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Our friends have been more than generous this week in their contributions to our columns. We have a number of articles on hand which it is impossible to find space for in this issue but which will be published as soon as practicable.

We were pleased to have a call from Dr. Steele, of Amherst, on his way home from the Milwaukee Convention. Dr. Steele enjoyed his trip to the West and also the Convention, as will be seen by his highly interesting report of it which appears in another column. But, as will also be seen, Dr. S. thinks the Convention is to be pressed with discrimination.

The Amherst young people this year again have won the B. Y. P. U. Banner for proficiency in Sacred Literature. The subject studied this year was "The Preparation for the Messiah." The four years course has now been completed, and four times the young people of Amherst have secured the banner. This means, as we understand it, that the unions of the Maritime Provinces have sent in each year a larger number of successful examination papers in the prescribed subject in Sacred Literature than those of any other State or Province, and that the Amherst Society has sent in each year a larger number of such papers than any other Society in the Maritime Union.

The retirement of Premier Blair in New Brunswick and Premier Fielding in Nova Scotia has made necessary a reconstruction of the provincial governments of which they were leaders. In New Brunswick Hon. James Mitchell became premier, with Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Provincial Secretary; Henry R. Emmerson, Chief Commissioner of Public Works; A. T. Dunn, Surveyor General; A. S. White, Solicitor General, and C. H. Lablache, member without portfolio. In Nova Scotia Mr. Fielding is succeeded in the premiership by Hon. George H. Murray, with Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney General, and C. E. Church, Minister of Public Works; Mr. William Roche as Mr. T. R. Black, as member without portfolio.

An American vessel, the barkentine *Herbert Fuller*, came into Halifax harbor on Tuesday morning last, flying a flag that indicated trouble on board. It was soon learned that the vessel had been the scene of a terrible tragedy, the Captain and his wife, and other passengers, had been murdered and the first mate had been placed in irons and otherwise bound, on the belief that he was the murderer. The vessel had sailed from Harrington, N. S., lumber laden, for Boston, N. S. The tragedy occurred when she was about 700 miles south east of Halifax. The Captain's name was Nash. The only passenger was a young man named Monck, a Harvard student and well connected. A seaman named Bram stated that he saw the first mate, Bram, kill the Captain. On his testimony in connection with suspicious circumstances, Bram was put in irons, and Monck, having some knowledge of navigation, was retained with the assistance of the steward to bring the vessel to port. When the vessel reached Halifax the crew and Mr. Monck were all placed under arrest. The latter, however, has been released on bail. Private investigations have been held before the U. S. Consul and the Stipendiary Magistrate. It is expected that the United States Government will move for the extradition of the persons concerned and that the case will be fully investigated in the U. S. courts. This is a good deal of mystery connected with the terrible affair. But it is stated that the mate, Bram, had considerable whisky in his possession and Mr. Monck is reported to have said that whisky was at the bottom of the tragedy.

We regret that, on the strength of what was supposed to be good authority, we were led to make some statements respecting the bequest contained in the late G. P. Payzant's will, which it now appears were incorrect. It seemed to be a fair inference from the detailed statement of the contents of the will given to the public through the *Halifax Chronicle* and some other papers that the \$20,000 to be added to the G. P. Payzant Fund at the death of Mrs. Payzant was additional to the bequest of \$100,000, elsewhere mentioned in the will as constituting that fund; and as some of the daily papers had stated that the entire amount bequeathed to the College was \$120,000, we naturally accepted the statement as correct. Moreover, as the detailed statement of the contents of the will, alluded to above, contained no mention of a bequest to the F. M. Board and as we had heard from a private source which we supposed to be well informed, that no such bequest had been made, we accepted that statement also as correct. We now learn, however, on what appears to be unquestionable authority, that the \$20,000 above mentioned is not additional to but a part of the \$100,000 bequest; or to be more explicit, Mr. Payzant, having some years ago given \$1,500 toward theological instruction at Acadia, has, by his will, directed his executors to pay to the Governors of the University, within twelve months, the sum of \$75,000, to be appropriated as was stated in a previous issue; and, at the death of Mrs. Payzant \$20,000 is to be added to this sum. We are pleased to be corrected in reference to the bequest to the F. M. Board and to know that that interest does share to the extent of \$1,000 in Mr. Payzant's generous provision for religious work.

