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MARITIME CONVENTION.

We omitted last week to mention that the resolution concerning the Foreign Mission Board submitted by Rev. W. H. Warren, and expressing "the unabated confidence and gratitude" of the Convention in that body, was passed almost unanimously. Thus a subject which has produced so much irritation in the Convention, was finally adjudicated upon. And we can only add that the resolution of sympathy for Bro. and Sister Armstrong moved, seconded and supported by members of the Board, shows they have no feelings, other than those of kindness toward those who have served us for years, but now turn to other work in the home field.

The Convention Sessions up to the time of the settlement of the F. M. difficulty were at times very stormy and fears were entertained of serious difficulty resulting, but with the adjustment reached Monday midnight a great peace set in, and on Tuesday morning joy beamed in every countenance, and the remaining work of the Convention was despatched with commendable zeal.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, showed that 48 Missionaries had been employed laboring in 86 Churches, and had received \$3943.87. Of this amount \$2272.49 was spent in N. S., \$1329.72 in N. B., and \$341.66 in P. E. I. 249 persons have been baptized on Mission fields and 2 churches have been organized. The total expenditure of the Board amounted to \$5204.57, and the receipts to \$4354.90, leaving a debt against the Board of \$849.60. This debt in a few moments was more than provided for by the delegates who gratefully handed in their donations as a kind of thank offering to Almighty God for his goodness in securing peace and harmony in the body. Bro. John W. Barss of Wolfville, led off with a donation of \$100. Bro. A. C. Robbins of Yarmouth nobly followed with \$100 more. Then C. F. Clinch gave \$50. Brethren H. & R. Crosby a similar sum, and many other smaller amounts swelled the total to more than enough to wipe out the debt. We may add here that the *Visitor* pledged \$25 in new subscriptions which were nearly all taken. Two or three yet remain, and anyone sending in their names as new subscribers, immediately, will have both the luxury of the paper, and the knowledge that their two dollars go to the Home Mission cause.

The Financial Committee presented the report, for N. S., through Rev. Dr. Day, for N. B., through John March, Esq., for P. E. I. through Rev. D. G. McDonald. The aggregate secured for Convention purposes amounted to about \$12,000, making an average of about 33 cents per member.

The Convention Scheme was heartily endorsed, and the need for a Financial Agent who should devote his whole time to the securing of funds was forcibly set forth. The same Committee of Finance was appointed, and to them was entrusted the matter of securing a suitable person to take charge of the Financial operations of the Denomination.

The Report of the Board of Governors, read by Dr. Sawyer, showed that 63 students had pursued their studies during the past year at Acadia, and that 11 had completed the course of instruction and received the degree of B.A. The withdrawal of the Provincial grant had imposed new burdens on the supporters of the College

but they had assumed these burdens cheerfully, and proposed to co-operate with the Finance Committee in the appointment of a person to give extra time to the advocacy of the needs of the College.

A resolution repudiating all overtures in the interests of "Consolidation," so called, was passed with unanimity and enthusiasm.

For a knowledge of the other matters of routine business attended to, we direct attention to the Minutes furnished us by the Secretary of Convention in another column.

NO VISITOR NEXT WEEK.

For several years it has been our custom in common with other religious papers to take a vacation of one week. We desire to keep up, through the indulgence of our patrons, this good custom, and so next week we shall issue no paper. We hope to gather some mental and physical refreshment from the week's vacation and be able to make the *Visitor* yet more worthy of the increasing patronage that is being accorded it. The *Harvey* and the *Visitor* expect to find: "A lodge in some vast wilderness, Some boundless contiguity of shade," and there pursue on the vicissitudes of things.

We are under special obligation to our friend, Joseph Wyman, Esq., and his estimable wife, for much thoughtful attention during our pleasant sojourn in Yarmouth. On Wednesday following the Convention, we were permitted to view the town in its length and breadth, and must say that we have rarely, if ever, seen a place of its size where there were so many indications of wealth and thrift. The residences are all neat, well painted and surrounded with, in many instances, hedge rows that rival those of Old England, and beautiful bits of lawn, with here and there flower beds that rejoice in all the hues of the rainbow. If Yarmouth people are not the best in the Maritime Provinces they ought to be, for Providence has lavishly bestowed upon them her best gifts.

Wednesday evening we endeavored to lecture in the Milton Church to a fair audience, which would have been fairer and more wide awake, had it not been indulging in midnight Convention dissipation. We, however, did the best we could to inspire in them hope, in relation to the grand future that awaits our people, and if they are not fully persuaded of it, they can blame the drowsiness of the speaker, and at the same time whisper the same complaint into the ears of the auditors.

