

ST. JOHN, N. B., JULY 21, 1884.

New Testament Studies.

NO. XXVII. THE LORD'S SUPPER. Part 3.

We here present some ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS in regard to the Lord's Supper. It is sometimes asked, How often should this ordinance be celebrated? In Acts ii. 42, 46, we read that the disciples "continued in breaking of bread;" and that they "broke bread from house to house." This language would seem to infer, that the Pentecostal converts repeated the Supper at short intervals. Matthew Henry remarks here, "They did not think fit to celebrate the Eucharist in the temple, for that was peculiar to the Christian institutes; and therefore they administered that ordinance in private houses, choosing such houses of the converted Christians as were convenient, to which the neighbors resorted. And they went from one to another of these little synagogues, or domestic chapels, houses that had churches in them, and there celebrated the Eucharist with those that usually met there to worship God." This account seems highly probable. In Acts xx. 7, we read, that "upon the first day of the week the disciples came together to break bread." And 1 Cor. xi. 20 reads as though the Corinthian church partook of the Lord's Supper as often as they "came together into one place;" that is, we may assume, every Lord's Day. We are assured, likewise, that throughout the first two or three centuries the practice of weekly communion was generally maintained in the Christian Church. Yet after all, the New Testament lays down no specific rule, and supplies no undoubted precedent on this point. It is a matter on which we seem to be left free. The recurrence of Pentecost fourfold might bring with it a Pentecostal observance of the Lord's Supper;—a case which, in fact, has often occurred. Meanwhile "where no law is, there is no transgression;" and we think it would be hard to establish a charge of culpable neglect against those churches that prefer a monthly observance of the Lord's Supper, according to a widely prevalent practice, to a weekly one.

We must notice here a *mischievous mistake*. It has arisen out of the words of Paul, as given by our translators, in 1 Cor. xi. 29:—"He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." Now no doubt we are fearful that, in approaching the Lord's Table, to incur "damnation" instead of holding sweet fellowship with Christ. Many choose to absent themselves from that table, lest they should expose themselves to a peril so tremendous. Yet several things are here to be considered. The rendering in this place seems to be needlessly harsh. In the margin we have the softer word *judgment*. The Greek word here employed is rendered *condemnation* at v. 34 of this same chapter; while again in the margin we have the softer word *judgment*. Indeed the apostle evidently alludes here rather to temporal judgments than to eternal ones. He speaks of chastisement, not of perdition. "For this cause," he continues here, "many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." That is, God has laid his afflictive hand upon you on this account; and some are sick, and some are dead. "For," he resumes, "if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." The special error which had awakened the Divine displeasure against these Corinthians is thus indicated:—"Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, *lay one for another*." And again,—"In eating every one taketh before himself his own supper; and one is hungry, and another is drunken." What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? They had turned, it should seem, the Lord's Supper into a common meal, a carnal feast, a noisy festival; if not a riotous and drunken one. Besides which, they had fallen into a sad breach of brotherly love. The rich, as in the days of their idolatry, had brought of their abundance to the place of assembly, taking no concern about the wants of their poorer brethren, who "had not" what they had; reflecting thus upon their indignity, while they flouted their own wealth in their face. Well might the apostle cry shame! on them; and well might heaven chastise them. It was high time to bring them back to right conceptions in regard to that holy ordinance which they so grossly misunderstood and abused. But now, if any man takes the Scriptural view of the Lord's Supper, as here furnished by the apostle, verses 28-29; if any man accept the apostolic advice,—"Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup;" if any man approach this ordinance, humbled as a sinner ought to be, yet rejoicing in the mercy of God in Christ, as symbolized in the ordinance, he is just the man to partake of the sacred emblems; nor is there any danger that, thus approaching, he should incur damnation in the next world, or chastisement in this. Nay, rather, heaven will smile upon him, while the feast of love shall cheer and elevate his soul.

