

Pastoral Destination.

This matter of pastoral destination is really one of very serious consideration. Let us endeavour to understand thoroughly the causes which have led to this unfortunate state of things, that we may, if possible, apply an effective remedy.

The first cause that we shall mention is the feebleness of many of our churches in regard to ministerial support. Some of the larger churches have been divided and subdivided into small fractions, and by these very divisions have been disqualified for progressive action.

Again, there is too much covetousness. Wealthy members do not, as a general rule, contribute freely of their substance for the support of the ministry. They are not willing to make the necessary sacrifice.

Another cause of this destitution is to be found in the lack of system in our churches regarding ministerial support. In most cases we believe the subscription list is the plan adopted.

Another cause of the evil which we complain is love of change. The pastoral connection in most of our churches has no permanency attached to it.

Another cause of the evil which we complain is love of change. The pastoral connection in most of our churches has no permanency attached to it. It is simply a bargain for three or six months, or for a year, as the parties may agree.

Editorial Correspondence.

As the new church erected by the Baptists of Upper Keswick was to be opened on Sabbath, the 8th inst., much anxiety was felt about the state of the weather and roads, and many prayers were offered that Providence would grant a pleasant day.

The people had felt anxious to have their house of worship well in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times, and many meetings were held to settle upon some plan of operation, but nothing decisive was done until Mr. Samuel H. Boone took the matter in hand.

The Sabbath services were full of interest. Preaching in the morning by Rev. I. E. Bill; in the afternoon, by Rev. W. Harris, and in the evening again, by special request, by Elder Bill.

part in the exercises. Deep solemnity pervaded the minds of the people, and there is reason to hope that good was done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

On Monday morning a short discourse was delivered by Elder Bill, after which some business matters, appertaining to the house, were disposed of. This visit to Keswick has brought up reminiscences of the past, of no ordinary interest.

As we passed through Coverhill we were informed that diphtheria was doing its work of death there. Three of one family, by the name of Miller, two sons and a daughter, had recently been cast down by this fearful disease.

The Sabbath was spent in Southampton and Canterbury. In the former place, in the morning preaching, and in the latter in the afternoon. The attendance good, and the divine presence manifest.

We have spent the last few days very pleasantly in company with our valued friend, Bro. Geo. Burns, at Macaquaik, Scotch Settlement, Springfield, Coverhill, Nackawick, and Southampton.

On the opposite side of the Macaquaik is the Indian village, so called. There are quite a number of frame houses, all very small except the one occupied by the Indian chief.

The Scotch Settlement is up the Macaquaik, about six miles from the Main River, and promises to be, at no distant day, a flourishing farming district.

Springfield is some six miles beyond this place, further in the interior. This district was obviously settled at a later date: but it is equally promising in its agricultural resources.

Between the road leading to Springfield and what is called Lake Settlement, there is a dense forest of about three miles in breadth. It was in this forest that the young man Becker, whose melancholy disappearance has been so repeatedly noticed by the press, lost his way.

Between the road leading to Springfield and what is called Lake Settlement, there is a dense forest of about three miles in breadth. It was in this forest that the young man Becker, whose melancholy disappearance has been so repeatedly noticed by the press, lost his way.

In Springfield we had a meeting of deep religious interest, at the house of a valued brother by the name of Read; but we were sorry to learn that a Baptist church, which was organized some five or six years ago in that place, has lost its viability.

After addresses by the above named brethren, several donations were handed in, and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor submitted the following report: The value of a sound religious periodical, in which the Baptists of this Province can place entire confidence, is an acquisition to the strength of our denomination which we are by no means likely to over estimate.

Such a paper, in the judgment of your Committee, is the Christian Visitor, now so well and ably conducted by its well known, and highly esteemed editor and proprietor, the Rev. I. E. Bill.

The report was advocated by James Walker, A. D. Thomson, S. Robinson, J. C. Hurd, C. Spurlen, and adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported:—The letters show the following statistics:—No. of Schools 29, Teachers 150, Scholars 1106, Vols. in Libraries 4931.

The Monthly Concerts are also found to be very beneficial, details of carrying out which will be found from time to time in the Visitor.