The Rev. J. E. Cracknell, our English correspondent sails in Allan Line steamer, *Hibernia*, from Liverpool August 30th, for Halifax, and thence comes to St. John. We have received a letter from Mr. Spurgeon commending him in the following terms:

WESTWOOD, BEULAH HILL,
UPPER NORWOOD.

August 4, 1881.
With the utmost pleasure I commend my brother, Mr. Cracknell, to the kind hospitality of the Baptist brethren in Canada and the United States. He well deserves the confidence of all the churches. I have known and esteemed him for many years as an excellent pastor.

C. H. SPURGEON.

Arrangements will probably be made for Bro. C. to spend a Sabbath in Halifax, Moncton, St. John, and perhaps a few other points in the Maritime Provinces. He desires to visit the Upper Provinces and the U. S. before his return. We trust he may everywhere meet a warm reception, and be able to bear to his old home a favorable report of the New World.

Our Phonographic Report of the Convention proceedings is nearly through the press. It makes a much larger pamphlet than we anticipated. Those who were not at the Convention can get a good idea of the arguments employed by those attacking "the spirit and policy" of the F. M. Board, and also of the defence made by the Board. Let us have your orders at once. Send 25 cents for a copy.

REV. J. E. CRACKNELL.

Resolution passed at a Church meeting at York Town Chapel, Surrey, on August 15th, 1881.

"Our Pastor, the Rev. J. E. Cracknell having an invitation to visit Canada and the United States, we cordially agree to his taking the necessary leisure, affectionately commend him to the confidence, and Christian fellowship, of the churches he may visit, and pray that he may return with renewed health and in the fullness of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ."

We are assured that henceforth it is the policy of the Governors as speedily as possible to build up a Theological Seminary in connection with Acadia College—that more than partial course work will be provided for and performed. If this be the settled policy of the Denomination, it ought to have a loyal support, and while we think there are certain modifications of the plan as at present set forth that would be preferable, we trust all will seek to make the most of the beginning already made, and wait for the openings of Providence to bring about needed modifications. We are too small to be divided in so important a matter. Time will solve many difficulties and make plain the paths in which we should advance.

REV. WILLIAM GEORGE who soon returns to his old field in Henthada, Burma indulged in a little pleasant trip at the missionary meeting, Yarmouth. Brethren McLaurin and Armstrong had been setting forth the debilitating effects of the climate and the trials of missionary life. Bro. George is the picture of good health, and we should judge weighs about 200 lbs. He said: "Brethren, Burma is worse than Teluguland in climate, and I stand before you a living illustration of its debilitating effects." It is needless to say the audience enjoyed the joke immensely.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Lieutenant Edward W. Very, of the U. S. Navy, son of Rev. E. D. Very, the first editor of the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR*. He has been in the Navy since 1862. His mother, and sister have lived in San Francisco since 1876. Mr. Very is exceedingly anxious to procure a file of the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR* during the time his father was editor. He is willing to pay any reasonable sum to secure a file from 1848 to 1852. Persons possessed of a file in whole or part may address this office with terms of sale.

ONE of the pleasant incidents of the Convention was the calling of our missionary elect to the platform and the presentation of the cordial sympathies and prayers of the denomination to him through the venerable Dr. Bill. The old man eloquent, in stirring words, bade the young brother preach the gospel fully, faithfully, fervently. May the mantle of a Judson or a Boardman, rest upon him, and he feel that underneath him, in all circumstances, are the everlasting arms.

Three or four years ago the Baptists started a course of lectures at Point Chataqua across the lake from the "Assembly" and a mile and a half distant. A fine hotel, the finest on the lake, the largest and finest tabernacle, have been erected. Some forty cottages have also been built. A Baptist "reading circle" has been established whose circular prescribing the course will be issued September first. The Baptist course of lectures began about twelve days before the Methodist (Chataqua), and ended as the latter began.

When Rev. Alfred Saker, missionary to the Cameroons, died, the English Baptists were unable to supply his place. Now, a nephew of the king has been converted and asked to be allowed to labor as Baptist missionary in that region.

We have on hand a large number of Sunday-school Papers (back numbers) which we will sell for half price postage paid. Send in your orders to *Visitor* Office.

The basement of the Fairville Baptist church was opened for divine service last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Bartlett, preached in the morning, Rev. J. E. Hopper in the afternoon, and Rev. Mr. Hartley in the evening. The congregations were large and at the afternoon service nearly all the Baptist pastors of the city were present as well as Rev. Mr. Sellers, Methodist. Regular services will be held every Sabbath henceforth. The main audience room will soon be completed and then appropriate dedicatory services will be arranged for. The brethren and friends connected with this new Christian enterprise have great reason for gratitude to God for the large measure of temporal prosperity that has attended their work thus far. Now for the building of the spiritual house! May it rise in fair proportions and glorify our Redeemer.