Lastly: there is among us a *grievous neglect* of the Lord's Supper, which demands special attention. We have known large churches,—churches with many names on their books,—very imperfectly represented at the Lord's Table. It may be feared, that many of these names belong to persons who ought never to have been received into the church at all; who, on every account, and most of all on their own, were better out of the church than in it. But it is not so with all. Many do not come to the Lord's Table because, as they say, they are not worthy to do so. Now this certainly is about the most extraordinary excuse which could be set up, for the neglect of which we here speak. Not worthy! Who is there that is worthy of the least favor that a forgiving God is pleased to bestow? Not worthy! Was it our worth, or our want of worth, that drew Christ down from his throne in heaven, and fastened him to a cross on earth? Not worthy! Were you *not* worthy? Was it when you first came trampling to the foot of Calvary, in the spirit of the publican, and perhaps with his very words upon your lips,—"God be merciful to me a sinner?" Whence sprang your hope then? From the discovery of some worthiness in yourself, or from a believing view of the infinite worth of the Son of God? Have you grown at all more worthy since? Nay, have you not rather found those to be your sweetest moments when you have thought nothing and less than nothing of yourself, and every thing of Christ?—like the poor half-witted fellow whom Spurgeon celebrates, who used to go about singing,—"I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all. But Jesus Christ is my all in all." Not worthy! And when will you be worthy? Take care, friend! Is there no mock humility here?—a humility very nearly allied to a bloated, self-righteous pride?—no device of Satan to drive you, not from the Lord's Table alone, but from your Lord himself? Oh! as Hart has it,

Let not conscience make you linger; Nor of sinfulness be drawn; All the flowers be trodden; Is to find your need of him.

And surely that either; except that some of us is that without which no poor sinner will ever come to Christ;—and that he who uses not a sinner's

sinner, but they that are sick! and even they will not apply to the physician until they realize their sickness. And

"This he gives you; 'Tis his Spirit's rising beam." Wherefore, "Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and wandering, to the fold! My tarry till you're better, REST You will never come at all; Not the righteous, — Sinners, Jesus came to call!" Not worthy! On what footing, then, do you ever hope to reach heaven? On the footing of Christ's merits; or somehow, in part at least, of your own? Do you draw back, and exclaim, "Oh! not so at all! Not so! If ever I reach that better world, I must cast my crown at the feet of Jesus, and still cry out, 'Not unto me, nor unto any, O Lord!' If, then, the merits of Christ can open for you the gate of heaven, why should not these same merits entitle you to a place at his table on earth? See you not that that your plea about worthiness is most unworthy? Cast it away, ye beseech you! Trample it under foot. And come to the table spread by the love that bled for you at Calvary; not because you are worthy, but because of the worthiness of your Lord;—not because of anything you may find in yourself, but because of the love, the free and unthought love that bids you come,—not even because of what God's own Spirit has wrought within you, but simply because of what the Saviour himself has suffered for you on the cross, and now pleads for you on the throne. Thus come to the table of your condescending Lord. Open the eye of faith, and see, He himself is there. Gaze now upon the wounds in his outspread hands, and listen to the "gracious words which proceed out his mouth," while he says, "Eat, O friends! Drink, yes, drink abundantly, O beloved!" And so get your heart and hand in tune for that glorious time, when

"loudest of the crowd [you'll] sing, and shout, While heaven's resounding arches ring, With shouts of rapturous praise."

Editorial Correspondence.

We have had a delightful Association weather fine, the people exceedingly hospitable; sermons, exhortations and prayers largely imbued with the spiritual element, and the business, for the most part, conducted in the spirit of harmony and good will. In the discussion of the report of the Fredericton Seminary some misunderstanding arose, calling forth expressions which all deeply regretted in the issue. A private session at the close afforded opportunity for the brethren to make such mutual explanations as the nature of the case demanded, and which obviously produced the most pleasing result. The unpleasantness of the hour would have been entirely avoided if the brethren had fully understood each other before the discussion was opened. This shows the necessity of free interchange of thought on all questions of moment before bringing them into the Association.

The Conference on Saturday was rich in religious enjoyment and in christian communion, and was highly prized by the people. The principal places of worship in the District were occupied on the Sabbath by our ministers, and for the most part congregations good; but the Harvey house was the great center of attraction. It is very spacious, but it was densely crowded three times on the Sabbath by most attentive and highly respectable congregations. May the word preached be mixed with faith in the hearts of those who heard it.

It is not often that we celebrate the bands of matrimony at our Associations, but the closing Association, service on Sabbath evening was graced by the celebrating of the matrimonial nuptials between Rev. J. H. Hughes, Pastor of the Harvey church, and Miss Annie, daughter of Mr. E. T. Turner of the same place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Smith of Hillsborough, assisted by Rev. E. E. Bill. Some few persons understood that the marriage was to take place; but it took the multitude by surprise. The event, however, passed off with much grace and propriety, and seemed to give the most unbounded satisfaction to all concerned. No doubt many regarded it as the crowning act of the session. In the olden time we were accustomed to have ordinations at our Associations; but so far as we know this is the first time that the marriage rite was ever made a part and parcel of Associational proceedings. True, the Association did not take up the case, to report upon it in connection with either ordinary or special business, but had they done so, we have no doubt that our Bro. Hughes and his lady sister would have received a unanimous vote of confidence and good will. May mutual happiness and prosperity be theirs for this world and for that which is to come.

