

Memorial Notices.

"There are depths of love that we cannot know Till we cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that we may not reach Till we rest in peace with thee."

MRS. TYRUS HART.—MEMORIALS OF METHODISM IN GUYSBORO.

An obituary of the late Mrs. Alex. Maguire appeared in your issue of August 6th. Permit me to correct a mistake which occurred in that notice. It was not Mrs. Maguire, as stated, who was converted under the sermon alluded to, but a sister of Mrs. M. Her conversion took place at another time; it is thought under the ministry of the Rev. W. C. McKinnon.

Since that notice appeared another name must be added to the list of "noble women" on the Gaysboro circuit, who were our helpers there. I refer to the late Mrs. Tyrus Hart, formerly of Cape Canso; but late of Gaysboro. Her conversion is connected with the old church of that town.

The date of the opening of that church cannot now be definitely ascertained. It occurred however when the Rev. Matthew Cranswick was stationed on the Ship Harbor—Port Hawkesbury—circuit; and was a coadjutor with the formation of the first Methodist class meeting ever held in the Eastern counties of the Province. As the last connecting link that bound us to these events has been severed in Mrs. Hart's death, dates and details cannot be accurately given; but from reliable authority the circumstances may be thus stated.

The Rev. Wm. Webb, then occupying the Gaysboro circuit, had gathered a small class consisting of seven members; and, having made arrangements for the opening of the new church, Mr. Cranswick, who I presume was the superintendent of the Gaysboro Circuit, was called from Ship Harbor to conduct the dedicatory services. It appears to have been in connection with these services that the first Methodist communion service was held in Gaysboro. It consisted of the seven members, making with the young minister we suppose, the eight, of which the first class, was said to be formed; or was there another name? It appears further from some unexplained circumstances, which cannot now be ascertained, that the communion was administered previously to the opening of the church in a private house.

The names of those who attended this communion service, are worthy of record, and I give them to go down to posterity, with all who have had the foundations of our Zion. They are: Miss Charlotte Newton, Mr. John Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Frances Cook, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Sarah Hart, and Miss Arabella MacIntosh, whose name afterward changed to Hart, stands at the head of this notice.

Miss Newton's name was intimately connected with the growth of Methodism for I suppose, more than half a century. She left ample materials for interesting memorial notices. Her name is still a household word in Gaysboro; and her grave is visited with interest as a sacred place. Some years ago it was visited by the writer and was unmarked by tablet or stone. Miss Sarah Hart, aunt to the late Rev. Joseph Hart and two brothers still in the ministry, was widely known as the first devoted wife of the Rev. William Smith. Her prayers on every circuit they travelled are spoken of as kindling the flame of revival, under her husband's ministry. To use the words of Augustine "her life was one long connected prayer." It is to be regretted that no fitting memorial has yet been given either of her or her devoted husband. All these names are worthy of honorable mention.

Miss MacIntosh, as Mrs. Hart was then known, was the last surviving member of this list. She was converted to God under Mr. Webb's ministry when but eighteen or twenty years of age. Methodism was "the sect then everywhere spoken against," and we are not surprised that her connection with it awakened opposition, and caused domestic difficulty. The change she had experienced was so clear, that she dared not put it under a bushel. In a matter that pertained to her soul's salvation, she felt that she must obey God rather than man. This decision of character which at this early period in life led her to weigh the conflicting claims of duty to an earthly and a Heavenly parent; and to decide for the latter distinguished her as a true disciple of Him who said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

It could not have been long after this when she was united in marriage to Mr. Tyrus Hart, then engaged in mercantile pursuits in the town of Gaysboro. Some years afterwards they removed to Cape Canso, where they continued their mercantile pursuits until Mr. Hart's failing health necessitated his retirement, thus throwing upon her the double responsibility of carrying on the business alone and caring for her husband, which she did with assiduous attention, for several years, till death released him from mortal suffering.

For many years, while struggling to hold her position, and maintain her family, her house and her heart were ever open to the cause that was dearer to her than any earthly interest. Through all these years of adversity, and years of arduous trial that succeeded in the breaking up of her home associations—dispensations that came sooner or later upon all—she maintained a cheerful, even temper—rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation—loving Methodism, its people, and its ministers, and all good people of every name, and last but not least, loving Him—her Saviour—to whom all love is due.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have learned that the old church was opened Nov. 1st, 1829. Rev. Messrs. Cranswick, Hennigar and Webb were present. From the tablet on the Hawkesbury Church, "Bethel 1828," it appears that the latter was erected but one year before this former. As Father Hennigar is almost the only surviving representative of those early

times, he may supply to the historian of Methodism, some missing links in the chain of events. G. W. T. Port Hawkesbury, C.B., Oct. 28th.

CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Dominion Square Methodist Church, Montreal, commencing on Tuesday, 19th Oct., the Rev. Dr. Douglas presiding. There were present Rev. Dr. Sutherland, General Secretary; John Macdonald, Esq., Treasurer; and the following persons appointed by the General Conference: Revs. John Shaw, James Gray, Howard Sprague, M.A., Messrs. James Paterson and Hon. James Ferrier. The following representatives of the Annual Conferences were also present: Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., G. A. Norris, M.D., Toronto Conference; Rev. William Hansford and W. H. Lambly, Esq., Montreal Conference; Rev. John Wakefield and A. J. Donly, Esq., London Conference; Rev. S. F. Huestis and J. Wesley South, Esq., Nova Scotia Conference; Rev. R. Duncan and Josiah Wood, Esq., N. B. and P. E. I. Conference; Rev. Thomas Harris, Newfoundland Conference.

Rev. Dr. Hunter was elected Minute Secretary and A. J. Donly Journal Secretary. It was resolved that the Minute Secretary be instructed to prepare a report of the proceedings of the Board for publication in the Connexional organs.

The General Secretary presented the final balance sheet to June 30th, 1880, and a statement of Expenditure compared with the amounts granted by the General Board. Also schedules containing the estimates of the Missions for the year, and the recommendations of the District Meetings in the several Conferences.

The income for the year is \$131,204.26, being a decrease of \$4,029.82; expenditure \$131,035.09, being a decrease of \$9,054.71 on the expenditure of the former year. The total amount subscribed to the Relief and Extension Fund is \$116,500; amount collected, \$74,817.54.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland reported, in reference to the Industrial School at Muncey, and the ordinary Indian day schools of the society, that the conditions agreed upon by the Department of the Interior and the officers of the Society were satisfactory.

An Abstract of Minutes of the Committee of Consultation and Finance was presented in printed form.

A letter from John Macdonald, Esq., setting forth the reasons for his resignation of the office of Treasurer, was read, and a statement in reference thereto was made by Mr. Macdonald.

On motion of Rev. Howard Sprague, M.A., seconded by the Rev. Thomas Harris, a Committee was appointed to consider the whole subject, and report to the Board. The following were appointed as said Committee: Hon. James Ferrier, James Paterson, A. J. Donly, and Revs. J. Shaw, J. Wakefield, H. Sprague, M.A., and S. F. Huestis.

The Revs. J. Wakefield, W. Hansford, S. F. Huestis, R. Duncan, T. Harris, W. J. Hunter and Messrs. A. J. Donly, Dr. Norris, W. H. Lambly, J. W. Smith, J. Wood, together with the General Secretary, were appointed a Committee to review the estimates of Domestic Missions and make appropriations for the year, subject to the approval of the Board.

On motion, it was resolved that the appropriations be made on the basis of last year, viz., for a married minister, \$750; for a single ordained minister, \$400; for an unordained minister, \$350 per annum. These amounts to be exclusive of removing expenses and claims on the Children's Fund.

Dr. Sutherland reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Board last year, he had communicated with Rev. Dr. Pughon with a view to obtain all possible information as to the laws or regulations under which the English Wesleyan Committee acts with reference to the appointment of missionaries, the extent of the control exercised over them by the Committee, and the relation which exists, as to the missionaries, between the Conference and the Committee. Dr. Pughon's reply was read, and the Hon. James Ferrier, John Macdonald, Esq., Revs. James Gray, Howard Sprague, M.A., and Dr. Sutherland were constituted a Committee to consider the subject and formulate a scheme to be submitted to the Board next year.

The Rev. T. Harris presented a letter from Rev. J. R. Bowell, of Newfoundland Conference, offering his services for mission work in the North West.

A communication from the Montreal Conference was presented, calling the attention of the Board to the importance and necessity of educational work among the French population of the Province of Quebec, and requesting a grant of \$1,000 in this behalf.

The Revs. John Borland, L. N. Beaudry and Prof. Shaw addressed the Board on behalf of the project. The further consideration of the subject was laid over until the appropriations for the year shall be considered.

The General Secretary presented a memorandum from the Committee of Consultation and Finance in reference to the establishment of an Indian Orphanage and Training School at Morley Mission. The Committee requests the Board to authorize the General Secretary to lay a printed statement of the whole matter before the Church, and invite voluntary offerings for this most desirable object, and to obtain from the government as a gift, or by purchase, a section of land to be used for the purpose of the institution, and such other grant towards the support of the Orphanage as the Indian Department may be disposed to give. It was resolved on motion of Rev. Howard Sprague, M.A., seconded by the Hon. James Ferrier—"That the Central Board heartily endorse the proposal to establish at the Morley Mission an Orphanage for Indian children, to be called 'The McDougall Orphanage and Training School,' in commemoration of our lamented brother, the Rev. George McDougall, whose heart was set upon the establishment of such an institution; and com-

mends any efforts that may be made by the promoters of the project to the sympathy and liberality of the Church."