Matthew Vassar, recent deceased, left to Vassar College for scholarships, &c., \$50,000, for professorships \$30,000, Baptist Ministers' Widows' Fund \$1,000, Baptist Church Poughkeepsie \$10,000. Vassar Brothers' Home for aged men \$15,000, the Sunday Schools of Poughkeepsie \$7,000, Vassar Brothers' Hospital \$35,000, besides many large gifts to other benevolent societies. Let our rich men ponder the Christian significance of such a will as this. We don't want our rich men to die, but we pray they may early and largely remember our needy objects of benevolence. We want them to be loved of our Heavenly Father, and He loves a cheerful giver.

FROM the *Roseville Times* we learn the following pleasing intelligence concerning a former pastor of the Portland church. Rev. E. C. Cady and his true helpmate, Mrs. Cady have been married 20 years, and the people of his charge in Roseville, Illinois, celebrated the anniversary of their wedding day with feasting, song and generous gifts. They were made the recipients of a decorated china set of 56 pieces, 20 new silver dollars to mark as many years of happy wedded life, besides more money books &c. The *Visitor* adds its congratulations to a hard working earnest pastor and his wife who, during all these years have been greatly blessed in the vineyard of the Lord.

REV. WM. BLUETT, the Irish Evangelist, has been holding services every night in the Portland Bridge Mission Hall. Large numbers have attended and considerable religious interest has been evoked. Some 15 or 20 persons have professed conversion.

Mr. Bluett would be glad to spend the winter in evangelistic work among our churches. He is a warm hearted zealous man and whilst he has enough of the peculiarities of his countrymen to excite interest, he does not forget he is a servant of Christ.

R. J. BURDETTE, Esq., the humorist of the "*Hawkeye*" is to lecture in Mechanics Institute on Thursday, September 8th on "The Pilgrimage of the Funny-man." He deserves a full house and is sure to have it. For a few weeks his address will be *Visitor* office St. John.

We learn that Rev. W. F. Armstrong has accepted the pastorate of a church at Rosindale, Mass., and that he and Mrs. Armstrong left on Monday last, for their new home. We shall be glad to leave in the home field, if not in the foreign, that they are being prospered.

Mrs. FILLMORE widow of ex-President Millard Fillmore, lately deceased, has left \$20,000 to Rochester University. Mrs. Fillmore was a member of Washington Street Baptist Church, Buffalo.

REV. PETER McLEOD of Sioux City Iowa, formerly of this Province, is spending a vacation with his friends here, and preached last Sunday evening for Brussel St. church much to the gratification of a large audience.

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THE life of President Garfield during the past week has been trembling in the balance, but at this writing the indications for recovery are again favorable. The prayers of a nation, and we may say of the civilized world are made in his behalf, and great joy will come to many hearts beside those of his family should an Allwise Father restore him to health again.

REV. D. A. STEELE who has been enjoying a holiday in his Fatherland arrived home last Sunday morning much recruited in strength.

R. J. BURDETTE will lecture before the Acadia Athenaeum, Monday evening September 5th. The boys will have a good time.

Correspondence.

For the *Visitor*.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND. NO 49.

York Town, Surrey.

Aug. 16th 1881.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS.

Matters between the House of Lords and the House of Commons assumed a somewhat serious form, when it seemed likely that the attitude of the former might jeopardise the Land Bill.

Mr. Gladstone declared that the Government considered it their duty not to be parties to any amendments which would impair the principles or general action of the Bill. And in this decision the government have unmistakably and manifestly, the support of the country, and sympathy of all who have at heart the welfare of Ireland. Meetings have been held and resolutions passed in all parts of the country, supporting the action of the government, and indignantly protesting against such opposition from the House of Lords, as would render abortive the measure that has occupied the time, and called forth all the talent, of the House of Commons during the present session.

On Saturday matters looked serious, but concessions were made last Monday, to an extent that will show the Peers that it is the wish of the Government to meet reasonable objections; but those concessions do not involve the sacrifice of any essential principle. The Prime Minister has maintained the interests of the tenant, without doing injustice to the landlord. It is the impression this morning, that the Peers will no longer insist on their amendments, but that the Bill as now returned to the House of Lords will become law. Moderate men in the Upper House recognize the danger of such resistance as would hinder the passing of the Bill; knowing that its abandonment would be as great a calamity to the landlords as the tenants. They shrink, moreover, from taking the responsibility of rendering the Bill in-operative by means of amendments, which if allowed, would destroy the remedial character of the measure. There is no doubt that the process of sending the Bill backwards and forwards from one House to the other, has had the effect of improving its construction, and defining its provisions with greater precision; but between the two Houses there is a battle of principle, and in this warfare the representatives of the people will without doubt, prove victorious. The differences have now been brought within very narrow limits, and within a few hours we trust the "Irish Land Bill," practically unamended, will only require the Royal assent to become law; and most earnestly do we hope and pray, that it may prove a means for restoring peace and prosperity to Ireland.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

