

ST. JOHN, N. B., JUNE 14, 1866.

The Annual Examination of the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton occurred on Thursday, the 7th inst., in the presence of Dr. Jack and Prof. Campbell, of N. B. University, Dr. Brooke, Judge Wilmet, Rev. B. F. Ratray, Asa Coy, Esq., the writer, and many others.

Classes were examined in reading, Greek history, English History, Grammar, Geography, Geometry, Latin Reader, Virgil, Homer's Iliad, and Greek Testament. Some of the best and most advanced classes were not examined for want of time.

The increased number of teachers, by which greater facilities are furnished to all who attend the institution. This improvement has been needed for some time; and even now we see Dr. Spurden, who has been so long associated with the institution, worn down with labor, care, and anxiety.

The increased number of pupils, and especially the increased number who are pursuing the higher branches of study. There is nothing now to hinder a still greater increase, except the want of accommodations.

The new desks, and the favorable appearance of the rooms, the building, and the premises generally. It is doubtful if there are any other desks in the Province so good as these.

A fourth thing to be mentioned is the increased number of students who have the University in view, and the general anxiety on the part of all to return to enjoy the advantages of the school another year.

E. C. CADY.

Important Educational Arrangement.

According to announcement made in the Visitor, the annual meeting of the Committee of Education was held on Wednesday evening.

The following members of the Educational Committee met:—Rev. Dr. Spurden, E. C. Cady, A. D. Yerxa, W. S. Estey, and Richard H. Phillips; present, Rev. B. F. Ratray, Messrs. A. F. Randolph, J. E. Hopper.

Deacon Estey appointed Chairman, and R. H. Phillips, Secretary. Prayer by Rev. E. C. Cady. Mr. Cady stated to the Committee the action of the Committee in St. John. Committee wished Dr. Spurden and Mr. Hopper to make suggestions.

Dr. Spurden then desired to be relieved of all pecuniary responsibility; was willing to leave the house, and also to resign, if thought advisable.

After some conversation, the following resolution was moved and adopted:—Resolved—That in the opinion of the Committee it is advisable for the interest and advancement of the institution, to make the following changes:—

First—That a Theological Chair be instituted; the Professorship of which the Committee are desirous should be filled by Dr. Spurden.

Second—That the literary and financial department should be managed by Mr. Hopper, under the following arrangement: The whole of the buildings to be kept in him for the uses of the institution, and to be given in repair by the Committee.

The Government grant of one thousand dollars to be handed over to him; and in addition to this, the whole of the tuition fees collected from the students and scholars. It is understood that as one-half of Dr. Spurden's time will be occupied in attending to classes connected with the institution, therefore one-half of his salary, viz.: four hundred dollars, shall be paid from the funds of the institution; the remaining four hundred dollars to be provided for from the funds of the Union Society devoted to Ministerial Education, specially donated for that purpose.

Dr. Spurden then accepted the post of Theological Professor. Mr. Hopper also accepted the Principalship of the institution, provided he had the sympathy and support of the Committee and denomination.

Moved—That A. F. Randolph, Dr. Spurden, and A. D. Yerxa, be a Committee to look out a suitable person to take the Steward's department, with Mr. Hopper's sanction and approval.

Moved—That the tuition fees be re-arranged. Dr. Spurden, Messrs. Hopper and Phillips were appointed the Committee.

Resolved—That the terms be ten weeks each, commencing the year the 1st of September. Adjourned to Thursday evening, the 7th of June, after the public Educational meeting, to be held in the vestry of the Baptist chapel.

RICHARD H. PHILLIPS, Secretary pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Met according to appointment. The following members of Committee were present:—Rev. I. E. Bill, President, in the Chair, Dr. Spurden, Rev. E. C. Cady, Messrs. Sewell, Yerxa, Estey, and Phillips. Others by invitation—Rev. Dr. Hurd, A. F. Randolph, J. E. Hopper, C. Goodspeed, S. Wilbur, J. L. Haines, and C. Mutch.

Committee of Financial Arrangement was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Randolph, Yerxa, Gabel, and Hurd.

Dr. Spurden, Messrs. Randolph and Hopper, were appointed a Committee to fix rent of rooms.

Report of Committee on re-arrangement of tuition fees was as follows: Common English, \$2.50; Higher English, \$4.00; Classics, \$5.00; French \$3.00; incidental expenses, 50 cents each term for three terms.