We must refer our readers to the minutes of the sessions, as they appear in our present issue for a full report of proceedings. We have no time or space now for further remark, but in future numbers we shall notice at length the several important matters which engaged the attention of the body.

We have only to add that ministering brethren and others expressed themselves as highly delighted with the new chapel in which the Association was held. It is a large and chaste edifice, and admirably arranged both as it respects gallery, pews and pulpit. In all respects it reflects much credit upon the building committee, with the exception of a troublesome debt, which we hope the liberality of the people will soon wipe off.

By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that the Leinster Street Baptist Church is completed and ready for opening on Sabbath next. The building is in the gothic style of architecture, and presents a fine appearance. The interior is particularly striking, and is filled up with all the modern improvements. The opening service will be preached by Rev. Mr. Crawley, A. M., former pastor of the church. In the afternoon interesting exercises in connection with the installation of the new pastor, Rev. W. Y. Garner, will take place, and in the evening regular service. Meetings will be continued on the first four evenings of the week, and the sale of Bibles will be held on Friday afternoon. We hope they will realize a good round sum, and go far towards defraying the heavy expenses incurred in the erection of so costly a structure.

Struck by Lightning.—The house of Mr. John McCaw, at White's Cove, Grand Lake, was struck by lightning on Saturday evening last, the lightning passing down the chimney, breaking the stove into fragments, greatly damaging the house, and inflicting serious injury upon Mrs. McCaw, a young man, and two children, who were in the house. Mrs. McCaw had her clothes entirely torn off her body, and received an incision directly under her arm as large as a man's hand. Her doctor has cast a gloom over the district, but hopes are entertained that the injured may recover.

Accident.—A painter named Leggat fell from a ladder while working on a house in Lamouche street, belonging to Mr. Bowen. Monday morning, dislocating his elbow joint, and sustaining other injuries, his condition, we believe, of a serious nature.

MINUTES.

The Eastern N. B. Baptist Association met with the 1st Baptist Church in Harvey, on the 14th of July, 1884, at 2 o'clock, p. m. After an interesting Conference, the Association was called to order, when the following Officers were appointed:—

Rev. THOMAS TODD, Moderator; W. A. COLEMAN, Secretary; JAMES E. WELLS, and ROBERT BRAD, Treasurers. Ministering brethren from sister Associations were invited to take seats, viz.: Rev. I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, G. F. Miles, E. P. Foshay, A. D. Thomson, C. Spurden, D. D. W. J. Bleakney, and S. Robinson. Rev. D. McKean, took his seat as Delegate from the Eastern N. S. Association.

The following were invited by separate vote, viz.: Deacons Francis and Duval, with brethren Hall, Rufus Cole, T. McHenry, and J. E. Masters.

The following Committees were then appointed: On Arrangements—Revs. J. Hughes, D. Crandall, J. A. Smith, J. Irving, L. Marshall, E. Foshay, and T. Bleakney. To Read Letters—Revs. G. F. Miles, E. C. Cady, W. T. Corey, and E. H. Duval. On Circular Letters—Revs. I. E. Bill and J. Rowe. On Home Missions—Revs. I. E. Bill, D. Crandall, W. A. Crandall, P. Duffy, J. Irving, J. Herriott, J. Goldrop, and Deacons E. Reed, L. Kinneer, D. L. Keth, John Sears, and Jas. Anderson.

On Special Business and New Churches—Rev. W. A. Coleman, J. Herriott, J. A. Smith, J. Trumble, P. Duffy, Deacons Harper, John Sears, John Cahill, and John Rowe.

Religious Periodicals—Revs. E. C. Cady, A. M., I. E. Bill, G. F. Miles, H. Charlton, A. D. Thomson, J. Trumble, Deacons Francis, Hall, Israel Steeves, and Allan McDonald.

Sabbath Schools—Revs. W. A. Corey, John Fillmore, J. C. Steadman, J. R. Strang, Deacons Hall, Ammon, Fowler, and Jas. Rogers. Education—Revs. John Rowe, W. A. Coleman, J. Trumble, A. D. Thomson, C. Spurden, D. D. Samuel Robinson, J. C. Steadman, D. McKean, J. A. Smith, I. E. Bill, Brethren McLeod, R. Cole, Chas. E. Knapp, David Baskley, M. McDonald, and W. D. Manzer.