On Sabbath morning the running ice made its appearance for the first time this autumn in the Saint John River. It had doubtless come hundreds of miles on its way to the waters of old Pandey.

Rev. J. G. Harvey takes us in charge this morning, and will kindly drive us on as far as Woodstock. Many thanks to ministers, lay brethren and friends for their very great kindness to us during this route.

The following reports, adopted by the Western N. B. Baptist Association, appear in the minutes of that body, just issued from the press of Mr. John Graham, Fredericton.

Your Committee have taken into serious consideration the claims of Education upon our Ministers and Churches in this age of progress, and suggest the following resolutions:—

1. That as an enlightened and sanctified Education constitutes an essential element in the social progress of all communities, therefore, as individuals and as associated churches, we should cherish a deep and lively interest in the educational institutions of our country.

2. That the progressive spirit of the age especially demands that our young men, called of God to devote their lives to the weighty responsibilities of the sacred ministry, should be provided as far as possible with the means of mental culture.

3. That, as our Institution at Fredericton is designed to nourish and extend the education of the rising youth and the growing ministry of our denomination, it has therefore special claims upon the prayers and contributions of our Churches.

4. That this Association highly approves of the action of the Committee in placing the boarding department of our Seminary under the direct superintendence of its esteemed Principal.

5. That as the attempt to pay off the debt by collecting twenty five cents each from our Church members has failed, therefore this Association approves of the recommendation of the Eastern Association to appoint an efficient agent to raise the required amount by general subscriptions, and it is highly desirable that this should be done without further delay.

The Committee on Home Missions made the following report:—From the earliest period of the history of the Church of Christ we have abundant evidence of the satisfactory and glorious results of the Missionary enterprise and no lover of God can but believe that many souls have been converted, and Churches planted in sections of our Country through the instrumentality of the devoted evangelist, which must have remained in utter destitution of spiritual life and knowledge had it not been for this efficient medium.

Your Committee would also state with much delight that they confidently believe the dear brethren occupying our Missionary fields to be in the possession of that very desirable qualification of the Missionary, viz: A zeal for the work. Men who love God and precious souls. Men whose zeal for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom increases with the increase of their labor and toil in the work whereunto the Lord of the Vineyard hath called them.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report:—Hundreds of Millions of our race are perishing in heathen darkness, and are emphatically without God and without hope in the world.

The Committee on Temperance reported:—That among the various objects sustained by our denomination none is of more importance than that of Temperance. In watching its progress it is evident that it is doing a great work in promoting peace and happiness where once discord and evil of every description prevailed.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported:—The letters show the following statistics:—No. of Schools 29, Teachers 150, Scholars 1106, Vols. in Libraries 4931.

The Monthly Concerts are also found to be very beneficial, details of carrying out which will be found from time to time in the Visitor.

On Sabbath morning the running ice made its appearance for the first time this autumn in the Saint John River. It had doubtless come hundreds of miles on its way to the waters of old Pandey.

Rev. J. G. Harvey takes us in charge this morning, and will kindly drive us on as far as Woodstock. Many thanks to ministers, lay brethren and friends for their very great kindness to us during this route.

The following reports, adopted by the Western N. B. Baptist Association, appear in the minutes of that body, just issued from the press of Mr. John Graham, Fredericton.

Your Committee have taken into serious consideration the claims of Education upon our Ministers and Churches in this age of progress, and suggest the following resolutions:—

1. That as an enlightened and sanctified Education constitutes an essential element in the social progress of all communities, therefore, as individuals and as associated churches, we should cherish a deep and lively interest in the educational institutions of our country.

2. That the progressive spirit of the age especially demands that our young men, called of God to devote their lives to the weighty responsibilities of the sacred ministry, should be provided as far as possible with the means of mental culture.

3. That, as our Institution at Fredericton is designed to nourish and extend the education of the rising youth and the growing ministry of our denomination, it has therefore special claims upon the prayers and contributions of our Churches.

4. That this Association highly approves of the action of the Committee in placing the boarding department of our Seminary under the direct superintendence of its esteemed Principal.

5. That as the attempt to pay off the debt by collecting twenty five cents each from our Church members has failed, therefore this Association approves of the recommendation of the Eastern Association to appoint an efficient agent to raise the required amount by general subscriptions, and it is highly desirable that this should be done without further delay.

