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THE MOUNT ALLISON INSTITUTIONS.

(From the St. John Telegraph.)

The season of college commencements has fairly set in. These anniversary exercises are of great interest, inasmuch as they direct attention to the very important work being done for the higher education in the several collegiate institutions in the Lower Provinces, each of which in its own sphere is doing a great work for the present and future prosperity of the country. We are pleased to know that Sackville is still prospering, and exhibiting a vigor and capacity for growth that augurs well for its future in the generous rivalry that must exist between it and its sister colleges.

Sackville has given an intelligent and loyal support to the plan of uniting the Colleges for the purposes of examining undergraduates and conferring degrees, and has become one of the Colleges affiliated with "The University of Halifax." In President Allison and Principal Inch Sackville has worthy representatives on the Senate of that University. We were pleased to notice that Professor Weldon, Ph. D., had been appointed an examiner in mathematics for the University. His past thorough course of study at Yale and in Germany, and his success as a teacher of mathematics at Sackville, will guarantee the faithful performance of his very important duties as examiner.

However necessary endowments, suitable buildings, and all such matters are, the men who teach and mould the minds of the students must make the college. Sackville is well supplied with buildings. No doubt their work would progress faster with a better College building, but, taking it all for all, no Educational Institutions of the Maritime Provinces, in this matter of buildings, is better equipped than Sackville. In the matter of Professors, too, Sackville is strong. The Board of Governors, however, need to make the Mount Allison College stronger in the appliances of education,—as in such matters as a library, a laboratory and suitable scientific apparatus. During the late commencement, much was said of the need of a new college. We will be glad to see Mount Allison adorned by a large and commodious hall at the earliest date possible, but the scientific apparatus, etc., are matters of prime necessity. Here is a chance for some generous friend of Sackville to distinguish himself by aiding the Board in this matter. The Alumni Society this year decided to appropriate its income to the purchase of books of reference for the professors and students instead of giving scholarships as hitherto.

It has been the custom at Sackville, on commencement day, to hold the literary exercises of the College and Academies at the same time. The College this year was able to report that it had fifty students in attendance at its classes, and it had its College anniversary exercises distinct from those of the Academies. The closing exercises of the ladies' Academy were held on Tuesday forenoon; the College anniversary exercises occupied the afternoon. The whole proceedings, a summary of which appeared at the time in our telegraphic columns, were very enjoyable.

The examinations at Sackville commence on the Wednesday of one week, and there are examinations, meetings of societies, of the College Board and of the Board of Governors, Alumni, Academic and Collegiate exercises following each other rapidly, and filling up the whole time until Wednesday of the next week. Of all that takes place it is impossible to speak. But we are glad to bear witness to the health and vigorous growth of these important institutions, and to acknowledge the benefits they and sister institutions are conferring upon our country.

OUR CHILDREN.

From Zions Herald.

We make a great mistake, when we distrust the depth of early religious convictions. We entirely misjudge the tender condition of the child's mind, when we suppose that their changing the religious moods leave no permanent effects for good or ill. Yet it is very common for teachers and parents to question both the depth and value of their children's experiences. We treat their convictions lightly; we repress their religious emotion by distrust; we repel their confidence by our incredulous tone. Many a child is thus driven to bury his convictions in his heart, because he fears they will be treated as childish fancies. And even when they break through our distrust, and express to us their interest and their purpose, we subject their professions to tests we would not dare apply to ourselves. Just at the time they most need the warmth of Christian sympathy, they are chilled by repression and distrust.

Thus many children are driven to smother their convictions, and hide the light that is beginning to shine in their hearts. We are well convinced that very many who profess Christ in more mature years, were really converted in chlidhood; but no one trusted them, and they did not dare to trust themselves. There are, no doubt, children in many of our homes and classes, whose hearts the Spirit has touched. Thus may there be little disciples in our household, and we suspect it not. There may be consecrated hearts in our Sabbath-school classes shrinking out of sight, because they know their faith will not be trusted.

Let every teacher seek the confidence of his scholars. Their religious feelings may seem evanescent and variable, but their emotions will leave lasting impressions on their tender hearts. Those feelings should be dealt with as genuine and profound, and as tending to shape character and destiny. The sun and cloud chase each other in springtime, but together they mature the harvest.

Let us believe in children, and in the genuineness of their convictions. We shall find their consciences are wonderfully tender, and their religious emotions sometimes strong and clear. They have little false pride of character to restrain them, no prejudices to block their way. Their habits are unconfirmed, ready to be shaped; their wills are uncommitted, ready to be led.

This is a divine and special hour for hopeful labor. God's best promises overhang it; His richest grace shines upon it like the sunlight. Let us concentrate our efforts where He concentrates His promises and His grace. We sow our seed in spring-time, when all nature is in harmony with our work. We mould our metal when it is molten, and it readily takes the form we desire. Let us, in this, also, "work together with God."

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Ministers of the Nova Scotia Conference, who do not intend being present at its Sessions in Yarmouth, will confer a favor by notifying me by Post Card.