Temperance—Revs. J. A. Smith, J. M. Curry, John Fillmore, J. Irving, J. C. Steadman, Brethren Samuel Fowler, Wm. Ritchie, John A. Steadman, and D. Baskley.

Union Society—Revs. E. C. Cady, A. M., J. Rowe, I. E. Bill, J. Irving, Wm. Alroy, J. A. Smith, J. F. Goldrop, P. Duffy, Thomas Bleakney, H. Charlton, Wm. A. Crandall, Brethren James Anderson, James Reed, P. McLeod, E. Reed, John Sears, John A. Steadman, and Goodall.

Adjourned to half-past 7 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Bro. A. D. Thomson.

EVENING SESSION, 7 1/2 O'CLOCK. Sermon by Rev. Wm. T. Corey, from Psa. xlv. 2. Reading of letters resumed. Adjourned to Friday morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Goldrop.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, 10 O'CLOCK. Introductory Sermon by Rev. Thos. Todd, from 1 Cor. iii. last clause 2nd and 23d verses. Prayer by Brother Robinson. Reading letters resumed. On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Brother McKean.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK. Prayer by Brother Irving. Committee on Constitution reported:—

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution, beg leave to recommend that the 2d Article be amended by inserting the word "appointed," in the fourth line, at least one meeting of each session shall be strictly private, to which all special business shall be referred. Also that the 4th Article be amended by inserting after the word "Moderator," in the fifth line, "by ballot without nomination." That Visiting Brethren invited to a seat with us, be entitled to all the privileges of membership of this Association.

A. B. McDONALD, Chairman. Adopted. Committee on Departed Brethren reported:—

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W. A. COLEMAN, Chairman. Adopted. The letter from the above Churches were then read, and their delegates received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

Resolved, That the letter from Rockport be referred to the consideration of the H. M. Board. Resolved, That the next Association be held with the Church at Butternt Ridge, on the second Thursday in July, 1885.

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The Committee on Education reported:— Your Committee consider that the claims of Education are imperative on all our Churches, as a fundamental element in the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. It is an instrument mighty in the hands of our Churches to man. It gives expansion of mind to the Christian minister, enabling him to range more easily, more pleasantly, more intelligently, the broad field of God's works, and God's Book of Inspiration to man, and unfold it more clearly to others. As Education advances among all classes of Society, its demands become more impressively felt in our Churches and ministers. God has given us minds to be trained for usefulness, for investigation, that the Christian minister may instruct others. Therefore Education becomes an essential in the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom. God has employed it in the Christian Church, as a weapon for the defence and advancement of the Gospel. Therefore, your Committee feel an imperative duty to encourage and sustain it, and warmly recommend it to the prayerful and liberal support of all our brethren and Churches.

JOHN ROWE, Chairman. Adopted. The President of the Education Society then took the Chair, and Rev. Charles Spurden, D. D., in the absence of the Secretary (Rev. Dr. Hurd), read the Report.

Voted, That the Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes. Addresses by brethren Spurden, Robinson, Miles, Thomson, Rowe, Cady, McHenry, and Marsters. Moderator resumed the Chair.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Brother Coleman.

EVENING SESSION, 7 1/2 O'CLOCK. The Committee on Circular Letters reported:— That they have examined the Circular Letter prepared by Rev. W. A. Corey, and recommend that it be read, adopted, and published in the Minutes of this Association, and in the Christian Visitor.

Resolved, that it be printed in the Minutes and Christian Visitor. Resolved, That Brethren Crandall, Todd, Herriott, Irving, and Smith, be the Delegates from this Association to the Convention, to meet in St. John, on the 20th August next.

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I. E. BILL, Chairman. The Rev. S. Robinson, President of the Home Mission Society in the Chair. Moderator resumed the Chair.

Voted, That Brethren Todd, Hughes, W. A. Corey, Turnbull, McDonald, D. Blakney, and D. Crandall, be a Committee to nominate Officers for the Home Missionary

Board for the ensuing year. The Corresponding Secretary read his report, and the Treasurer's report, and the following Resolutions, offered by Brother Bill, were discussed by Brethren Bill, Cady, W. A. Crandall, Thomson and Miles, and were adopted:—

Resolved, That the report now read be adopted, and published in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the success of the past year in the Domestic Mission field is such as should awaken gratitude and inspire renewed confidence and hope in regard to the future.

