

present some are enquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, while others appear to be waiting for the moving of the waters.

Our trust is in the Lord of Hosts, that soon we shall see, "The set time to favor Zion is come."

We have our regular prayer meetings, our Conference, and communion seasons, and we feel that God is with us. We bless the Lord that the Domestic Missionary Board has sent us such a missionary.

Our dear Brethren, a cup of cold water will not be forgotten, how much then when we receive from you the means to support a good soldier of Christ who is not ashamed to declare the whole council of God.

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W. G. GEMLEY, P. S.—Brother J. H. Harding has presented us with a set of lamps which with his excellent oil gives a brilliant light.

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THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., OCT. 28, 1857.

Opening of the New Baptist Chapel at Moncton.

Some of our readers may feel an interest in having a minute description of the house. Here it is:—

SIZE.

76 by 45 feet ground floor, and posts 26 feet high. The building rests upon a foundation of free stone from the Dorchester quarry, elevated three feet and a half above the surface of the ground.

INTERIOR.

A large central door opens to a spacious hall, having commodious stairs leading to the gallery, and two doors conducting to the body of the house. Two aisles extend through the chapel for the accommodation of the wall and body pews, and one across the end before the pulpit.

The house is furnished with a bell, clock, and organ, all of which seem in perfect keeping with the general style of the chapel, and these, added to the cost of the house, including the site, bring the whole, in round numbers, to £3,000.

The design of the house was furnished by Mr. Edwin Fairweather, architect, of St. John, the carved work was done by Messrs. Sweet & Fales, of this city; the painting was executed by Mr. Hennessee, of Halifax, and the erection was superintended by Mr. Michael Mahan.

THE DEDICATION.

At an early hour on Sabbath morning an immense congregation (say 800 or 900) had assembled to witness the celebration. Ministers present, Rev. Joseph Crandall, and the Rev. D. Crandall, J. Wallace, W. Hall, W. A. Coleman, B. Demill, and I. E. Bill.

This was followed by an impressive discourse from our venerable Father Crandall, founded upon 2 Chron. vi. 18, "But will God in very deed dwell with men upon the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built?"

gress of truth in the land. It was affecting to think that two entire generations have been swept from the face of the earth since Joseph Crandall in the morning of his ministry had first lifted up his voice in that region as a messenger of mercy and that, though in the 87 year of his age, he was still living to proclaim the same message.

The venerable and Rev. Mr. Temple, kindly gave up his morning service in his own chapel, and was present to offer the concluding prayer.

In the afternoon Rev. I. E. Bill preached from Isaiah 56th, 27th, "Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." In the evening an eloquent sermon by Rev. B. DeMill, from Isaiah 53, 10th and 11th, "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him," &c.

These administrations of the Sabbath were all numerously attended, and the impression exceedingly favourable. The choir contributed their full share to the enjoyment of the several services.

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FOR SALE.

There are in the house, above and below, 120 pews; an upset price was put upon them sufficient to cover the expenses of the building, and purchasers were called upon to bid for choice.

The other religious denominations in the place showed their good will by coming in and purchasing pews, and several who had not been accustomed to attend any place of worship, were also among the purchasers.

THE CONCERT.

This was given by the Germain St. Choir on Monday evening, Mr. Chaloner performing on the organ. The weather proved unpleasant, but notwithstanding the attendance was good, and the choir acquitted themselves in a manner that excited the admiration of all who heard them.

RAILROAD EXCURSION.

The friends seemed to vie with each other in administering to the comfort and happiness of their visitors. The Committee of Arrangement met us on the arrival of the "Maid of Erin" from St. John, and conducted the ministers and members of the choir to their respective houses where they were most hospitably entertained during their stay in the city.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

A meeting to advocate the cause of temperance was held in the chapel newly dedicated, at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, Rev. Mr. Newcomb was called to the chair, and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Bill and DeMill and Mr. C. R. Bill.

ADDRESS.

MONCTON, OCT. 20, '57. REV. AND DEAR SISTERS:—On behalf of the Committee of management of the New Baptist church, in this place, I have been requested to convey to you an expression of their hearty thanks for the very prompt manner in which you have assisted at the Dedication and Opening of our new Church, and to assure you that your valuable services upon this occasion will long be held in grateful remembrance by this congregation.

TO REV. JOSEPH CRANDALL, I. E. BILL, and other Clergymen.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT. GENTLEMEN:—Be assured that we receive your expressions of gratitude with those feelings of fraternal regard and good will which the sentiments expressed in your address are so well adapted to inspire.

proportions, and so chaste in its whole structure, stands up as a noble monument to your taste and liberality; honorable indeed has the trust reposed in you by this community been fulfilled.

We will only add that most sincerely do we pray that peace may be within these walls and prosperity within this temple now dedicated to the worship and service of the Lord of Hosts.

We are, Gentlemen, Most sincerely and affectionately yours, JOSEPH CRANDALL, I. E. BILL, M. S. HARRIS, Esq., Chairman of the Committee.

ADDRESS.

DEAR SIR:—I have been requested by the Committee of management of the New Baptist Church, as well on their own behalf as on that of the congregation generally, to convey to you, and through you to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Germain Street Choir our sincere and hearty thanks for the very prompt and cheerful manner in which you have complied with the request to be present at the opening of the new edifice.

We feel also that the value of those services is doubly enhanced when we take into consideration that at this season of the year you did not hesitate to leave the comforts of your own domicile and submit to the inconvenience and unpleasantness of travelling by steamboat at this particular time.

TO MR. JOHN CHALONER, Conductor of the Germain Street Choir, Saint John.

REPLY.

MONCTON, OCT. 20th, 1857. TO M. S. HARRIS, Esq., Chairman of Committee, Baptist Church, Moncton.