With intense sorrow we read this morning of the relapse, and reported death of President Garfield. The latter report needs confirmation, the bulletins up to last evening, lead us to fear, while our earnest wish that he may be spared, inspire the hope that the rumor is not correct. If otherwise, and we are compelled to believe that by the foul deed of an assassin, a life so valuable and so full of promise has been sacrificed; then "what shall we say to these things?" The sceptic may reply with derision, and the worldling with a smile, but we will remember that of the God in whom we trust, we read, "Thy way is in the sea, and thy path is in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known." Through the feebleness of our mental vision we may not be able to penetrate the divine purposes, or to see at all times wisdom and goodness in the permissive will of God; yet these attributes are both as surely in existence, and operation, in the cloud that darkens, as well as in the light that brightens the hopes of humanity. Shrouded they may be, mystery may envelope them, but who or what is man that he should complain? It is the glory of God sometimes to conceal, and the Divine

mandate to his creatures, amid the many inscrutable dispensations of His providence, is, "Be still and know that I am God."

JOHN EDMUND CRACKNELL.

ANOTHER LIGHT GONE OUT.

All that is earthly of the Rev. Samuel Macleod, of Uigg P. E. I., has this day been committed to the tomb. Many of your readers will mourn the loss of one so dearly loved, not only by Baptists, but by all who knew him. The Denomination has lost a Father in Israel, the church a shining light, the world a pious devoted Christian, such as one seldom meets. On Tuesday the 23rd inst., after a painful and protracted illness, he calmly and joyfully fell asleep in the arms of his Saviour, in the 85th year of his age. The vast concourse of friends who assembled to show their last respect to his dust, showed to some extent the high esteem in which he was held by the community.

All the Baptist ministers in the vicinity, being absent attending Convention, Rev. A. S. Stewart, Presbyterian, kindly conducted a solemn and impressive service, in the meeting house, in which for many years the departed saint labored. In his address Bro. Stewart paid a high and worthy tribute to the memory of the departed one.

As you will doubtless have a more extended obituary of our dear departed Bro. from some one more equal to the work of its preparation, I shall refrain from further details.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Extract of letter from Rev. R. Sanford to Dr. Cramp:

"We are in the midst of the South-west Monsoon. It came on mildly this year during the latter part of May, and has continued without any severe storms thus far. It is during the first part of each Monsoon that experience has taught us to look for Cyclones.

Travelling on the field is unpleasant on account of the frequent showers. The ground is well saturated, and the arable ground is all under cultivation. Since the first of June I have been giving special attention to a class of seven native brethren, who, with one exception, are our helpers in Christian work at this station. We have been pursuing studies in theology, taking Mr. Timpany's "Compendium of Theology" (in Telugu), as the text-book. We are also studying as carefully as we can, the Epistle of Paul to the Romans. These exercises together with the time spent in giving Christian instruction in the school take three hours each day.

The school contains 43 children of both sexes. In connection with it our native Christians on the compound, receive some instruction. We might have twice as many pupils if we so desired it and would make provision for them. But it is our aim to have the school serve the million, rather than have it an educational institution for the heathen. We feel pretty well convinced that it is shorting wide of the mark to make the mission school other than very closely allied to evangelical work. This is a fruitful subject, and deserves a treatise.

How encouraging it would be to have two missionaries with their wives sent out this year! I think it is just the thing our brethren should do, if the men are available. We have made a fair start; have become established. Two men coming now would find themselves in a vastly different position from that through which we have been struggling. I believe that a few years of earnest faithful labor on this field would realize the Lord's blessing in many souls converted. Besides it also appears to me that our brethren would be greatly enriched in heart, and in their home mission work, if they would now give a little extra attention to their Foreign Mission interests.

Notwithstanding our many discouragements, let us rest assured our adorable Redeemer has not let us up on a barren enterprise. He himself is in it, and He makes even feeble efforts wonderfully successful.

Bimlipatam, India, July 9th 1881.

LETTER FROM REV. A. ESTABROOKS.

DEAR EDITOR,—I had the privilege last evening of speaking on the subject of Foreign Missions, in the charming little town of Sussex. What an Eden this place might be but for the effects of strong drink. The "Sooty Act" has not done much for Sussex, whatever it may have done for other places. Having been awakened on Saturday night from a sound slumber by the incoherent speeches, shouting and silly songs of those under the influence of intoxicating drink. I almost fancied myself in heathendom. How low has our humanity fallen! The stream of intemperance is flooding our country