

means what we think it does, one thing is certain, and it is this, that princely giver is not satisfied with the good already done with his wealth. The Lord be praised for that.

GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T., OF N. B.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, of New Brunswick, opened in this city on Wednesday evening last, G. W. P. Wills in the chair.

The attendance was unusually large representatives from the city and Portland Divisions attending in full force. After the formal opening, and examination of credentials, twenty-one candidates were initiated members of the Grand Division.

The election of officers was then gone into, with the following result:—

- Geo. E. Foster, M. P., G. W. P.; C. N. Vroom, G. W. A.; S. B. Paterson, G. Scribe; D. Thomson, G. Treas.; Rev. Job Shenton, G. Chap.; John Leeman, G. Con.; John Law, G. Sen.; Robert Wills, P. G. W. P.

On Thursday morning the reports of the committees were read and adopted. The report from committee on the State of the Order recommended the consideration of the advisability of making a stronger push for total prohibition.

Whereas, The policy of prohibition is one to which this order is unconditionally pledged, and to the ultimate accomplishment of which the members look hopefully forward; and

Resolved, That we consider the time propitious for all temperance bodies and other christian workers to ask from the Dominion government and parliament a statute which will render illegal the manufacture of and traffic in ardent spirits and malt liquors; and further

Resolved, That the Grand Division invite the co-operation of its fellow temperance and christian workers in this Province, and that Grand Divisions in the other Provinces of the Dominion be invited to take similar action, each in its respective jurisdiction, with a view to having presented to Parliament at the next session, such a petition as will unmistakably reflect the opinion of the people of the Dominion on this all-important question; and further

The part of the report of the committee on the state of the order, relating to prohibition, and the above resolutions, occupied their attention during the whole of the morning. Prof. Foster, G. W. P., stated that efforts should be made by the order to carry the Scott Act in all the counties, and by this means bring pressure to bear so as to obtain a decisive vote from the Dominion Parliament as to prohibition.

At the afternoon session, representatives to the National Division were elected. The following resolutions elicited a thorough and spirited discussion, and were finally adopted by the Grand Division:—

Resolved, That this Grand Division is of the opinion that every effort should be made in Parliament to have the Canada Temperance Act so amended as to render it fully efficient in its provisions and operative in enforcement.

That the Parliament be asked to provide machinery by which a yes and no vote upon the question of total prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic beverages may be taken at the next general election throughout the Dominion; and further

That the officers of this Grand Division be authorized to petition Parliament in accordance therewith, and that the Grand Scribe be authorized to notify the Grand Division of Nova Scotia of the passage of the above.

The grand officers elect were installed and briefly addressed the Grand Division. A motion to appropriate a fixed proportion of the per capita tax from subordinate divisions for the use of the propagation committee, was laid on the table for twelve months. A motion to have the report of the proceedings of this session published in pamphlet form was discussed and held over until the evening session, when the matter was referred to the publication committee, with power to act. A committee was appointed to take into consideration

the matter of a temperance publication, with power to consult with the other temperance bodies in the Maritime Provinces, and report at the next session of the Grand Division.

It was decided to hold the semi-annual session at St. Stephen during the latter part of April next.

In the evening the Annual Dinner was held in Hotel Ottawa, at which a very pleasant time was enjoyed, the company dispersing at an early hour after singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and the benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

DOES A REVOLUTION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF IMPEND?

Not Baptists alone know that before Andrew Fuller and others impressed their views upon the past generation loose Socinian—Unitarian—views and hyper-calvinism had possession of the religious world. The Socinians had no logical, definite creed. They drifted about on the currents of speculation controlled by a settled purpose not to admit that Jesus Christ was God's Son and equal.

The so-called orthodox fell back into a contracted view of God's purposes. This led them to abstain from inviting sinners to repent and turn to the Lord, holding as they did that it would be contradictory to the purpose of God to save his elect. This belief brought its consequences. The writings and preaching of Andrew Fuller brought before the public mind a moderate and clearly defined view of the leading doctrines of God's word. Like the Bible itself these teachings came down to the capacity of believers. They were both comprehensible and biblical. They prevailed. Both Socinianism and hyper-calvinism retired before them, weakened and defeated.

Now there is an outcry for a new theology. This working belief of Bible truth is denounced as narrow and dogmatic. It is of no service to say to the champions of the new order of things, that the views of divine truth, held since Fuller's day, have inspired the christian world with new zeal; that they have sent the missionaries abroad and led to more active measures at home. To the fact, that the last half century has been distinguished for the spread of christianity and for the destruction of abuses that cried to heaven for redress, the advocates of the new theology turn deaf ears. Now the question is, Will the churches of Christ give up their well defined views of God's revealed truth and launch their boats again on the uncertain sea of drifting speculation? We think not. Christian people want something better than a nebulous faith. It may be entertaining for some persons to ignore the fact that there are many brilliant stars and some fine planets in the sky shining brightly, and holding their places and keeping in order. These people may overlook all this and give their attention to the cloudy spots and dusty pathways in remote depths of ether, but the majority of sensible people will admit the existence of well-defined and orderly lights in the heavens.