DEAR SIR:—Your address breathes a spirit of love and good will which is, no doubt, felt by every member of the Choir to be a delightful contrast to the woes and ills of every day life.

I also beg to convey to you our deep sense of your genuine hospitality, and kind attention—in fact, the pleasure we have experienced during our visit to Moncton, has more than repaid us for any sacrifice that has been made in order to be present.

In conclusion, we desire to express our best wishes for the Church whose temporal affairs are committed to your management, that it may be as it were an emblem of your clean hearts—for your city, that there may be no complaining in your streets—and for your families, that the like spirit which has been exercised toward us, may reign in your mutual intercourse.

On behalf of the members of the Choir, with these who kindly lent their assistance.

We must say that this opening celebration was one of peculiar impressiveness. All deeply deplored the absence of the late pastor, our much lamented Brother Emmons.

It is proper to state in this connection that, from the commencement, the committee of management have been largely aided in their enterprise by O. Jones, Esq., President of the Moncton Bank. Mr. Jones advanced the funds on the credit of the committee necessary to prosecute the undertaking.

It is in sad, but too painfully strong evidence, that the fire, which originated in the five story building Nos. 109 and 111 South Water street, was caused by carelessness or drunken recklessness of the participants in a drunken debauch of clerks and the abandoned females they had made their companions.

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The "Weekly Examiner" is the name of a new paper published in Bridgetown, N. S. The first number has just made its debut. Its typographical appearance is highly creditable, and its columns filled with reading matter.

By the request of Gurney Division we give publicity to the following admirable address, and we do so with heartfelt pleasure, and with earnest prayer that it may produce its desired results.

THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF NORTH AMERICA, IN FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, TO THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE DIVISIONS OF THE ORDER.

GREETING:—By the kindness of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to assemble once more in Annual Session—once more to meet some, at least, of the old familiar faces—once more to welcome new accessions to our numbers, and to exchange with one another the heartfelt congratulations of warm and genuine affection.

From returns received at the office of our M. W. S., it appears there are at present in active operation, over Two Thousand Divisions, with a membership numbering over Seventy Thousand; and that during the past year the admissions of new members have exceeded twenty-six thousand persons.

The correspondence with the same office intimates a general healthy condition of the Order, with a manifest evidence of revival in many jurisdictions.

These statistics, we are aware, will not compare favorably with the returns of earlier years. Like every human enterprise, we have suffered decrease as well as rejoice in increase; and our history has been more or less, a continual change, in which the losses have exceeded the gains; but the process through which we have passed has been a purifying one; and it is believed that we have touched bottom at last, and the rebound has already begun.

In referring to the past, it should be remembered, in order to a right conclusion, that many associated themselves with us, simply on account of the novelty and popularity of our enterprise, and that reaction was therefore an inevitable result; for though our principles will bear the fullest test of time, yet all who enlisted with light motives, and without counting the cost, necessarily fell off.

Of other Temperance Orders we have, however, no desire to speak but in most perfect kindness, and in all their labors we wish them God speed. But the time has clearly come for concentration and union of effort amongst all the friends of Temperance, and, in our long confirmed opinion, the Order of Sons of Temperance is the best and only practical instrumentality for that purpose.

A large portion of the time of the present session has been given to the careful revision of our Ritual. It is not supposed that a Ritual alone, however excellent, will build up our Order, or give it a place in the affections of our people; it is, nevertheless, of no small importance that our ceremonies shall be such as the wants and wishes of our brotherhood demand.

Our inducements to continued and faithful labor are of the strongest character. We wage war against the common enemy of our race. Intemperance is peculiarly a social evil; its blighting influences cast their shadow especially over the cheerfulness and happiness of home, withering the heart's best affections, and destroying the hopes that give to the domestic circle its happiest hours.

We shall be glad to hear from our local Agents in their respective districts with the least possible delay. The produce of the agricultural districts is now being sent to market, and the farmers are getting their returns: now is the time to collect. The demands upon us are urgent and must be met. If those in arrears will send on the needed we shall be greatly obliged.

ever cost of life. Should we not therefore be united, as the heart of one man, in the prosecution of our great undertakings—prepared, if need be, to make sacrifices for our principles and for their diffusion? If we love this cause, we should be ready to labor for it; and by laboring for it, we will learn to love it.

By persuasion, by entreaty, by affectionate appeal, we must win the drunkard from his cups, and keep back our rising youth from the alluring path of danger; but for the trafficker in strong drink, we can have no argument but the legal one. For him there exists no restraint sufficient but that imposed by law.

Let us then, brothers, begin the work anew, labouring in the Order and for the Order, doing all we may to make our Division meetings not only interesting, but profitable. Let every public temperance effort have its beginning in and be identified with the Division room, and let the world feel, as our cause advances, it is because of the progress of our Order.

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Respond, brothers, by your labors and your prayers, and God will prosper us.

JAMES MACKENZIE, N. YORK, S. L. TILLEY, N. BRUN., ISAAC LITTON, TENN., JOHN BELTON O'NEAL, S. C., W. R. STACEY, MASS., D. W. LATHROP, CONN., SAMUEL F. CAREY, OHIO, SIDNEY PERHAM, MAINE, JOHN C. SIMS, PA., M. D. McHENRY, IOWA, FREDERICK A. FICKART, Pa., FREDERICK A. FICKART, M. W. S.

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have taken the most active measures at once. The city authorities have the case in hand, and are sending out constables in different directions to discover if possible the guilty party.

Since writing the above we are informed that a man who gave his name as Williams, and who had hired with McKenzie last week, and two other suspicious looking men who had been seen about the premises in company with Williams, are supposed to be the guilty actors in this affair, and that they probably left in the "Admiral" on Monday morning.

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