## BAPTIST CONVENTION OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of Baptists ever held in the Northwest assembled in their 15th annual convention with the Logan Ave. Baptist church, Selkirk Hall, Winnipeg, July 7th to 11th. It seemed difficult to realize that there, where no Baptist church existed at our last annual gathering, there is now a church sufficiently strong to entertain a convention of such large proportions, and that such a commodious building which a year ago was used as an opera house, should now be the property of our denomination, and dedicated to our Master's service. The first business of the programme for Tuesday was the last quarterly meeting of the executive board of the convention, which was held in the afternoon and evening.

Rev. H. G. Mellick read a suggested basis of agreement between the Manitoba convention and the Baptists of the east as follows:

1. We recommend that in addition to associational secretaries, a committee of five, who are within easy reach of each other, be elected by the Ontario and Quebec convention each year, and known as the "Ontario and Quebec committee for Manitoba and Northwest Missions;" the said committee to meet at the call of the chairman at such times as may be found necessary, and to meet during the convention with the associational secretaries for the ensuing year; the annual report to the convention to be made through the chairman or secretary of said committee, along with the estimates for the ensuing year.
2. This committee shall assist the Manitoba board of their representatives in the making and carrying out arrangements for the collection of offerings for Manitoba and Northwest missions.
3. We recommend that all moneys collected for Manitoba and Northwest missions in our schools, Sabbath schools, young people's societies, be sent to the treasurer in Manitoba for Manitoba missions, acknowledged by an official receipt from him, and also acknowledged monthly in the Canadian Baptist.
4. We recommend that the Baptist convention of Manitoba and the Northwest be assigned all the Indian missionary Baptist work, done within the bounds of their own territory, the said work, as well as the missionaries, to be under their supervision and direction.
5. We recommend that the Women's Convention of Ontario and Quebec be kindly requested to add to their total year by year the estimated amount required for Indian work on the north and west, collect it in the usual way, and by special committee, and forward it with other grants to the treasurer appointed to receive it in Manitoba and the Northwest, who shall be responsible to pay it, when due, to the object for which it is sent.
6. We recommend that half yearly reports, embracing all the work aided by the Ontario and Quebec convention, and additional or special information when required, be sent by the Manitoba and Northwest boards to (1) the secretary of the Ontario and Quebec committee; (2) the secretary of the women's board for Ontario and Quebec; (3) or to any committee, either of the foregoing may appoint to receive it.

The following resolution was adopted in connection with this basis, viz:

That the basis of co-operation with Ontario and Quebec, approved by the W. H. M. S. of Ontario and the General Convention of Ontario and Quebec, while it appears to go beyond what the Northwest understood it to mean in bringing about the resignation of the Eastern Indian Committee receive our approval provided that in the appointment of representatives to the Manitoba Committee in Ontario from the Women's Board of Ontario, due regard be taken to conserve the interest and experience which have been developed and made so effective in the past for giving the Gospel to the Indian population in this country.

At the evening session of the board Rev. A. Grant gave his report of his recent mission to the English Baptists. He spoke of the very kind reception he had met with, and the immediate results likely to follow his visit. He believes a colonial society will be established, and one of London's foremost Baptist preachers expects to arrive in Manitoba next month to investigate the condition of the work and report to the old country societies. Mr. Grant improved several opportunities of speaking at various meetings in England, and succeeded in awakening interest in the work in this country. One minister has already offered for service, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Grant for his services in behalf of the board.