The above was a statement of the late Rev. Wm. Somerville, of West Cornwallis, in some controversy that engaged his attention. This is the voice of the christian's heart. It wants to believe something. The christian heart yearns for a personal Saviour. The bible reveals just the Saviour to meet the cravings of the heart. The water is not better adapted to the fin of the fish, and the air to the wing of the bird and the lungs of man, than Christ is to the heart of the true believer. By believing on the man Christ Jesus, the christian wants to know his mind and purposes. This is given in his word. By searching from one end to the other of the bible, the believer finds enough to satisfy his soul. To the word and the testimony he can go. Secret things belong to God. That part he is willing to leave with God. But he wants no cloudy theory about the resurrection, the atonement, and the future of the just and unjust. His belief, founded on the plain words of revelation, he will not surrender for the foggy speculations

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of learned restlessness and vain imaginings. God has given to each one of his children a believing heart, and he has given doctrines to be believed and enjoyed.

CONTROVERSY MUST NOW CONFORM.

In the past and previous generations controversy was rugged and severe. Hard hitting was popular. It is therefore unfair to quote the language of old controversialists, and judge of it by the present standard. Had those men lived in this day their style would have been in harmony with reigning sentiment.

In the leisurely repose of the past, discussions were prolonged to great lengths. This, too, was in harmony with prevailing sentiment. Book after book appeared dealing with the same subject. Controversy drew its slow length along over the months and years. But the end of this has been reached. Now everything of this nature must be compressed into the briefest possible time and space.

There now prevails a sentiment of charity, a great improvement on that of days no more to return. Books and newspapers that forget this, forget it at their peril.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES.

Our two lady missionaries, Miss Wright and Miss Gray, are expected to sail from Halifax on the 3rd prox. A farewell service is being arranged for at Halifax, notice of which will be given next week.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A LETTER from Rev. William George, missionary at Zeegone Burmah, will appear next week.

We regret to learn that the Rev. J. I. DeWolfe, of Beaver River, has been ill at Milton, Queens Co. We are glad to know that he is recovering.

We are glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Churchill are having a cordial reception in the Upper Provinces and at public meetings are imparting valuable information calculated to stir up christian zeal.

The Rev. C. R. B. Dodge has been compelled to give up work. The church and congregation at Milton were reluctant to accept the resignation of our brother. The church thinks of corresponding with Rev. J. T. Eaton, of Paradise. Brother Eaton will make a good pastor for this vacant church.

A GENTLEMAN who heard the sermon by Rev. C. P. Phillips, of Sussex, preached before the F. C. B. Conference, says: "It was so excellent in matter and spirit, and so seasonable, so appropriate to the present trend in the direction of union, that I think it desirable that it should appear in the VISITOR." This good opinion will be endorsed by others when it is read. We give it this week.

The vote taken at Washington to fix the prime meridian, from which in charts and geographies to reckon longitude was in favour of Greenwich, except that the French delegates and those from South America abstained from voting. It is now certain that Greenwich will continue to hold its place; but whether France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Russia will agree to it and act accordingly, is not probable.

TEMPERANCE in its relation to the state is making rapid progress in the Dominion. The Northwest has prohibition. This is, as we learn from persons who travel in that region, more than nominal. The law is enforced. In Ontario the Scott Act is receiving the popular verdict in a most triumphant manner. It now looks possible for the temperance body to have in their power the means of dictating at the next Dominion election. This ought to be the aim of this body.

The Governor General and Lady Lansdowne arrived in the city Tuesday morning. They put up at the Royal Hotel and at 10:30 o'clock received an address in the Council Chamber from the civic authorities. Though little display was made, ac-

ording to His Excellency's request, yet the people received him cordially as the representative of the Crown. Loyalty with our people may not display itself so much in conventionalities as among some, yet it is for this reason all the more intelligent and real.

SOME time since we received a correction to an article that appeared in the VISITOR concerning certain Labrador converts. The facts are that these men were baptized at Port Hillford, and not at Isaac's Harbor, two by Rev. P. S. McGregor, and one by Rev. Isaiah Wallace. The three returned to their homes in Labrador in captain James McConnell's vessel. One of the young men, Donald Campbell, is a promising young man, and it is hoped he may give himself to the work of preaching the gospel.