Number of free students (not ministerial) was left to the discretion of the Principal; each to pay, however, 50 cents per term for food.

Mr. Joseph Jones' resignation as English Master was accepted; and it was voted that the thanks of the Committee be given him for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Mr. Hopper submitted the name of Mr. Calvin Goodspeed as Tutor in Natural Science and French; and also that of Mr. Samuel Wilbur as English Master, for approval. Adopted.

A Committee was appointed to look after the repairs of the institution, consisting of Messrs. Hopper, Phillips, Yerxa, and Haines.

Ordered—That back tuition fees be devoted to the repairs of Seminary. Further—That Capt. Hunt be Collector.

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For the Christian Visitor.

From our Boston Correspondent.

DEAR BRO. BILL—I was very sorry not to see you, and many other brethren from the Provinces, at the very pleasant Anniversary Meetings which have just closed their session here. Those of us who have had the privilege of attending your annual Conventions, and have been so kindly received, can, in some measure, appreciate the pleasure and benefit which is derived by the interchange of visits and social intercourse between those "of the same faith and order"; and we would have most gladly welcomed a large delegation of our provincial brethren. Brethren Garner and Cady, of St. John, were here; and so far as I know, these were all who favoured us with their presence from either Province.

I see that the Visitor has already published "Anniversary Papers, No. 1," which indicate that your readers will receive from "G" a very full account of the meetings held by our various denominational organizations; and I will, therefore, only give you some general impressions of their character as presented to my own mind.

The financial condition of all the Societies is encouraging; the receipts of most of them being larger the last year than ever before. The reports of what had been accomplished in the way of home and foreign efforts for the evangelization of the world was cheering in the highest degree, and led us all to feel that it was our duty to "thank God and take courage," and to press on in the great work of spreading the gospel of our blessed "Saviour in every part of our own and in other lands.

The meetings were fully attended. Our strong men—clerical and lay—were present from all parts of our country. The discussions were earnest, but kind; and where at first there seemed quite a wide difference of opinion in regard to measures, facts, brought forward, calm reasoning and a truly fraternal spirit, led to an almost unanimous decision on all the important questions that came before the meetings. An unusual interest was felt this year in the meeting of the Home Mission Society; as the denomination was to act on the question, as to what agency they would use to aid in educating our colored population in the South. The Home Mission Society has sent out teachers and established schools the past year, and have also had at Richmond, Savannah and New Orleans, classes in training, under competent teachers, for the gospel ministry; and they proposed still to go on in the prosecution of this work with increased energy and an enlargement of operations. Some of our brethren objected to this plan, and thought a new organization should be effected, especially to perform that part of the labour necessary to prepare young men for teaching and preaching. After an entire day and evening spent in discussing the question in all its bearings, the vote was taken and found to be very nearly unanimous in favor of the Home Mission Society continuing the work they had already so auspiciously inaugurated. As a Society, however, had been organized in the city of Washington, and received a charter from Congress, a number of our leading men proposed to continue and sustain it, and thus the "National Theological Institute" was launched upon the sea of denominational favour—well officered—you may be sure—but waiting for supplies and a cargo.

It was supposed that arrangements had been perfected for a union of our two Bible Societies, and it was officially announced that a united meeting would take place in the evening; but for some cause, yet unexplained, the union did not take place, and separate services were held as in former times. Last year an effort was made to unite the Bible and Publication Societies, which also proved a failure, and it is now conjectured that the Bible Society will struggle on alone, so long as it can obtain funds enough to pay current expenses.

The last days were the great days of our feast, when the American Baptist Missionary Union held its Anniversary. You have the details in the reports so widely published, and therefore I need only say that the meetings were of surpassing interest. The reports were brief and to the point; the discussions earnest and full of hope for the conversion of the heathen world.

The social festival in Music Hall, the Photographic episode and some other local matters, I will leave to be described by "G"; but should health and time permit I may again ask permission to present some thoughts to the readers of the Visitor on matters that are of interest to every christian disciple.

Fraternally yours, N. P. KEMR.

Missionary Meetings.

To secure funds for the Union Society, are to be commenced in the city this week, and will be held—in Brussels street, Wednesday evening; in Germain street, Thursday evening; in Portland, Friday evening. They are to be held next week in Pitt street, on Monday evening; in Leinster street, on Tuesday evening; and in Carleton, on Wednesday evening.