The great auditorium contained a good congregation in the evening, when the annual sermon of the convention was preached by pastor Vanoskile, of Moosomin. The discourse was vigorous and to the point, and was much appreciated. The text was taken from the 13th chapter of Joshua and the 1st verse: "Now Joshua was old and stricken in years, and the Lord said unto him, thou art old and stricken in years, and thou hast remained yet very much land to possess." He referred to the great resources and illimitable areas of the provinces and territories of this great west, and the vast population it was capable of supporting, expressing great confidence that future years would see an immense population in possession of our fertile prairies. The preacher said it was the duty of Baptists to possess the land for Jesus Christ.

that is, to occupy it—by inducing people to come here who were prepared to assist in evangelisation, or else they would have to deal with a class of people very difficult to handle. The country needed Baptist teachings. Had Manitoba been permeated with Baptist principles a few years ago, there would have been no school question to disturb us. Nothing can make a people free as can the Gospel of Christ. The progress of the Baptists south of the line was dwelt on, and the speaker said that with their methods to study and improve on the Northwest Baptists should make even greater progress than their brethren in the States.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The proceedings opened at 9 o'clock with a devotional meeting led by Evangelist McCroskey, followed by an address to ministers and workers by Prof. Farmer, which was full of profitable points for all. The convention proper opened at 10.15. President Prof. McKee occupied the chair, and presented his annual address, presenting the subject of meeting, the growth of the work and the needs presenting themselves. The increasing confidence in the country was touched upon, and the great help to settlement of the country was presented. The two points referred to in closing were the need of enlarging evangelistic effort and the location of an educational institution at some point in the country for the purpose of training young men for the ministry. Supp. Mellick then read the annual report of the Executive Board of which the following is an extract:

"Through the abounding mercy of God, your Board has the pleasure of submitting to you this report of the year's work. We have been providentially preserved and graciously blessed throughout the year. Your missionaries also have been shielded from the arrows of the enemy, and by the aid of his approval upon their labors. We cannot give a definite statement either of the results or the processes by which they have been accomplished, but abundance can be recorded to elicit our loudest praise and thanksgiving to God who has accepted our service. The Spirit works as the wind that bloweth where it listeth. His processes are beyond our investigation, but He has given us many inspiring signals of his presence, by opening doors for providing help, by quickening believers and regenerating sinners."

## THE WAY WE HAVE BEEN LED.

Our way has been beset with many difficulties, every step gained has been by a determined and constant effort. We have often been like travellers through mountain passes, before us has stood a wall of agony, and behind us a dizzy height and blocking further progress; but as we approached near we found openings through which to pass. We have seen how God makes a way through the thicket for his enterprises. He led his people through the sea, so has he led us in safety.

## OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

The year has been one of great commotion throughout the world, wars and rumors of wars have caused great excitement and alarm. The cries of the suffering Armenians have arisen to heaven and the cry of the oppressed has been heard in the streets of the world. The time of the Gentiles seems about fulfilled. The coming of the Lord draws near day by day. But though we should carry our stewardship most soverely, our responsibility is great. It becomes us to make the best of our opportunities that we may render up our account with joy; we are debtors to the whole human race.

No mission field is more vitally connected with all parts of the world than nearly all lands. These bring us into contact with and sympathy with the nations to which they belong, and bring them nearer to us. The heathen are at our door and in our midst. The unsees are unsaved. Tremendous issues hang upon the faithfulness with which we discharge our duty. We must meet the demands of the situation or be overwhelmed by heathenism, atheism, formalism and Catholicism.

Our immediate work is to bring those amongst us to the knowledge of Christ. There are more than 30,000 French and other Catholics in this country, groping in darkness without the light of God's word; immediate steps should be taken towards their evangelisation. We are doing nothing for the Icelanders, and multitudes of other foreigners are entirely neglected. We are only touching the work amongst the vast population of Germans and Scandinavians. The English speaking work we are doing is meagre compared with the requirements and opportunities.

We dare not hold our peace in a time like this; every day will help to make or mar our future. Our country is the scene of one of the most important struggles in the onward march of missions to all lands; to conquer here means the more speedy conquest of the world for Christ. We must lift up an ensign to the nations.

