation was assembled; as the school house was too small for the meeting, and no dwelling-house was exactly suitable, the assembly met in a commodious unfinished building, which was neatly fitted up for the occasion. The audience was addressed from the narrative of Philip and the sons, the scripture views of the proper subjects and mode of baptism examined at some length as very many then present had probably never heard the distinctive views, which, as a body, we entertain, stated before.

## Baptism.

At the close of the morning service the ordinance of baptism was administered by the newly ordained pastor. It was an interesting sight to witness three young females thus solemnly and publicly dedicating themselves to God, and also an aged man, the magistrate of the district, who had been a member of the church for many years.

The address in reply to the Governor's Speech, was moved by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. DeWit, and its consideration stands as the order of the day for Saturday. The House adjourned shortly after 4 o'clock.

greatly enfeebled by bodily infirmities, yet, in obedience to the divine command, to pose himself to fatigues which he had scarce strength enough to endure.

## Lord's Supper.

In the afternoon the congregation again assembled, when the Rev. Thomas Todd presided on the nature of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and the duty of believers to observe it. The Rev. Stephen March gave the nature and fellowship to the recently baptized ones, and also to a sister who was baptized Miramichi, 29 years ago, but who from living thinly settled places, has never enjoyed the privileges of church membership since that time now, after so long an interval, has the happiness to be once more united in fellowship to the people of God. The Lord's Supper was administered by the pastor, assisted by Elders Rigby and Todd.

So ended the public services of that auspicious day, a day scarcely hoped for in Saint Francis, but a day that we trust will long be remembered with heartfelt gratitude. Truly on the wilderness and solitary place was glad, desert rejoiced and blossomed as the rose. Little band of faithful and zealous believers long prayed and striven to obtain a settled minister among them, they had cheerfully engaged support him, and although their means might be considered to be limited, they yet found it to be a pleasing duty, to make sacrifices that they their children might enjoy the ordinances of God.

E. H. D.

(Concluded next week.)

POWASS, July 17, 1856.  
MR. DEAR BROTHER BILL, The bazaar for this place by the ladies of the Baptist Church and congregation, came off yesterday with great satisfaction to all parties. Mr. Pease, Esq., has kindly given the use of his store, the upper of which was used as the dining saloon, the lower flat was occupied as sales-room. A large tent that stretched half way across street, from the front of the building, served as reception room.

To the praise of the ladies be it said, that richest productions of our land were furnished to supply the demands of the table through the day. While the abundant supply of food and useful articles presented for sale exhibited great skill and industry on the part of those who had the management of that department.

At intervals through the day the moments were rendered more pleasant by the productions of talented friends, who kindly gave their services for the occasion. The movements of the day being closed by an anti-prohibitory lecture from the Rev. E. B. DeMott, of Amherst, in which the productions of the traffic were satirically held up as reasons why it should not be prohibited. I am sorry that I did not hear it, owing to my having been taken quite ill in the afternoon. Great kindness was shown by members of other churches. Something over \$112 was realized which is to be devoted to repairing the Meeting House, and as Brother Fosbury from New Brunswick has taken the pastoral charge of the church, we hope to see the cause of God revived in this church, and multitudes of sinners converted. Praying that God may bless you in your labours of love, I remain, &c.

EDWIN CLAY.

## Correspondents.

Prohibitionists and Strollers in London, we appear next week. Lines on the death of E. line too long for our columns.

## Legislative Session.

It will be seen by reference to our new columns that the representatives of the people are at work at Fredericton. We shall endeavour to keep our readers posted up in relation to their proceedings.

## Horton Academy.

We are requested to state that the summer term at Horton Academy, N. B., will commence on the 1st day of August next.

## DOMESTIC.

Provincial Legislature.

## FREDERICTON, July 17.

The Session was opened with the usual formalities. At half past two o'clock the House proceeded to elect a Speaker.

The Hon. Charles Simonds was proposed by Mr. McPherson, and seconded by Messrs. Barberie and End, and elected without opposition.

The Speaker having been approved of in the usual form, His Excellency opened the Session in the following

## SPEECH.

Mr. President and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I have gladly availed myself of the first opportunity of meeting after having returned to the scene of the people. The law which prohibits the importation and manufacture of, and traffic in, intoxicating liquors, forms a subject for earnest deliberation, and I trust that a measure on this subject, which will be submitted to you without delay by the Government, will receive at your hands the consideration which its importance essentially demands.

I do not doubt that your decision on this question, which so deeply affects the social and financial interest of the community, will be satisfactory to the people, and it will afford me the most sincere pleasure to find that the exercise of a power, entrusted to me by the Constitution, has been productive of consequences so beneficial to the Province.

You may be assured that I have no wish but to consult the general welfare, and by a uniform adherence to the principles of the constitution, to uphold in their just balance the rights of each branch of the Legislature, and thus to secure the maintenance of liberty and order.

I leave you to your deliberations with the heartfelt prayer that Providence may bless them for the peace and prosperity of the Province.

Mr. End introduced a Bill to continue the act to provide for the expenses of the Legislature. There was a long discussion, about reporting the proceedings of the House which ended in the appointment of a committee to make arrangements for publishing the debates of the present session. The committee will report to-morrow.

The address in reply to the Governor's Speech, was moved by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. DeWit, and its consideration stands as the order of the day for Saturday. The House adjourned shortly after 4 o'clock.

## PROPOSED ADDRESS IN ANSWER TO SPEECH.

To His Excellency the Honourable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

We, the faithful Commons of New Brun-