We hope to set the ball rolling in such a manner on Wednesday night, that it will not stop until every Church in the Province has held such a meeting, and every dollar called for by the Board (\$3,000) shall have found its way into the treasury of the Society. Who will help it on? Let every pastor in the Province see that the work is commenced in his field of labor, and that missionary meetings are held and missionary sermons are preached in every one of his preaching stations, and that all his people are invited to give to this good cause. Send notices of your meetings and tidings of your doings to the Visitor. We shall be glad to herald the good news.

All the above meetings are postponed for one week each.—E. C. V.

From our Australian Correspondent.

The following letter was not intended by its author for the public eye; but we shall be pardoned for giving it publicity, as a touching expression of filial affection and sympathy called forth by sad tidings of crushing bereavement.

My DEAR FATHER, Your letter of Nov. 19th, 1865, conveying the painful intelligence of dear Mary Ann's death, arrived just in time to be too late for me to reply by return mail, so I trust you will not accuse me of neglect. When I took the letter in my hand and saw it was draped in black, an indescribably painful sensation came over me. I felt I had once more lost a friend in the world, some dear one had gone to the spirit land. Which shall it be? Sister or mother?—for from what you had written previously, I was somewhat prepared for the intelligence. I tremblingly broke the seal, and for the first time felt what it was to part with an only sister.

She the gentle, good, and kind; the indulgent sister; the amiable daughter; the loving wife; the faithful mother, the beau-ideal of all that was lovely in woman; in one whom virtues of so pure a cast are seldom combined; one whom to human ken could so ill be spared, had gone to join the spirits of the just in a better land. On my father, I felt very sad. I just permitted the painful duty of mingling my tears with yours over the graves of those who are gone, but my sympathy on that account is not lessened in the least. Ah, no! the heart would burst could it not find relief in tears, and I feel as if I had been one

of that sad group of mourners, who on that beautiful Monday afternoon followed the remains of my dear sister to their resting place amid the "beautiful shrubbery and evergreens" of Salisbury Cemetery. Brother and sister are gone in the same order as they came. Whose shall be the next? Should it be the next eldest brother, oh, may he be enabled to meet death with the same composure as they did, and be prepared to meet them in an eternal home. I have much to say which I must defer just now to another date.

Dear Mother, I am afraid to hope that she still lives. Your last letter has partly prepared me for the crushing announcement that she too has gone to the spirit land. Her trials are ended, her joy is complete. Well, be it so. What remains for us, father, but to bow in submission to His will who "doeth all things well," and to say "the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, and blessed be the name of the Lord." The separation from those we hold so dear is only for a season. Thank God for unshaken faith in the prospects of immortality. Oh, I am so happy to hear that dear mother and sister were so free from violent pain, so composed, so tranquil, so resigned. This is a source of great satisfaction. I dare not send a heart full of love to dear mother, though one clings tenaciously to hope till the last. Something whispers to me, your message will arrive too late. Your mother sleeps the sleep of death.

Dear father, I had such a strange dream the other night. I dreamed that I received the Visitor in mourning, and three or four columns of it were devoted to memorials of my dear departed mother. Singular if such a vision should be realised. I shall feel much relieved to hear that she lived long enough to hear read my last letter to her dated, I think, about January.

I am very happy to receive the neat little pamphlet. To me it is of thrilling interest as a faithful record of the lives and deaths of a dear brother and an only sister by one well qualified to portray the truth simply and free from all affectation. I shall have it nearly bound; distribute it among a few of my friends who will rejoice to read it; and then lock it up and keep it as a thing to be prized.

Don't you think you could manage to send us a likeness of our sister. It would be so pleasing to have something to recall her to one's memory. Do try and send us one.

I received a letter from Ingram of the date of January 17th, in which he rather startled me with the announcement that he has made up his mind to leave New Zealand for home by way of England. He was to sail in the "Chili," from Tasmania for London in about two months from that date—say about the middle of March—so that he may be expected to reach England, if all be well, the middle of June, and as probably his stay will be short there, you may expect to see him dropping in some day in the month of July.

I am very glad he has made up his mind to go home, he will be such a comfort and support to you. He says he intends devoting the remainder of his life to the work of the ministry. This I know will be a source of great happiness to you, and your advice and counsel will be of incalculable benefit to him.