Our churches are grasping the significance of the Lord's great commission; already their arm is reached out to India. They have heard the cry of the Armenians and have responded with prayer and financial aid, and from our ranks, Bro. A. B. Beal, has gone to explore the situation in South America. The Lord is raising up an army of young men here for the mission fields. The world is our parish, and God has set us here that we may the more quickly reach all parts of it.

## BEHEFTFUL PROSPECTS OF THE COUNTRY.

The importance of our country was probably never so conspicuous as now. The prolonged discussion of our School

Question has attracted attention to us. Last year's harvest was abundant and the prospects indicate that this one will be bountiful.

A large number of people from other parts have settled amongst us, a good many of whom are Germans and Scandinavians. This constant incoming tide and the large families growing up on the soil here give us a basis upon which to calculate the possibilities for whom we must provide Gospel privileges.

## HEALTHFUL CONDITION OF THE WORK.

It is a great satisfaction to us to be able to report that the general condition of the work is good. There has been great advancement made during the year both in the spiritual and financial condition of the churches. They are buckling down to the burdens of a wonderful determination; debts have been greatly reduced; several have asked for smaller grants; some are near self-support; a larger amount has been collected for the support of our missions; spiritual refreshing has come to them, and a good harvest of souls has been gathered; there has been marked spiritual growth; peace and harmony dwell almost entirely unbroken; the whole body moves forward with a steady going that inspires large hope for the future, and devout gratitude for the present.

## GRAND ENLARGEMENT AND ADVANCE.

We have enlarged the place of our tent, we have lengthened our cords and strengthened our stakes. In no year of our history has there been a greater and substantial advance been made as in the one now closing.

In the Edmonton district we have doubled our English force by the settlement of Pastor C. B. Freeman, a graduate of Acadia and Rochester colleges, and a man of marked ability and consecration. A church has been organized at the Sturgeon, making the third English-speaking church in the district.

The German work in this part of our field has more than doubled, and still further enlargement is being made. This is a most interesting portion of our German work. You will remember that only about three years ago a colony of only about 200 Germans settled in this district. In that colony there was a Baptist church of about 20 members; this colony has become a German Baptist stronghold. Just before our last convention the church completed a house of worship. During the year a second church was organized—the Ouellet church—its present membership of 154; a chapel is in course of erection, and a third church will be organized soon.

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Old Testament have been allotted to distinguished orientalist, on this continent and elsewhere, for translation. Ecclesiastes was assigned to Professor Haupt, and he has translated the first verse of the twelfth chapter—"Remember thy wife in the days of thy youth;" not as in the Authorized Version, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Now the original word is *Borechah*, in the plural, that is the plural of excellence or majesty, as in the plural of the Word of God, *Elohim* the name for God in the opening sentence of the Book of Genesis. The singular form *Borechah* is found in 175 of Dr. Kennicott's manuscripts, and 96 of De Rossi's, in many ancient editions, and in all the ancient versions. The word is derived from the verb *Bara*, to create as in Gen. 1:1, "God created the heavens and the earth." In Dr. Harper's List (No. 110) of Hebrew words for man and woman there is no derivative from *Bara*. The ordinary Hebrew word for woman and wife is *Israh* feminine of *Israh*, man, as in Hosea 2:16 and Eccl. 9:9, "Live joyfully with thy wife," and in Gen. 2:23, 24, 25. Dr. White, of Trinity College, Dublin, an eminent Hebraist, in his critical notes on Eccl. 12:1, says, "A critic has privately suggested to me that the clause might be rendered, 'Remember those shaping thee and thus be synonymous with 'thy parents.' But such an interpretation is simply impossible. *Bara* is never used of parents, but is always used of Divine Creation. The singular *Borechah*, 'thy Creator' occurs with reference to God in Is. 43:1, and Bora in the usual principal sense also occurs in Amos 4:12 and twice in Is. 14:7, always in reference to God." The 14th in the Treatise Aboth III:1 remarks, "Consider three things and thou wilt not come into the hands of transgression, know from whence thou comest, before whom thou art to give an account. Remember *B'ra'cha*, thy source, *B'ra'cha*, thy grave, *B'ra'cha*, thy Creator." *B'ra'cha*, a prominent German Hebraist, having argued rationalistic tendencies, arbitrarily asserts that the form of the word in the accepted Hebrew text is an abstruse, and maintains that the wife of youth is metaphorically referred to under the term *Bor* or *Bair*. If this has suggested the peculiar translation it is, say the translator, exceedingly doubtful. Hal. *B'ra'cha* Haupt seen a manuscript, or an ancient version, or quotation in an old treatise or sermon, giving any of the words for woman or wife such as *N'rahah*, *Innah*, *Yaldah*, *N'rahah*, *Almah*, *B'rahah*, *Z'rahah*, *Shayrah*, in Eccl. 12:1. It is very far fetched, and is indeed pushing the version stand-point, from which the version is made, to the utmost verge of absurdity, to draw the word "wife" from the root *Bara*, which undoubtedly means to create.

