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Some people are asking, "What is the New Brunswick Convention?" "What good purpose does it serve?" etc. We beg to say that it is beneficial in many respects. It has developed a spirit of benevolence in most of our churches that did not previously exist, or was not practically manifest. Contributions to Home Missions have been largely increased since its organization. The fact that a Home Mission board in New Brunswick is in charge of that department of our work has inspired our people with confidence and earnestness that had not obtained for several years before, and we are fully persuaded that if all our ministers and churches would only take hold of the work of the New Brunswick convention unitedly a great and glorious result would soon follow in more ways than one. There would be more interest taken in the other enterprises of the denomination than there ever has been; and that was the main object and incentive that induced the promoters of the new departure to form the organization. Home rule always begets a spirit of ambition in people to do nobler deeds than when ruled by an outside power. This is an age when people lose their interest in any matter that is taken out of their own hands to control.

There is no better way to get people to work than to give them some thing to do. Larger donations and legacies have been given to Home Missions since the New Brunswick convention came into existence than ever were given before, and would not have been given but for its existence. The bequest of the late Jacob Eradshaw for Home Missions was given with the request and understanding that it was to be used by a board in the Province and for the Province. It was furthest from his intention that an outside board should have any control over the funds he had given. Time and again he was heard to say that he had made his money in New Brunswick, and he wanted New Brunswick to have the use and benefit of it. God has greatly blessed the New Brunswick Convention. The first year of its operations there were larger revivals among the churches than for years before. This fact so impressed the mind of Dr. DeBloise that he gave it as the reason for his voting for the Southern Association to endorse the convention, and there have been blessed revivals in the churches wherever the convention has been held ever since its first meeting in Jemseg. Great spiritual power has characterized its devotional services at all its sessions. Last year at Havelock, the last two evenings were meetings and seasons of great spiritual interest, such as was never seen nor felt at any session of the Maritime Convention, and a revival interest sprang up at once in the neighborhood; and the pastor, Brother Snell, followed up the work as a wise and able minister; and the result has been the conversion and baptism of over forty persons.

Ever since the New Brunswick Convention has been born there has been more money raised at its annual gatherings for benevolent purposes than has been ever raised at the sessions of the Maritime Convention, notwithstanding we represent the poorest of the New Brunswick churches, and have none of the other provinces to help us in the Maritime one does. These facts ought to convince our opponents that God is in the movement and is making use of it for His glory in the salvation of souls; and that they should desist from their antagonism "lest they be found fighting against God."

It will be seen by our patrons that this issue of this paper is a somewhat enlarged and improved edition. We shall continue to keep it to this size and appearance until we secure enough subscribers and advertisements to make it an eight page paper which we hope will be in the near future. We have been sending sample copies to several families, and some packages of it to others. If any of these friends like it well enough to subscribe for it we would be pleased to get their names and post office address, with the subscription price which is only 50 cents, and will continue at that price even if we enlarge it. We hold no one responsible for payment to whom we send sample copies unless they send us their names as subscribers. So don't be afraid of being caught by taking the paper from the office. Many are sending in their names, for which we are very thankful, and hope to give them satisfaction for their money. If it is not convenient for any one who would like to have the paper sent to them to forward the pay just now, it will make no difference. Send us your names, and the money in half instalments, if that is easier, whenever you have it in your possession to do so. We are willing to make it as easy as possible for the poorest families in the land to get a knowledge of what is being done by the ministers and churches of our denomination, so they can keep in touch with what is going on and be inspired to greater activity by what others are doing. We shall make it a point to give the latest news from the churches, and ministers, and localities in the provinces; together with a great deal of choice reading matter gathered from other high priced papers, as well as original articles written by our friends among the ministers and others, which we are sure will interest and profit our readers.

News of The Churches.

Brother Barton writes us that there is a good work of grace progressing in the Third Canterbury Church. The Membership is being much revived; and sinners are being saved. Three have been added by baptism, and one by letter. And more are to follow soon.

The Lord is blessing the labours of Erother Howard at Macataque. The church is being much revived, and several have been converted, four were baptized last Sunday; and the good work is going on with increasing power. May an abundant harvest of saved souls be gathered into the fold of the Good Shepherd.