My prayer is, every day, that he may have a prosperous voyage; that he may reach home safely, to be a comfort to his bereaved father, and an honored servant in the hand of God.

You will excuse me for not writing for the Visitor at present. The reason I need not explain, you know what I feel. Dear father, God's ways are mysterious, but they are none the less just. Take courage then, and look forward to a happy reunion with the dear ones who have gone before, and who are now mingling their happy voices with the celestial choir in singing "Blessing, and honour, and wisdom, and glory, and power, and might be unto our God for ever and ever."

Oh, may the rich promises of His Holy Word, which it has been your pleasing duty, for so many years, to administer to others, be now your solace and your support, and may you be enabled in this overwhelming bereavement to rely with confidence upon the strong arm of Omnipotence.

Your affectionate son, EDWARD M. BILL.

SCARBOROUGH, Victoria, March 26, 1866.

From our Canadian Correspondent.

Whether or not the Baptists in Canada have any reason to fear from the Master the reproach, "This ought ye to have done," they certainly are not leaving the other undone. In their own land they are accomplishing a good work. From the reports of the last Baptist Missionary Convention of Canada West, we learn that during the year ending October, 1865, there were under the direction of the Convention, 29 missionaries, the aggregate of whose labours represented a term of 264 years. During the year they had travelled in the prosecution of their work 33,790 miles, and have preached 3,168 sermons to congregations, averaging about 200, and at 106 different stations. They had also made 5,684 pastoral visits, and had baptized 127 candidates. During this period they had collected for the Convention but \$348, while it had appropriated for their support \$3,441. During the same period the Convention of Canada East contributed \$1,132 for the support of missionaries, of whom there seem to have been eight or ten in the field. These operations are exclusive of and in addition to those of the French Baptist Missionary Society lately organized, which is now, we trust, doing a good work, and to the support of which the Western Convention had pledged one thousand dollars for the year of which we are speaking. From these statistics it will be seen that, however much greater things might be accomplished were every church member moved by the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion which should characterize the living members of the Living Head, yet what has been done proves the existence of much of the right spirit in the churches, and affords abundant cause for devout thanksgiving. This will especially appear when it is remembered that the great body of the Baptists in Canada belong to the poor in the world's goods. Here, as elsewhere, not many rich, "not many mighty, not many noble" are called.

I must not omit to mention, in this connection, the praiseworthy effort which is now being put forth by the "Ministerial Aid Society." This Society was recently organized with a view to the establishing of a permanent fund for the aid of supernumeraries, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. The plan was to raise a capital fund of ten thousand dollars for investment, the annual proceeds to be devoted to the above named object. T. J. Claxton, Esquire, of Montreal, whose praise is in all the churches, unconditionally contributed one thousand dollars, and when the project was likely to fail, pledged another thousand on condition of the whole sum being made up at a given time. That time is drawing near, and I am happy to be able to say that the required sum has been secured, or so nearly so as to place the success of the scheme beyond a peradventure.

That this Society is adapted, if properly managed, to be the instrument of much good to the cause, there can be little doubt. There yet will be ample scope for the largest faith of the servants of Christ in the pastorate of Canadian Churches, after all cause, or apparent cause of fear in respect to, a destitute old age, or a bereaved family unprovided for, has been removed. I say this without the least disposition to sympathize with, or endorse the sentiments