Dr. Wright gives accurately and beautifully the song of Koleheth (conver or preacher), "The Days of Life and the Days of Death," of which the following is an extract:

Eccl. 11:9.  
"Rejoice, young man in thy youth,  
And let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth,  
And walk in the ways of thy heart,  
And according to the Light of thine eyes;  
But know that for all these things God shall bring thee into the Judgment.  
Therefore banish carelessness from thy heart,  
And put away evil from thy flesh,  
For boyhood and manhood are vanity;  
And remember *thy Creator* in the days of thy youth;  
Ere there come the days of evil and years approach  
Of which thou shalt say 'I have no pleasure in them.'  
Ere the sun is darkened and the light, and the moon, and the stars,  
And the clouds return after the pouring of rain."  
It is devoutly to be hoped that the very best Semitic scholarship, may be employed, the most critical examination, given to the text, so that faithful and honest and exact renderings may be presented to the English reader in the New Version; that he may rightly understand the inspired, the sacred, the unparalleled literature of the Hebrews.

## W. B. M. U.

### NOTICE FOR THE YEAR.

"We are laborers together with God."

### CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS COLUMN WILL PLEASE ADDRESS Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John West, N. B.

### PRAYER-TOPIC FOR AUGUST.

For Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, that health may be completely restored and their work greatly blessed. That the Holy Spirit may descend upon them and those to whom they speak. For our annual meeting, that it may be to His glory who has called us to be laborers together with Him.

### Mr. W. V. Higgins wishes to convey his sincere thanks and appreciation for the resolutions sent by the sisters of the W. B. M. U. at the different associations. She is very grateful for their prayers and sympathy.

### Notice to W. M. A. Secretaries and Missionaries in Nova Scotia.

Will all Secretaries please see that the blank forms are carefully filled out and returned at once to the County Secretaries, that all reports may be in my hands by the 31st of July. Where there are no County Secretaries, fill out and return direct to me.

A. E. JOHNSON, Dartmouth, Prov. Sec'y.

### Will the New Brunswick societies please send their reports to Mrs. Margaret Cox, Chipman, Queens Co., N. B., and the P. E. I. societies to Miss M. Davies, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Little Bras d'Or, C. B.

I write to inform you of the organization of a W. M. A. Society in Little Bras d'Or, a section of North Sydney

church. Our numbers are few, only ten sisters in the community, but I am happy to inform you we have every name on our list. We have for some time been wanting to have something of the kind, but were too far from North Sydney to make it possible to attend their society, so when Mrs. McDonald came among us her seal aroused our flagging energies, and accordingly we met on May 21st and formed a society. Our officers are: Mrs. D. G. McDonald, Pres.; Mrs. W. J. Johnson, Vice Pres.; Mrs. J. T. Moffat, Sec'y; Mrs. J. G. Hall, Treas.