The church in Temperance Vale is enjoying a refreshing season of mercy. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Rutledge baptized five believers Sunday March 26th. Others are seeking the Saviour.

The church in Sackville is being blessed. Special services are being held by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Daley. Four converts were baptized Sunday, March 26th, and there are others who will soon enjoy the ordinance.

Dr. Carey baptized two believers into Christ and the fellowship of the Brussels St. Church last Sunday; and gave the people there his valedictory discourse in the evening. Monday evening the church and congregation held a farewell service with him. Several of the clergy of the city were present and gave addresses appropriate to the occasion. He left on Tuesday afternoon for his home in Ottawa.

A new house of worship was opened by the Baptist church in Bristol, Carleton Co. on the 19th of March. Brethren G. O. Gaes, J. A. Cahill, J. W. S. Young, and E. P. Calder assisted the pastor, Rev. A. H. Hayward, in the services, which were full of interest and impressiveness. A work of grace has followed as the meetings have been kept up; and a spiritual uplift to the church, and salvation to sinners has been the result. Eleven received the hand of fellowship on Sunday evening the 26th.

Havelock.

On Saturday evening, April 1st., the Sunday-School under the direction of its superintendent, Bro. Starratt, and the talented organist, Miss Lottie Price, assisted by a large choir together with the children of the Sunday-School, gave an Easter Concert in aid of the funds of the Sunday-School. It was, we are glad to record, a great success from every point of view. On Sunday morning the pastor preached from Mary at the tomb of Jesus, the choir again rendering some choice music.

J. T. S.

Differences Without Bitterness.

It is impossible to bolt the door and keep out divergencies of thought and opinion. Whether this would be a happier world without these we cannot tell, for we have not imagination enough to conceive a state of life in which minds should never deviate and differ with each other. Differences must necessarily arise when there is dissimilarity in judgments, and in tastes and feelings. Even inspired men do not see eye to eye, and unanimity of sentiment and opinion are just as unlikely among "spirit filled" people as among others. Some are troubled in reading the New Testament, because they come across instances of division among the Apostles and the leaders of the Apostolic Church. Why should they be? Every free mind looks at things from its own angle of vision. Put a dozen observant people on the top of a hill and ask them what they see, and they will all see something different. The farmer, the artist, the scientist, the mechanic, will all see something which others had failed to notice. Much of the interest of life comes from variety of vision and thought.

Paul and Barnabas were both excellent men, and with good judgment and Christian feeling. But a difference sprang up between them over their coadjutor Mark. It was a difference of judgment and preference. Barnabas wanted Mark to accompany them on a certain preaching tour, and Paul did not. Both had their reasons, and perhaps equally sound. On a previous journey Mark had disappointed Paul. He had hesitated and failed him in an hour of difficulty, and consequently the Apostle had lost confidence in his soldier-qualities, for he had turned back in the day of battle. Barnabas was probably of a more patient, forbearing disposition, and was willing to excuse him. He no doubt saw many good things in Mark, and assured Paul that he might be trusted in the future. The sweet-minded, gentle-toned Barnabas had a will of his own, as well as the more positive and impetuous Paul, and resolved to take Mark. Paul, on the other hand, was resolute, and would not be persuaded. So separation occurred. It was so supremely natural this little difference. There was right on both sides, and perhaps some wrong too. It came about in such a natural and easy way. Differences have such an easy birth. Often they arise before one is aware of them. The clash comes before war is declared, or thought of. Good men are in wrangle before they are aware of it, and the blood flows quick and words grow hot before calm reason has a chance to be heard. Our church life has witnessed many a repetition of this little episode of Paul's life. It would be a good thing to read this story of difference at the opening of our church meetings, and at every committee meeting when matters come up for settlement. No one ought to take offence when it was not intended; and even if offence was intended, it is just as well not to take it, but let it pass.

One thing is pleasant to note in connection with the diverging opinions of these two men. Neither slackened in their work, nor retained hard feelings. Years after when Paul was in the shadow of death, he wanted Mark to be at his side. "Bring Mark, for he is profitable to me for the ministry." That is to Paul's credit, he had fully recovered his confidence and affection for his companion in travel. It is also much to Mark's credit, for he had proved him-