

RESOLVED by the New Brunswick Baptist Western Association, at its Annual Session, at Kewick, Sept. 21th, 1861.

New Brunswick Baptist AND CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

ST. JOHN, N.B., THURSDAY, FEB. 13, 1862.

Hindrances to Ministerial Success.

These may be justly denominated legion, for they are many. They meet the Christian pastor at every lane of ministerial life, and demand of him super-human energy to resist successfully their tremendous power.

What so chilling to the heart of the true minister, or what so withering to his hopes, as those departures from the faith: Here are those with whom he has deeply sympathized when they were smitten by the sword of the Spirit, and in sorrow and penitence were seeking the salvation of their souls.

Be assured ye disciples of Christ the success of your minister largely depends upon the course which you shall pursue.

Quarterly Meeting at Hopewell Cape.

It was intended that this quarterly Meeting should commence on Friday, the 3rd of January, pursuant to notice given in VISITOR, but owing to stormy weather was deferred until Sabbath ensuing.

Resolved: That this Meeting will take no action that may interfere directly or indirectly with the operations of Union Society in Albert County.

Resolved: That Ministers, Deacons, and Church Members in connexion with this quarterly Meeting use every endeavour to advance interests of Union Society.

Resolved: That the next Quarterly Meeting be held with the church at Love Cove, on Friday the 14th March next.

Resolved: That Rev. John H. Seward's Missionary Sermon on the 21st be read.

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ence be held on Monday afternoon, 17th March, and that said Conference be private.

THE QUESTION ANSWERED.

WHY COULD NOT WE CAST HIM OUT? Matt. 17: 19.

It was well for these disciples of Jesus, to find out their weakness. So it is for us. And it was well for them to apply to the great Teacher for a solution.

The disciples of Christ, who addressed to Him this question, had been endowed with miraculous gifts, even with the power of casting out devils; and yet, on this occasion, that power failed them.

In fact; if we ask what their names are? They may say, "Legion, for we are many." But to distinguish them, and designate their nature and true character, we will give them their proper names.

First; we have to notice the SPIRIT OF UNBELIEF. This spirit dwells in the inmost heart; and prompts to every thing that is sinful and abominable.

We have another of these evil spirits mentioned, Rom. 8: 15, called the SPIRIT OF BONDAGE.

Every true Christian deeply deplores the existence of these evil spirits in the family of God. Much labor has been expended in endeavours, by ministers of the gospel, deacons of the church, and other members.

The solemn question still remains; "Why could we not cast him out?" Who shall deliver us from the body of this death? No one doubts but that the grace of God is sufficient.

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to the world in our own hearts; we must know each the current of his own life.

If we are not sensible of the evil of loving this world, and how it consists not with the service of God; and of the love of money, which is the root of all evil;

If then we would have the evil spirits of pride, worldliness, indolence, backsliding, and sin cast out, and the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, we must look to God, trust in God, and believe in His promise.

We must believe that He is the rewarder of them that seek Him. It was by faith that Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

These instances are abundantly sufficient to establish our position; namely, that all God has promised, and all the Christian has reason to hope for, may be obtained.

3rd. But some one will object, I have no faith. Then you are in a bad state indeed. But if you mean it is exceedingly weak, your case is not hopeless.

And why can we not cast him out? You can. This is the easiest thing in the world. The little child drew Peter out of prison, notwithstanding he was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, shut in by iron gates, and guarded by four quarters, or sixteen soldiers.

Why, then, should the church say, "Why could we not cast him out?" You see the reason. Such a church as you cast out Satan? What? A proud, self-righteous, prayerless, worldly, lukewarm, unbelieving church cast out devils?

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Correspondence.

FREDERICTON, 8th Feb., 1862. DEAR BROTHER:—The following address breathes such an excellent spirit, and affords such a pleasing contrast to the ebullitions of feeling which are calculated to stir up strife:

The Baptist Union and the American Difficultly.