### Mrs. J. T. Moffat, Sec'y.

A Mission Band was organized at Fairfield in Second St. Martin's church on March 29th, with nine members. Since then five more members have been added and we hope for more in the near future. Pres. Mrs. J. A. Floyd; Sec'y, I. B. Howard.

The W. M. A. S. in connection with the N. B. Eastern Association met in the Methodist church, Port Elgin, Saturday afternoon, July 18th. Prov. Sec'y in the chair. Meeting opened with a short musical service, followed by an address delivered by Mrs. Cox. Verbal reports from the following societies were then listed: Sackville, Point de Bute, Port Elgin, Hillsboro, Forest Glen and Elgin. Report was expressed that more societies did not report. If the societies will not report to the Prov. Sec'y they will kindly inform her how she is to keep in touch with the work and make out a satisfactory report at the end of the year. Miss Beards gave the address of welcome to Port Elgin, replied to by Mrs. Cox. Prov. Sec'y. Miss Harrison, our mission-ary elect, gave an interesting address on "Why she is going to India." She also told something of her work in Chicago. Her earnest words will long be remembered by those present. Meeting closed with singing, benediction and benediction by the Rev. Mr. McIntyre.

### S. J. TINGLEY.

### P. S.—As the time given to the W. M. A. S. meeting on Saturday was shortened, and many of the delegates wished to hear the Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. C. Vinson, another meeting was held on Monday, p. m. 23rd. After a season of prayer and praise, an address and Bible reading was given by Mrs. Gunn, County Secretary for Colchester Co., N. S. Much information was obtained respecting the work in Eastern N. B. Meeting closed by singing: "God be with you till we meet again" and prayer by Prov. Sec'y for N. B. The sentiment of all was, "It is good to be here."

### Mount Pleasant, Colchester.

Dear Sisters in Christ—My message to you last year was written while I was alone at Paris-Kinloch. This year I am one of a party of ten Canadians enjoying the cool air of the Hills. It would be impossible for those who have never experienced the scorching heat of the plains to understand our feeling of relief when we realize what we are missing; for it is said that this year is much hotter than usual. I did not want to leave my studies, etc., and take a rest as ordered, but after seeking guidance from above, I was led to do what I know now is best. My many and varied experiences since coming to India have not been conducive to health, but this trip to the Hills will, I hope, restore me entirely, and after this I will have a settled home at Paris-Kinloch with Mr. and Mrs. Corey. Mrs. Archibald and I are the only missionaries from our field here. The rest are from the Ontario and Quebec field. It is so nice to meet other chris-tian workers. We have all enjoyed our study together of the Word of God. Last week we spent at Acadia attending a convention for the deepening of spiritual life, and we did have a feast of good things and returned home feeling that we had received a blessing. We do feel that we want more of the Holy Spirit's power so that we may live as well as prosper for our Saviour in this dark, dark land. We have been praying very earnestly that the Lord's will may be done in regard to our work. Who are here feel that our families are not doing so well as we would like, and nothing less than two families could come out this fall to reap the stations if our work is to go forward. If you will study the map of our mission and notice the number of towns and villages, and each field you will see that it is an utter impossibility for those who are now on the field to visit half the villages in a year, and what of the rest? There is no other christian work being done; this part of the Teloquo country has been given up to the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces and we should either say we cannot do the work or do it, and do you not think my sisters that if the Lord's work were first in the hearts of His people they would come to the help of these perishing people who are passing away without a knowledge of the true God. My prayer is that you may have a very good association and that the Holy Spirit's power may be felt by all and that He may guide you in all the work you undertake for him during the coming year. Before closing I must testify to the goodness of God toward me. I do try to thank Him every day that He has called me into the battle field, and I am the author of the following words I can say:

"Never a trial that He is not there,  
Never a burden that He doth not bear,  
Never a sorrow that He doth not share;  
Moment by moment I'm under His care."

Dear sisters will you not pray for me that I may trust Him fully and live for Him.

Very sincerely yours in the work,  
M. CLARK.

[This message from Miss Clark arrived too late to be read at the P. E. Island Association.]