Provision will be made for the accommodation of Ministers of other Conferences, who intend being with us, if they will communicate with Brother READ or

JOHN M. PIKE. Yarmouth, N.S.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 1877.

Providence Church 7½ p.m. - - Praise Meeting - Rev. G. O. Huestis
Wesley Ditto 7½ p.m. - - - " " - Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe

THURSDAY 21.

Providence 6½ a.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. Richey Bird
" 9 a.m. - - - - - - - - - Opening Conference
" 12 to 1 p.m. - - - - - - - - Conference Prayer Meeting
" 7½ p.m. - - - - - - - - Missionary Anniversary

SPEAKERS:—Revs. J. McMurray, J. Cassidy, Job Shenton, J. A. Rogers, W. H. Heartz.

Pembroke 7½ p.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. William Ainley

FRIDAY 22

Providence 6½ a.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. E. R. Brunyate
Wesley 6½ a.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. W. Penny
" 7½ p.m. - - - - - - - Educational Society Anniversary

SPEAKERS:—Rev. C. Jost, A.M. Rev. Ralph Brecken, A.M.

SATURDAY 23

Providence 6½ a.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev, John Craig
" 7½ p.m. - Meeting for Promotion of Holiness - - Rev. J. S. Addy
Wesley 7½ p.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. J. G. Hennigar

SUNDAY 24

Providence 6½ a.m. - - - - - - - - Rev. D. W. Johnson, A.B.
" 10½ a.m. - - - - - - - - President of the Conference
" 3 p.m. - - - - - - - - - Conference Love Feast
" 7 p.m. - - Rev. A. W. Nicolson, followed by Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Wesley 6½ p.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. William Purvis
" 10½ a.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. R. Brecken, A.M.
" 3 p.m. - - - - - - - - - - Love Feast
" 7 p.m. Rev. W. H. Heartz, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
Pembroke 2½ p.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. J. A. Rogers
Arcadia 10½ a.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. Arthur Hockin
Brooklyn 3 p.m. - - - - - - - - Rev. Thomas Rogers, A.M.
Plymouth - - - - - - - - - - Rev. Eben E. England
Darling's Lake 10½ a.m. - - - - - - - - Rev. Jesse B. Giles
Hebron 7 p.m. - - - - - - - - - Rev. Caleb Parker

MONDAY 25

Providence 6½ a m. - - - - - - - - Rev. C. W. Swallow, A.B
" 7½ p.m. - - - - - - - - - Ordination Service
Wesley 7½ p.m. - - - - - - - - - " "

TUESDAY 26.

Providence 7½ - - - - - - - - - Sabbath School Anniversar

WEDNESDAY 27

PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING.

THURSDAY 28.

Providence 7½ p.m. - - - - - - - - - Religious State Report
Wesley 7½ p.m. - - - - - - - - - " "

SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

JUNE 24th.

Central Baptist Church at half past ten a.m. — Rev. F. H. W. Pickles
" " " seven, p.m. — Job Shenton
Temple Baptist at half-past ten a.m. — J. G. Angwin
" " seven p.m. — J. Gaetz

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.

Ministers and Laymen travelling over Davison's Line from Shelburne, will obtain a Ticket for Yarmouth and return for $5

Proprietors of the Digby and Yarmouth Stage Line will take the Ministers, and Laymen authorized to attend the Nova Scotia Conference from Digby to Yarmouth, returning by the same route for one Fare and a half:—viz. $6. This privilege is extended to the Wives of Ministers, and Laymen attending Conference.

The Proprietors of the Steamer *Empress* accord to all Clergymen, and their Wives throughout the season the privilege of travelling from St. John to Annapolis and return for one Fare. ELIAS BRETTLE.

P.S.—I have not consulted the Proprietors of the "Empress" as I understand they published these terms some time since.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Homes provided for the Ministers, during the Session to be held at Yarmouth, June, 1877,