The following address was adopted at a meeting of the committee of the Baptist Union held on Friday last:—

THE COMMITTEE OF THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND TO THEIR BRETHREN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WE BELIEVE, BROTHERS,—In the present critical state of the relations between your country and ours, we feel it our duty to address to you a few earnest words; and we treat you to receive in Christian love the words which Christian love assuredly dictates.

WE acknowledge that, upon this point, we have much reason to be on our guard; and we are fully aware that we have been negligent.

THE meeting was then addressed by Rev. Patrick Duffy, Rev. J. H. Hughes, Rev. Mr. Slocford, (Wesleyan Minister), Rev. James Irving, the writer, the pastor, and other brethren.

Religious Intelligence.

Revival Intelligence.

We understand there is an interesting state of things in the Baptist Church, at the Range at the head of Grand Lake.

THE new year dawns full of promise.—Never did Christianity give signs of greater vitality.

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And if such have got the spirit of the poor widow, they will strive to do something for the cause. This system will prevent the idea of weighing a man on the strips or sides of a piece of paper.

Donation Visit.

MESSRS. EDITORS,—Your readers have been informed through the columns of the BAPTIST AND VISITOR that the Lord has been pleased to bless the labours of Rev. Caleb Spragg in Lower Covelade and that a revival has commenced there.

After the cloth was removed and the people got comfortably seated, Bro. Ezra Steves, Esq. was called to the chair. He stated that the object of the meeting was to present their pastor, Rev. Caleb Spragg, with a fur coat and other useful articles in expression of their kind regard to him as their pastor and as a small return for his indefatigable labours for the promotion of the spiritual welfare of themselves, their families, and members of their community.

There are eight printing establishments maintained by the Wesleyan Society, five of which are connected with the missions under the immediate direction of the British Conference, and the remaining three with the missions of the affiliated conferences.

Secular Department.

The Rev. J. R. Narraway, will discuss the American Civil War, in two lectures, the first of which will be delivered before the Mechanics' Institute, at their Hall, on Monday Evening, the 17th inst.

We are informed, that while the men of the Royal Engineer Corps were quartered in the School House attached to St. Mark's Church in this City, a small boy entered the building, and asked the sergeant to be allowed to do some work, that he might earn something to eat.

THE men of the Company at once resolved to adopt him as their "pet," and to carry him away with them, as something to which to refer when they felt neglected in their "pet."

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In Turkey the Gospel is illustrating its power to reform and enliven. At the village of Eybez in Northern Syria, the Armenians have persuaded the Deys to expel the native teacher.

We have a curious account of the authority of an American missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of a remarkable people discovered in Tulcha, a small city near the Black Sea.

While residing there they became acquainted with a people who worshipped God in private houses, prayed extemporaneously, sung with great freedom and spirit, and rejected all pomp and ceremony in their service, and given to industry, frugality and benevolence; that their intercourse with these people so impressed them, that when they returned to Russia they spread their own religious views and experience among the people, until now they say more than five millions of people in the South of Russia, and in the adjoining provinces of Turkey, belong to their association.

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The New York World, of last Wednesday, says:—Money is firm at six per cent. Foreign exchanges were sold yesterday at 118 1/2 to 119 for banking firms sixty days sterling bills.

The Chief of Police at Boston, states that the paragraph giving the rounds of the new police, stating that Mr. John Caldwell, of Woodstock, N. B., left his hotel in this city in January, and has not since been heard of, is incorrect.

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The Newfoundland of Jan. 20, still speaks of the prevailing distress.—

"The present is perhaps about the gloomiest winter of which we have any recollection in this country. The season itself is thus far unusually severe; but this, though it renders the hard lot of the poor so much harder, is comparatively a minor trouble, and would be but lightly regarded if the circumstances of many of our people were not so miserably depressed.

Under all these untoward circumstances, applications for Poor Relief have been very numerous, and the Board have paid out a very large proportion of the Revenue will be required for the relief of the poor, even to the able bodied men, who during the past spring and summer could not earn sufficient for the subsistence of themselves and their families for all the winter.

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