of a small class, who have been led into making a little ripple upon the surface of a few communities. These have, or propose to have lost faith in our system of Church polity. The voluntary principle does not work with them, and instead of looking for the fault in the workmen, they set about finding flaws in the machinery. There is no doubt, that the constitution and mode of government of Baptist Churches, and as we believe of all New Testament Churches demand for their harmonious working and the accomplishment of their highest and best results, a large amount of real spiritual life in the membership; and not only that, but also a large amount of zeal and forbearance, "aptness to teach" and ability to rule by moral and religious influences on the part of the pastors. Failing in this latter respect, it is but natural that disappointment and vexation should sometimes lead one to seek to lay the blame at the door of the system, attributing to it as a fault that which constitutes its highest excellency, viz.—the lofty christian graces which are necessary to its efficient operation. Dismissing, however, all such reasonings, which, by the way, I desire to present with the modesty becomng to so grave a subject, and with all the charity which should always be accorded to those who claim to have conscientiously changed their views, let us come to matters of fact. Within the last few months we have had no less than three defections from our ministerial ranks to the Episcopal Church. The first was the Rev. W. H. Watts, of London. His case, I think it is not uncharitable to say, was not, so far as I know, the cause of much surprise, and most persons amongst us seemed quite willing to accept as the true solution, his own statements in a most remarkable letter to the Church he was leaving, viz.—that his "views, tastes and feelings"—the italics are mine—did not accord with the Baptist Church polity. The next cases were those of the Rev. S. Jones, of Kingston, and his son, Rev. W. Henry Jones, A. M., of Woodstock. The first of these did, I think, surprise and grieve many, as Mr. Jones, the elder, has been long in the vineyard, and was much esteemed and beloved by many. The circumstance in respect to the latter which will, I dare say, be most interesting to you in the Lower Provinces, is the fact that the degree was so very recently conferred by your own Acadia. I forbear comment, save that I could wish for the interests of the only Baptist institution in British America with the power of conferring degrees, that some plan were feasible by which a reliable criterion could be applied to test the qualifications of candidates for its literary honours. Where honorary titles are at all freely bestowed upon those at a distance, some such safeguard seems almost essential to the reputation of the institution.

The agitation consequent upon these and other circumstances has called forth two essays; one, a prize essay, and the other by Dr. Fyfe, upon the New Testament Church polity. They might be useful in other latitudes.

W. Yours in Christian love, J. S. GRAVILLE, 11th June, 1866.

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RESOLUTIONS. The orations were more than usually rich in thought, and well in delivery. Rewards of merit were also bestowed on many of the students. Six pupils of the academy were matriculated. This number will probably be increased to ten, by others from the Freshman class for the next term. The presence of the Rev. Dr. Crawley among the staff of Professors, now associated with the venerable President of the College in the department of theology, gave inspiration to the hope of yet further advances in the efficiency of the college. Long may they live to aid the cause, and to behold the prosperity of their labors.

We were led to think of the past, when some, even of Baptists, thought it "preposterous" for the Baptists of N. S. to have a college; and to note the change. Then there were, comparatively, but few interested in these institutions beyond personal feeling. Now if the venerable leaders were removed by any providence of God, a host are ready to rally around others, consecrating their influence, time, talents and wealth, to their support. In the great heart of the denomination, under God, lie the strength and progress of those noble institutions; and until there is defection in that heart, they still prosper. Important improvements are to be made during the vacation, in all the premises and boarding departments. Yours truly, ACADIA.

From our Granville Correspondent.

DEAR VISITOR—At 8 o'clock we stepped on board of the Empress, leaving the fog and rain, and the political excitement of your city, and in less than four hours were enjoying the sunshine and lovely scenery presented from Annapolis basin. We felt a thousand pleasing reminiscences crowding themselves upon our minds; which we had no desire to forbid, and felt that after an absence of nearly two years, "absence had made the heart grow fonder." Here on the margin of this lovely sheet of water we had spent ten years,

endeavoring to feed Christ's flock and point the erring to his cleansing blood. Here we had seen the Spirit manifested to the people, and experienced its gracious influence on our hearts. To these waters again and again we had repaired to witness joyful believers publicly profess their attachment to Christ, and also to lead them in the pathway marked out by his holy footprints. On Friday afternoon delegates from the various churches of the Western Association began to arrive, who were heartily welcomed to the homes, hospitalities and altars of the people of Lower Granville.

On Saturday, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the Association was called to order by the Rev. H. Angel, the presiding officer of the former year, who read that lovely hymn breathing the feelings of every renewed soul, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," which was sung with lively animation. After which prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Tupper. A list of the delegates being read, Rev. W. G. Parker was chosen Moderator, Rev. D. O. Parker, Clerk, and Rev. W. Richan, Assistant Clerk, Mr. Delap, Treasurer.