We recommend the following resolution:—That we as Ministers and Delegates pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavours in all reasonable ways to raise the above named sum, and that if it cannot be accomplished without, we recommend to the Home Missionary Board the employment of one or more agents to assist in the work.

The Union Society as an essential auxiliary to all our benevolent operations was advocated by Brothers Bill, Miller, Steden, Thomson, Thomsen, Burbs, Robinson, and Cady. The Report was adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions made the following report:—From the earliest period of the history of the Church of Christ we have abundant evidence of the satisfactory and glorious results of the Missionary enterprise and no lover of God can but believe that many souls have been converted, and Churches planted in sections of our Country through the instrumentality of the devoted evangelist, which must have remained in utter destitution of spiritual life and knowledge had it not been for this efficient medium.

Your Committee would also state with much delight that they confidently believe the dear brethren occupying our Missionary fields to be in the possession of that very desirable qualification of the Missionary, viz: A zeal for the work. Men who love God and precious souls. Men whose zeal for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom increases with the increase of their labor and toil in the work whereunto the Lord of the Vineyard hath called them.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report:—Hundreds of Millions of our race are perishing in heathen darkness, and are emphatically without God and without hope in the world.

The Committee on Temperance reported:—That among the various objects sustained by our denomination none is of more importance than that of Temperance. In watching its progress it is evident that it is doing a great work in promoting peace and happiness where once discord and evil of every description prevailed.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported:—The letters show the following statistics:—No. of Schools 29, Teachers 150, Scholars 1106, Vols. in Libraries 4931.

The Monthly Concerts are also found to be very beneficial, details of carrying out which will be found from time to time in the Visitor.

On Sabbath morning the running ice made its appearance for the first time this autumn in the Saint John River. It had doubtless come hundreds of miles on its way to the waters of old Pandey.

Rev. J. G. Harvey takes us in charge this morning, and will kindly drive us on as far as Woodstock. Many thanks to ministers, lay brethren and friends for their very great kindness to us during this route.

The following reports, adopted by the Western N. B. Baptist Association, appear in the minutes of that body, just issued from the press of Mr. John Graham, Fredericton.

Your Committee have taken into serious consideration the claims of Education upon our Ministers and Churches in this age of progress, and suggest the following resolutions:—

1. That as an enlightened and sanctified Education constitutes an essential element in the social progress of all communities, therefore, as individuals and as associated churches, we should cherish a deep and lively interest in the educational institutions of our country.

2. That the progressive spirit of the age especially demands that our young men, called of God to devote their lives to the weighty responsibilities of the sacred ministry, should be provided as far as possible with the means of mental culture.

3. That, as our Institution at Fredericton is designed to nourish and extend the education of the rising youth and the growing ministry of our denomination, it has therefore special claims upon the prayers and contributions of our Churches.

4. That this Association highly approves of the action of the Committee in placing the boarding department of our Seminary under the direct superintendence of its esteemed Principal.

5. That as the attempt to pay off the debt by collecting twenty five cents each from our Church members has failed, therefore this Association approves of the recommendation of the Eastern Association to appoint an efficient agent to raise the required amount by general subscriptions, and it is highly desirable that this should be done without further delay.

The first meeting of the third session of the Natural History Society, of New Brunswick, will be held in the room of the Society, in the Mechanics' Institute, on Friday evening next, the 20th inst., at 8 o'clock, on which occasion the opening address of the session will be read by Dr. Hamilton. Subject: "Method of Study in Natural History."

Disaster Accidents.—The *Grand Wilcox* says: "We deeply regret to record a sad and fatal accident on the river St. John, which has resulted in the loss of eleven valuable lives. On Friday last the new steamer *Suburb*, while proceeding on her way to Fredericton, and on starting from Oak Point Landing, suddenly exploded, and almost immediately afterwards sank to the bottom. Happily an accident of this kind is rare in our waters, but a strict inquiry into the cause of it should be instituted by the Government, and if any person is found guilty of neglect of duty he should be severely punished, as a warning to others who may be entrusted with the lives and property of travellers. The *Globe* says:—

It appears that but eleven persons are lost. Mr. Varner, the Clerk of the *Suburb*, and some of the intelligent passengers, state this to be a correct number, and there names are: Miss Wilson and Miss Atherton, who were the ladies' cabin; the former aged 13 years, and the latter aged 13; Lockwood Burgess, G. E. McLaughlin, and G. Summers, passengers. The two Livingstons, who were the stewards; Mr. Tibbitts, the engineer; Estey; James Garvey, a freeman, and Albert French, a deck hand, of the boat. It was rumored that there were twelve or thirteen ladies on board, and that only three were saved, but this is incorrect, as Mr. Varner says there were but five, and his opportunities of knowing the number of passengers, and the names of those of any one class.