BRO. L. A. PALMER, (licentiate) has accepted an agency for the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, and our other papers. He is authorized to receive monies and give receipts, including all debts due the VISITOR. He begins with Westmoreland County. We bespeak for him a cordial reception by our brethren. Many owe us small amounts which aggregate considerable. They will confer a favor by remitting by registered letter, post Office order, or by our travelling agent. Please remember that at this season the demands on us are many, and respond as soon as convenient.

THE first session of the N. B. Sunday School Convention will be held in Centenary Church, St. John, Oct. 30 and 31. Papers and addresses by S. S. workers from different sections of the Province will be given. Each Sunday School in the Province is requested to send its superintendent and two delegates. Arrangements are made with Railways and steamboats for free return tickets. Entertainment will be provided for delegates by sending their names in advance to W. C. Whittaker Esq., St. John. The local committee will meet delegates in the vestry of the Centenary Church on their arrival and assign them places. A large delegation is expected at this organization meeting.

THE proposal to bring in the West Indies to the Dominion of Canada, has its religious as well as its political side. All who recognize a superintending providence must believe that the many and rapid changes of the present day tend to great issues in the purposes of God. If all the British possessions in the southern waters are incorporated into the Dominion, over another million will be added to our population. The religious belief of these people and their moral condition will come into closer relations with the people of Canada because of confederation. Their religion will be fused with the religion of their fellow subjects in the north. Already large missionary enterprises are operating among the coolies and coloured people of the West Indies. The responsibility for this work will be increased by a closer union. When great matters like this proposal appear on the horizon, christians ought, in addition to the best exercise of judgment in forming intelligent and independent opinions so as to influence public sentiment, to pray earnestly and in faith that God will so overrule contemplated changes, so as to advance the best interests of his kingdom on earth.

We are in receipt of a communication from an esteemed friend of the Episcopal denomination, urging the city proper as a situation for the Seminary and setting forth the advantages of a new building, constructed with special adaptation to the requirements of the Institution. He referred to the Fathers of our denomination, both ministers and laymen, whose names he thought worthy of being perpetuated by memorial windows, etc. Reference was made to Governor Wilmot's father, Treasurer of the Baptist Home Missionary Society, and to Chief Justice Allan's grandfather who, one century ago struck the key note of "freedom of worship" in New Brunswick, when, in answer to a request for a warrant to arrest the first man to proclaim Baptist principles at Fredericton, replied:

"I will hear him for myself," and at the close said, "God forbid I should put hands on that young man. Would there were more like him in the country."

Owing to the fact that the question of location had been decided before receiving this letter it was unnecessary to publish it as the matter is now beyond opening up. We thank our friend for his suggestions and kindly interest taken in our work.

Quarterly Meeting.

The York and Sunbury Quarterly meeting assembled with the Second Baptist Church, at the Mouth of the Keswick, on Friday, October 10th, 1884.

There was a number of ministers and delegates present.

Among some other resolutions passed were the following:

That the next Quarterly meeting be held at the Day Hill meeting house, Queensbury, January 1885, of which due notice will be given by the Secretary.

Rev. T. A. Blackadar is appointed to preach the Quarterly sermon, and the Rev. F. D. Crawley his alternate.

Resolved, That the York and Sunbury Quarterly Meeting concur in the appointment by the Convention H. M. Board, of the Rev. J. H. Coy, as Missionary for this year, on the York County mission field. It was

Further Resolved, That this Quarterly meeting ask the Home Mission Board, if possible, to place a general missionary for a time, within the bounds of this Western Association, not interfering with mission work already in operation.

The Quarterly Meeting opened with preaching on Friday evening by Rev. A. Estabrooks.

The Sabbath services were also full of spiritual power. Rev. J. H. Coy preached at 11 o'clock, a. m., and the Rev. F. D. Crawley preached the Quarterly sermon in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Tupper preached in the evening with his usual power and tenderness. We hope to see great results from this Quarterly meeting. Collection \$14.77. P. R. KNIGHT, Sec.-Treas.

Rest at Last.

MOULSON.—Died at Portland, St. John, New Brunswick, on Sunday, the 28th, inst., after long and continual suffering, Sarah Jane Mahoney, beloved wife of James Moulson, and daughter of James Mahoney, in her 33rd. year.

IN MEMORIAM.

Our loved one's sufferings are o'er. The devoted wife, sister and friend; She has gone to the bright home above, And there happiness ever shall find.

We miss her happy face, The empty chair at night, But 'tis our Heavenly Father's will— He doeth all things right.

Many happy greetings there With loved ones' joyous song; We'll think of purer things above And live to join the throng.

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Leinster St. Rev. J. F. Bartlett has resigned.

Brussels St. Rev. S. McCully Black, A. M., preached last Sunday morning, much to the interest and pleasure of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Hopper, preached in the evening, and at the close of the sermon administered the ordinance of baptism to two candidates.

