

Meeting of the Eastern B. Association.

This annual gathering of our body is at hand. The place of meeting is central, and the church admirably adapted to accommodate delegates in any number.

1st. Let devout prayer be offered that the Holy Spirit may be present with His servants.

2d. Let every church, large or small, resolve to be well represented.

Practical Prayer.

Prayer is a divine conception adapting itself to man's necessities. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit helpeth our infirmities which cannot be uttered."

But let us not forget that prayer of this nature is always practical. We mean by this, that when we offer our supplications sincerely for blessings upon ourselves or others, we will not fail to use all necessary means within our power to procure the good which we seek.

Practical prayer, says Dr. Jenkyns, bears the same relation to saving influences in the word, as philosophical research bears to physical influences in nature.

The Rev. H. Munro, of Liverpool, N. S., preaches for us, morning and evening, in Brussels Street on Sabbath last. Seldom have we enjoyed a richer in intellectual and religious treat.

It will be seen by our obituary list that another of the early members of the Baptist denomination, of this country, has passed away.

Philosophical research, is asking the God of nature to manifest what is in nature; and prayer, is asking and seeking the God of the gospel to manifest the influences that are in the gospel.

We cannot demonstrate whence prayer derives its efficacy. In the Divine arrangements, prayer is truly an indispensable necessary to success, as is contact between two chemical agents in physical process.

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and we believe that as the improved age of experimental seeking, and of practical prayer, shall advance in the church, will be the abundance and the variety of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

The creation of another Chair

In our Provincial University is producing quite an excitement in some quarters. One of our contemporaries declares that the design of this new movement is to reward one of our city editors for political services rendered by him to the party in power.

But passing by political considerations, the Baptists of this Province do claim the right to be consulted in regard to this expansion in the teaching department of the University on the basis of denominational status and influence.

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On Monday, at 10 o'clock A. M., the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Isaiah Wallace, formerly of your Province; text, Rom. xiv. 7: "For none of us liveth to himself."

In the afternoon of Monday and Tuesday, the Reports on our Missions were presented. My space and time will only allow me to give a brief abstract of these Reports:

That of Home Missions indicated 59 weeks' labour expended, and 49 converts baptized during the past year. The French Mission Board report the baptism of 90 of the Acadian French during the year just closed, besides several others hopefully converted.

The report on Foreign Missions was sustained by effective speeches, and a special collection taken on the spot.

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Jew could not even accept, as a gift, a copy of the New Testament, much less read it. The missionary who attempted its circulation, was subjected to obloquy and scorn, if not personal violence; and thousands a great change has been effected, and yet happily copies of the New Testament are annually sold.

The London Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews, is many interesting collections illustrative of Jewish habits and customs and also a collection of Hebrew manuscripts and the latter contains a copy of the Roll of the Pentateuch, in manuscript, purchased from the remnant of the Jewish Colony at K'ao Fung Foo, in the Province of Ho-nan, China.

The Society for promoting christian knowledge has also a stand, in the Palace, at which are offered for sale religious and other books at publishing cost. Bibles and Prayer-books, however, are sold far below cost price.

Paris is filled with visitors, so much so, that it is difficult to get accommodation at the more respectable hotels. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh spent the whole of last week in examining the Exposition.

Canada has an excellent display of woods, furs and minerals, and, in these departments, competes with nations of the first standing. Yours, &c. S. A.

Sons of Temperance. PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, OF NORTH AMERICA.

The twenty-third Annual Session of this body, was held in Wilmington, Delaware, and through the courtesy of Rev. Dr. Cramp, delegate from Nova Scotia, we are able to note the proceedings of the first and second day.

On every hand the work of organization is being rapidly pushed forward, and the signs of the times indicate a grand uprising of the people against the great crime of our land, Intemperance.

The six months which have elapsed since the Grand Scribe's report on membership have added greatly to the membership of the order, 8000 new members having been added in Eastern New York alone.

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may be as successful in driving intemperance from their State, as they have been successful in entering the N. D. of North America. O. D. Wetmore, of New Brunswick, then entertained the audience in a speech of rare eloquence, but seldom surpassed in research and power, viewing the liquor traffic from a legal stand point, depicting the rise and progress of the cause in New Brunswick; its betrayal by false friends, and subsequently the overthrow of the prohibitory law in that Province.

Two immense tables, each running the full length of the hall, were loaded down with cakes, loaves, strawberries and cream, and such was the bountiful provision that though the hall was literally packed with people, there was plenty for all and considerable to spare.

The M. W. P. answered the telegram as follows:—WILMINGTON, DEL., June 20, 1867.—Band of Hope, Lincoln Division, S. of T., Elizabeth, N. J.—The National Division cordially acknowledge your welcome greeting, and wish you a pleasant day and a useful and happy future.

ERRATA.—Second paragraph of Alumni Orator, 4th line, instead of "have been wanting," read "have not been wanting." The negative makes quite a difference. H. H.

Special Notice. The Anniversary of the N. B. Eastern Baptist Association will open its next session with the 1st Baptist church at Hillsboro' on Thursday, July the 11th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Secular Department. COLONIAL. The country is rapidly approaching a crisis. Radical changes are about to take place which must necessarily deeply affect these British Colonies for well or for woe, in all coming time.

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country, and in their God, and will shape their course accordingly.

An Epitome of the News. The singing of the Sabbath school children in Brussels street Church on Sabbath evening last, under the leadership of Mr. James Clerke, was super-excellent. The congregation were intensely interested in the performance.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—James Steadman, Esq., and W. H. Tuck, Esq., to be Queen's Counsel. The following persons to be Judges of the County Courts, viz:—

James G. Stevens, Esq., for the Counties of Charlotte, Carleton, and Victoria. James Steadman, Esq., for the Counties of York, Sunbury, and Queens.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, has been received, from which we make a few extracts:—

BY AUTHORITY. WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen, by virtue of the power and authority in Her vested by the Act of the Imperial Parliament for the Union of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, has been graciously pleased to issue Her Royal Proclamation, in the first day of July next for such Union; I do hereby appoint the said first day of July a Public Holiday in this Province, and invite all Her Majesty's loving subjects to celebrate the said day accordingly.

FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. Hon. William McDougall, Hon. J. Ferguson Blair, Hon. Mr. Campbell, and Hon. Mr. Howland.

FOR THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. Hon. Mr. Cartier, Sir Narcisse Belleau, Hon. Mr. Langevin, and Hon. A. T. Galt.

FOR NOVA SCOTIA. Hon. Edward Kenney, and Hon. A. G. Archibald.

FOR NEW BRUNSWICK. Hon. S. L. Tilley, and Hon. Peter Mitchell.

FOR THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK. General Stead, for Ontario; General Michel, for Quebec; General Williams, for Nova Scotia; and General Doyle, for New Brunswick.

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