All the accounts of the catastrophe are very meagre. Mr. Varner was standing in the gangway, superintending the disembarkation of passengers and freight, the boat about two lengths below the wharf, the schooner lashed alongside and slightly astern. All the passengers having been passed into the small boat, Mr. Varner shouted: "Is there any thing more to go ashore?" When the shock took place, he was all but thrown into the air. Even the ramp which he held in his hand was blown out by the shock. The steambot immediately sank under his feet, and he felt that he could do nothing nor did he know anything about the state of affairs on board of the boat, and he stepped into the small boat and pushed off for the shore. The steamer drifted back with the current and sank in about three minutes. Mr. Charles Burpee, with the assistance of M. Bainford, succeeded in dragging his wife out of one of the cabin windows just before the boat went down.

A large and highly respectable assembly assembled at the Mechanics' Institute last evening, to inaugurate the lecture series for 1863-64. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was on the platform, together with a large number of gentlemen interested in the Institution. The President, Isaac Woodward, Esq., gave a very interesting sketch of the history of the Institute, after which the Lieutenant Governor addressed the audience, extolling the address which had just been delivered, and this and similar Institutions. The National Anthem was sung at the close of the meeting, and three cheers given for the Queen.—*Wit.*

LAW SOCIETY.—At the Annual Meeting of the Law Society of this City, held on Friday evening, 13th inst., the following gentlemen were re-elected officers:—

Hon. J. W. Weldon, Q. C. President; Hon. Charles Watter, Sol. Gen.; Geo. P. C. Sydney Smith, Esq., Treasurer; W. M. Jarvis, Esq., Secretary; W. Jack, Esq., Charles Duff, Esq., G. C. A. R. Wetmore, Esq., Q. C., Committee.

At a meeting held on P. Brown's on the 7th inst., the following persons were elected Officers Bearers of the Loch Louand Agricultural Society for the ensuing year:—

Arthur McLean, President; R. Sands Armstrong, Vice-President; H. Buncker, 2nd Vice-President; Richard Sands, Recording Secretary; C. A. Wade, Corresponding Secretary; Richard McDonald, Treasurer.

Directors.—John Armstrong, Robert Douglas, James Dutton, Robert Bovey, Thomas Davidson, James Braden, Sen., Thomas Robinson, David Collins, Daniel Robertson, Patrick Brown, Robert Hastings, Robert Foster, John Parks, Michael Horgan, A. A. Darrah, and Thomas Dewar.

Sixteen sheep were taken from Mr. Leonard Dixon's pasture, near his dwelling house, on Friday night last, and Mr. Harmon Humphrey had a horse valued at \$80 stolen out of his barn on Saturday night.

Mr. Matthew Bennett, of Hillsborough, has commenced a barque of between five and six hundred tons burthen.

Mr. Nebemiah Bennett, Hillsborough, has just commenced a barque of 600 tons burthen. Mr. Chambers has just furnished the model, as also he did for the *Tantamar* launched here on the 29th of August last.

Mr. Edwin Bennett is also building a Schooner in the same yard as the latter.—*Wit.*

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A sailor belonging to the barque "Oriental" lying at one of the wharves in Carleton fell between his vessel and the barque "Dr. Kane" on the night of the 16th inst., and was so severely injured that he died three hours afterwards.

Joseph Battersby, Esq., a merchant in Manchester, England, died on the voyage of the *Asia* from Liverpool to Halifax. He was buried in Halifax.

The *New England* will continue her regular trips to Boston until about the 20th of next month.

The *Observer*, says—We are enabled to state upon the best authority that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales will probably be confined in or about the last week in her reign.