Portland. We are enjoying refreshments from on high in our church. Six believers have been added to our number recently, three by baptism last Lord's Day, and three by letter at the Conference. Others have professed faith in the Saviour, and will follow him soon in the ordinance of baptism. W. J. STEWART.

Otnabog. On the evening of 14th inst., Rev. Henry Hanes, pastor of Otnabog church, received from a few friends \$9.10 as a donation, for which he returns grateful thanks.

Springfield. The young people propose to get up a Tea Meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 29th, in aid of the new meeting house at White's Corner. All friends of Baptist interests are invited to lend their help on that occasion. G. J. Coulter White will give an address in the evening.

Elgin, A. Co. Since the notice of the revival in the 3rd Elgin Church, mentioned in a former issue, eleven more have been baptized, making the whole number, up to Sunday the 5th inst., one hundred, ninety-seven of whom, with three others, one by letter and two by experience, united with that Church, the other three baptized united with the 1st Elgin Church. It has surely been a very deep and thorough, as well as extensive work of grace: this is acknowledged by all, and a number of the older members declare that they have reached much higher attainments in Christian experience during the revival, than ever before. All glory to God. D. P. HARRIS.

Sackville. I have resigned my pastoral connection with the Baptist church at Shediac, where I spent one year and a half; one year under the direction of the H. M. Board. They have of late repaired their house of worship; which is now both neat and comfortable. This is a good church though few in numbers. A visit from any of our ministering brethren would be highly appreciated. I hope it

may be soon cared for by a faithful under Shepherd. The prospect for increased strength are encouraging. E. C. CORRY.

The church edifice at the upper section of the village is about to be repaired and modernized. We are glad to note the evidences of thoughtfulness by our people to place their houses of worship in good condition and worthy of the high end they serve.

Rockland. I have been assisting Bro. Keith of late in holding some special meetings in Gordonsville. God has blessed our brother's labours in that settlement. Seven have thus far been baptized. Last month I had the pleasure of baptizing a young man at Florenceville and received him into the Florenceville Church. How cheering to see our young men giving their lives to Christ!

Our tea meeting, held at Florenceville last month, was quite successful, the amount of \$170 being realized, which will be expended in repairing the Baptist Church in that village.

Yours truly, A. H. HAYWARD. [The above was mislaid but is still good news though a little late.—Eds. VISITOR.]

South Richmond, Carleton Co.

We have been holding a few extra services in connection with the Richmond and Hodgson Churches, (a part of what is known as the Richmond field). On Sabbath last we had the pleasure of baptizing four candidates, three of them heads of families, the other a very promising young man. On Tuesday evening last, after preaching a sermon to the candidates, we received them into the membership of the church. We trust that this may be but the beginning of a work of grace in the community, that it may be the will of God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon this, and the church at McKenzie's Corner, and as the result the ingathering of many souls into the kingdom of His dear Son. Trusting that we may soon have the pleasure of reporting additional numbers baptized and received into the membership of our church, we remain, Yours in the work, O. C. HERBERT.

Oct. 17. Pastor Richmond Church.

Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission Board in its annual report to Convention made a very strong appeal for large and regular contributions to their Treasury this year. The expenditures early in November will be very heavy, covering the passage of two female missionaries to India, a supply of Scripture portions for each station, and some repairs to premises, in addition to the regular quarterly remittances. The first three months of the Convention fiscal year have nearly gone by, and the Board of Foreign Missions is now looking confidently for that practical illustration of the interest our church feel in this great cause, which alone will enable them to carry on their work. Over two thousand dollars will be required within the next three weeks. Will pastors and all missionary workers take special note of this and send forward their donations at once.

Notice.

Will the brethren and friends please remember that the REV. G. O. FINLAYSON, is the member of the Finance Committee of New Brunswick, and that all moneys for the CONVENTION FUND should be sent to him.

Special donations and contributions for Foreign Missions may be sent to me.

J. MARCH, Treas. For. Mis. Board. St. John, N. B., Oct. 22, '84.

To the W. M. A. Societies of New Brunswick.

The Constitution and By-Laws recently adopted by the Women's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces for the use of Woman's Missionary Aid Societies, and Mission Bands, have been received and will be forwarded to all Societies whose secretary's address is known. Should any be omitted they will be immediately sent on application to the undersigned. All Societies are requested to use the above mentioned Constitution and By-Laws.

A pamphlet containing these and also the Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union has been prepared and can be procured of the Secretary on payment of 10 cents.

Mrs. T. S. SIMMS, Sec'y for N. B. 255 Germain Street, St. John, N. B.

Received for W. B. M. Union

- Oct. 13th.—Fredericton, Miss Phillips. \$10 00
" 13th.—2nd St. Martins Sabbath School for the support of a child in Mr. Archibald's school, per Mrs. March. 6 25
" 18th.—Portland, Mrs. M. E. Cowan. \$ 50
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