Most of the letters from the churches were interesting—some thirty I believe spoke of the gracious visitations of the Holy Spirit: the result showed 455 members added to their numbers. Services of the Sabbath were as follows: Dr. Crawley of Acadia College, preached in the morning at Stony Beach, a good sermon on the mission of the Holy Spirit. Dr. Tupper 8 o'clock, and Rev. C. Randall at 4, preached excellent practical sermons. At the Lower Chapel, Rev. James Spencer preached at 10 a. m., Rev. Mr. Cox at 3 p. m., and Rev. A. Cogswell, at 6. At Victoria Beach, Rev. T. Delong. At Granville Ferry, Rev. N. Cyr in the morning; at 8 Rev. Willard Parker, and at 6 Rev. William Porter. The services were all exceedingly solemn, and were listened to with much attention and interest. The exhortations which followed were marked by the gracious presence of the Holy one, whose spirit had warmed and quickened his people. At 10 o'clock the Association sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Saunders, of Yarmouth, from Isaiah xiv. 17, "Israel shall be saved with an everlasting salvation." The preacher divided the discourse as follows, 1st. from what Israel is to be saved; 2d. to what saved.

1. From the love of sin. 2. From the practice of sin. 3. From the consequences of sin. II. The power by which the church is to be saved. The power was in Christ.

His name was a terror at all times to his enemies, and his power would accomplish all his purposes for his church.

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RESOLUTIONS. The orations were more than usually rich in thought, and well in delivery. Rewards of merit were also bestowed on many of the students. Six pupils of the academy were matriculated. This number will probably be increased to ten, by others from the Freshman class for the next term. The presence of the Rev. Dr. Crawley among the staff of Professors, now associated with the venerable President of the College in the department of theology, gave inspiration to the hope of yet further advances in the efficiency of the college. Long may they live to aid the cause, and to behold the prosperity of their labors.

We were led to think of the past, when some, even of Baptists, thought it "preposterous" for the Baptists of N. S. to have a college; and to note the change. Then there were, comparatively, but few interested in these institutions beyond personal feeling. Now if the venerable leaders were removed by any providence of God, a host are ready to rally around others, consecrating their influence, time, talents and wealth, to their support. In the great heart of the denomination, under God, lie the strength and progress of those noble institutions; and until there is defection in that heart, they still prosper. Important improvements are to be made during the vacation, in all the premises and boarding departments. Yours truly, ACADIA.

From our Granville Correspondent.

DEAR VISITOR—At 8 o'clock we stepped on board of the Empress, leaving the fog and rain, and the political excitement of your city, and in less than four hours were enjoying the sunshine and lovely scenery presented from Annapolis basin. We felt a thousand pleasing reminiscences crowding themselves upon our minds; which we had no desire to forbid, and felt that after an absence of nearly two years, "absence had made the heart grow fonder." Here on the margin of this lovely sheet of water we had spent ten years,

endeavoring to feed Christ's flock and point the erring to his cleansing blood. Here we had seen the Spirit manifested to the people, and experienced its gracious influence on our hearts. To these waters again and again we had repaired to witness joyful believers publicly profess their attachment to Christ, and also to lead them in the pathway marked out by his holy footprints. On Friday afternoon delegates from the various churches of the Western Association began to arrive, who were heartily welcomed to the homes, hospitalities and altars of the people of Lower Granville.

On Saturday, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the Association was called to order by the Rev. H. Angel, the presiding officer of the former year, who read that lovely hymn breathing the feelings of every renewed soul, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," which was sung with lively animation. After which prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Tupper. A list of the delegates being read, Rev. W. G. Parker was chosen Moderator, Rev. D. O. Parker, Clerk, and Rev. W. Richan, Assistant Clerk, Mr. Delap, Treasurer.

Most of the letters from the churches were interesting—some thirty I believe spoke of the gracious visitations of the Holy Spirit: the result showed 455 members added to their numbers. Services of the Sabbath were as follows: Dr. Crawley of Acadia College, preached in the morning at Stony Beach, a good sermon on the mission of the Holy Spirit. Dr. Tupper 8 o'clock, and Rev. C. Randall at 4, preached excellent practical sermons. At the Lower Chapel, Rev. James Spencer preached at 10 a. m., Rev. Mr. Cox at 3 p. m., and Rev. A. Cogswell, at 6. At Victoria Beach, Rev. T. Delong. At Granville Ferry, Rev. N. Cyr in the morning; at 8 Rev. Willard Parker, and at 6 Rev. William Porter. The services were all exceedingly solemn, and were listened to with much attention and interest. The exhortations which followed were marked by the gracious presence of the Holy one, whose spirit had warmed and quickened his people. At 10 o'clock the Association sermon was preached by the Rev. J