Resolved, That the urgent claims upon the N. B. Baptist Missionary Board call for greatly increased liberality and energy in the support and extension of this good cause.

Resolved, That this Association commit the interests of our several Missionary stations anew to the sympathy, prayers, and contributions of our churches.

Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, reported, which after some amendments was adopted. (See list of officers.)

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be given to Rev. E. C. Cady, for his able and efficient services as Corresponding Secretary for the last three years of the Home Mission Board.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Brother Crandall.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK. Sermon by Rev. Charles Spurden, D. D., from Psalm cix. 34. Prayer by Brother Miles.

Committee to revise Constitution—Brethren Hughes, Coleman, Herriott, and McDonald. Committee to report on Foreign Missions—Brethren Bill, McKean, Miles, Robinson, Spurden, Crandall, Thomson, Foshay, and W. A. Corey.

Committee on Periodicals reported:— That, although the Christian Visitor is the property of Rev. I. E. Bill, still they emphatically regard it as the organ of the Baptists in this Province, and as such should be heartily supported by every one of our ministers, and heads of families. In this day of revolutions in both Church and State, and the time of increased education among all classes, it is especially important that a first class newspaper, should be placed in the hands of every reading family. The Christian Visitor is just such a paper, being all and even more than could be expected of it, considering the support it receives. We approve of the efforts of its Editor in trying to make the paper what it should be; also of the price of two dollars a year in advance, believing that it could not properly be sustained at a lower rate. We therefore pledge our efforts to increase its circulation, and add to its interests and reputation in every reasonable way.

E. C. CADY, Chairman. Adopted. Addresses by E. C. Cady, Robinson, Miles, Thomson, McKean, and Bill. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Brother Smith.

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Board for the ensuing year. The Corresponding Secretary read his report, and the Treasurer's report, and the following Resolutions, offered by Brother Bill, were discussed by Brethren Bill, Cady, W. A. Crandall, Thomson and Miles, and were adopted:—

Resolved, That the report now read be adopted, and published in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the success of the past year in the Domestic Mission field is such as should awaken gratitude and inspire renewed confidence and hope in regard to the future.

Resolved, That the urgent claims upon the N. B. Baptist Missionary Board call for greatly increased liberality and energy in the support and extension of this good cause.

Resolved, That this Association commit the interests of our several Missionary stations anew to the sympathy, prayers, and contributions of our churches.

Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, reported, which after some amendments was adopted. (See list of officers.)

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be given to Rev. E. C. Cady, for his able and efficient services as Corresponding Secretary for the last three years of the Home Mission Board.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Brother Crandall.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK. Sermon by Rev. Charles Spurden, D. D., from Psalm cix. 34. Prayer by Brother Miles.

Committee to revise Constitution—Brethren Hughes, Coleman, Herriott, and McDonald. Committee to report on Foreign Missions—Brethren Bill, McKean, Miles, Robinson, Spurden, Crandall, Thomson, Foshay, and W. A. Corey.

Committee on Periodicals reported:— That, although the Christian Visitor is the property of Rev. I. E. Bill, still they emphatically regard it as the organ of the Baptists in this Province, and as such should be heartily supported by every one of our ministers, and heads of families. In this day of revolutions in both Church and State, and the time of increased education among all classes, it is especially important that a first class newspaper, should be placed in the hands of every reading family. The Christian Visitor is just such a paper, being all and even more than could be expected of it, considering the support it receives. We approve of the efforts of its Editor in trying to make the paper what it should be; also of the price of two dollars a year in advance, believing that it could not properly be sustained at a lower rate. We therefore pledge our efforts to increase its circulation, and add to its interests and reputation in every reasonable way.

E. C. CADY, Chairman. Adopted. Addresses by E. C. Cady, Robinson, Miles, Thomson, McKean, and Bill. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Brother Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK. Prayer by Brother Irving. Committee on Constitution reported:—

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution, beg leave to recommend that the 2d Article be amended by inserting the word "appointed," in the fourth line, at least one meeting of each session shall be strictly private, to which all special business shall be referred. Also that the 4th Article be amended by inserting after the word "Moderator," in the fifth line, "by ballot without nomination." That Visiting Brethren invited to a seat with us, be entitled to all the privileges of membership of this Association.

A. B. McDONALD, Chairman. Adopted. Committee on Departed Brethren reported:—

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