Addy, J S	Mrs Guest
Ainley, William	S S Poole
Alcorn, William	Capt Hatfield, Milton
Angwin, Thomas	A F Stoneman
Angwin, J G	Joseph Burrell
Astbury, John	Charles Bryant
Baines, W D	Charles Bryant
Bent, Jos F	Henry Thurston
Bigney, J G	Elisha Atwood
Bird, Richey	T O Woodworth
Borden, J R	G M Lewis
Brecken, R., A M	George Guest
Brettle, Elias	Nathan B Lewis
Brown, W	Capt Wm Cooke
Brunyate, E R	S A Crowell
Cassidy John	Frank Killam, M P
Coffin, J S	Oscar Davison
Craig, John	S C Hood
Daniel, R A	N W Blethen
Day, G F	Capt Joseph Lovitt
England, James	Heman Gardner
England, E E	Thomas Allen, jr
Evans, W H	Capt Benj Davis
Fisher, J M	T B Dane
Gaetz, Joseph	Joseph Burrell
Giles, Jesse B	Capt B Davis
Hale, Joseph	A Lawson
Hart, James R	Capt Robertson
Hart, Thos D	Jas H Cann
Heartz, W H	Saml Killam, jr
Hemmeon, Jos B	N W Blethen
Hennigar, J G	Mrs Rogers
Hockin, Arthur	George L Cooke
Howie, J W	G Forsyth
Huestis, S F., Sec'y	A F Stoneman
Huestis, G O	Capt. B. Murphy
Johnson, George (A)	Andrew Mack
Johnson, John	Lyman Cann
Johnson. R O B	Miss Brady
Johnson, D W., A B	Bowman Corning
Jost, C., A M	Thomas Killam
Lockhart, C	Capt, W. Hibbert
Mack, R Barry	Andrew Mack
McArthur, Robert	R A Cardex
McMurray, John	D Horton
Moore, Ezra B	S A Crowell
Morton, A D., A M	T W Johns
Mosher, J A	Lyman Cann
Nicolson, A W	T B Flint
Parker, Caleb	B E Rogers
Pickles, F H W	Nathan Moses
Pickard, H., D D	George Guest
Pike, J M	Parsonage, South
Prestwood, Paul	Henry Lewis
Purvis, William	Rev J Read
Penny, W F	J. G. Allen
Read, John	Parsonage, Milton
Rogers, J A	H. Hood
Rogers, Thomas, A M	S C Hood
Scott, James	Capt William Cooke
Shenton, Job	W K Dudman
Scott, D B	William McGill
Shore, Godfrey	Geo R Smith
Smith, Richard	Joseph R Rogers
Smith, T Watson	J G Allen
Sponagle, J L	T M Lewis
Strothard, James	J K Butler
Sutcliffe, Ingham	Albert Butler
Swallow, C W., A B	T B Dane
Temple, R Alder President	W H G Temple
Teasdale, J J	Capt E H Lovitt
Taylor, James	Amos Crosby
Tuttle, G W	Nathan Lewis, sr
Tuttle, Alex S	W K Dudman
Thurlow, I E	John Smith
Tweedy, Robert	John Flint
Tweedy, James	John Flint
Weldon, A F	Rev J M Pike

HOLINESS—THE UNION MEETINGS.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons last week meetings were held in the Lower-room, Exeter Hall, in harmony with a resolution arrived at by members of various denominations in 1875 at a gathering known as the Oxford Conference. It was then resolved that measures be taken by means of meetings and Conferences in various central localities to extend the knowledge and practice of holiness by faith.

Admiral Fishbourne presided both on Thursday and Friday, being supported by the Rev. W. E. Boardman, C. A. Fox, W. Haslam, Dr. Lowrey, Dr. Asa Mahan, J. Manners, Dr. Robertson, G. Savage, C. W. Servante, the Right Hon. Cowper Temple, M.P., &c.

Admiral Fishbourne, in opening the meeting on Thursday, briefly explained the object they had in view, adding that their aim is simply and solely to promote amongst all Christians holiness of heart and life, as required and provided for in the Holy Scriptures, without respect to denominational or theological differences, and to secure the practical acceptance in actual experience by Christians of every name of the Bible standard of true holiness. They wished neither to teach nor to controvert dogmas about holiness, but to promote it by the simple inculcation of full faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and full consecration to God through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Rev. G. Savage said they had been privileged to hold some delightful meetings in connection with their association, and he was glad that some had gathered together that afternoon to seek after further knowledge upon that great subject. He would ask them to look to Jesus at once, for there was no attitude like that for learning. If they wanted light they must turn their faces to the sun, and if they wanted true illumination of spirit they must turn to the "Sun of Righteousness." They were meeting on a day which some called "Ascension-day," and, whatever might be their views with regard to the religious observance of such a day, there could be no doubt about the fact that it was from the Lord's ascension that our whole power came. The power which the disciples received on the Day of Pentecost was the glory of this dispensation, and the completion of the work which He came to do. The Lord Jesus Christ made two great journeys. He came from heaven to earth to redeem, and He went back from earth to heaven to bless. To-day they commemorated his return to heaven, to present there the memorials of accomplished redemption. He had ever since been blessedly ministering the fulness of the Holy Ghost. At Pentecost, they would remember, when the Holy Ghost was poured out in great abundance, though they had previously been believers, they were not perfectly filled with a knowledge of the will of God. As they went on their way they had, so to speak, successive visitations. They were filled, it was true, with the Spirit, but they received a visitation of power which vitalised them for fresh effort and work. And it was that we might be thus visited that met to comfort and to exhort one another, for it was plain that there were many who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ dying for their sins who could not speak of a present power of the Holy Spirit accompanying their testimony in the way in which the Bible gave them the pattern. In fact there were many people who might be said to be walking even now in what they should have left behind—walking "according to the will of the Gentiles,' or, in other words, their own will. There was need of a trumpet warning to summon men out of the will of the Gentiles into the will of God. The speaker proceeded further to insist upon the importance of being *now* fully and perfectly in the will of God.

The Rev. Mr. Moray (United States) said that it might be assumed that they all believed three things: that holiness was attainable, that it was our privilege to posess it, and that it was also our duty. The very object of the Christian Association for the Promotion of Scriptural Holiness implied that they did believe in the possibility of holiness being attained. But how was it to be acquired? The attainment of personal holiness must be preceded by a tolerably clear idea of the doctrine itself