The General Secretary introduced the subject of a proposed Ladies' Missionary Society in connection with the Circuit Branches. After some conversation, in which Dr. Douglas stated that the Ladies' Missionary Society of the M. E. Church in the United States numbered seventy thousand members, who contribute one dollar per annum each, it was moved by Hon. James Ferrier, seconded by Rev. John Wakefield, and carried unanimously—"That this Board cordially approves of the proposal to form a Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society in connection with our Church, and the General Secretary is hereby instructed to bring the matter before the ladies of our congregations throughout the Connexion by circular or otherwise, suggesting methods of operation and departments of work; guarding at the same time against such methods of operation as might result in collision with existing interests and authority."

A conversation then ensued in relation to our work in Bermuda and Japan. It was intimated that the English Wesleyan Missionary Society would willingly assume the care of our missions in Bermuda, but the Rev. S. F. Huestis and other brethren of the Eastern Conferences strongly opposed any change in this direction, and intimated that our people in Bermuda wished to retain their connection with the Methodist Church of Canada. The matter was dropped without any definite action being taken.

The subject of the Japan mission was discussed at considerable length, when it was moved by Dr. Sutherland, seconded by Hon. James Ferrier, and resolved—"That in the judgment of this Board it is not advisable to enter into any negotiations looking to the transfer of our work in Japan to any other Church; but that efforts be made to strengthen the mission as soon as the funds of the Society will permit." The resolution was passed by a vote of ten yeas and five nays; three members of the Board abstained from voting.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The Anniversary Meeting was held in the Dominion Square Church on Wednesday evening, 20th Oct. James Paterson, Esq., presided, and delivered an effective speech, in which he congratulated the Society on the liquidation of its debt, and paid a graceful tribute to the memory of the late James Goodeham, Robert Wilkes and J. B. Morrow, two of whom have entered into rest since the last anniversary meeting. Dr. Sutherland read an abstract of the General Report, and John Macdonald, Esq., read the Financial Report for the year. Appropriate and interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Howard Sprague, M.A., Hon. James Ferrier, Rev. John Wakefield, John Macdonald, Esq., Rev. H. B. Steinman, and Dr. Sutherland. The choir of the church enhanced the interest of the meeting by well rendered musical selections.

On Thursday afternoon the Board resumed its duties.

The following resolutions, moved by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and seconded by Rev. S. F. Huestis, were carried unanimously:

"Whereas the Board, in making appropriations to the various missions, is limited to the income of the preceding year from regular sources—namely, Subscriptions and Collections, Juvenile Offerings, and the Grant from the Indian Department in aid of schools; and whereas there are certain assets of the Society not now productive which might be disposed of; and whereas moneys are sometimes received by the treasurers in the form of legacies and special donations, which are not available for current expenditure, therefore,

"Resolved, 1st, That it is desirable that the proceeds of such assets, and the sums arising from such legacies and donations, should be invested, and the annual interest made available for the purposes of the Society.

"Resolved, 2ndly, That in the judgment of this Board, it would be perfectly legitimate to employ the proceeds of these investments in aiding the erection and repairs of buildings on our Indian and Foreign Missions, thereby relieving the ordinary fund of a large annual expenditure for that purpose."

On motion of Rev. John Shaw, seconded by Dr. Norris, the General Secretary was instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to secure by legislative enactment such change in the name of the Missionary Society as shall harmonize it with the name of the Church. It was resolved that no claim for supply in case of sickness be allowed until it has been passed either by the Annual or Financial District Meeting.

A motion by Dr. Hunter, seconded by Dr. Norris, to the effect that the Algonia District of the Toronto Conference, be placed amongst the Foreign Missionary Districts, was negatived by a large majority.

Rev. Howard Sprague, M.A., presented the following report of the Committee appointed to consider the resignation of the Treasurer:

"You Committee appointed to confer with the Treasurer of the Society, John Macdonald, Esq., respecting his resignation of the treasurership, beg to report as follows—1st, That they recommend to the Board the appropriation of a sum sufficient to secure the assistance necessary for the efficient performance of the work of the Society's office in Toronto. 2nd, That they recommend to the Board earnestly to request Mr. Macdonald to withdraw his resignation and retain the office in which he has so faithfully served the interests of the Society. (Signed) HOWARD SPRAGUE, Secretary."

REV. ENOCH WOOD, D. D. Moved by Rev. R. Duncan, and carried unanimously:

"Whereas this Central Board of Missions has learned with profound regret that the Rev. Enoch Wood, D.D., Honorary Missionary Secretary of our Church, has suffered from a protracted and painful illness, from which we now rejoice to learn he is partially recovered;

"Resolved, 1st, That we hereby assure our beloved brother of our heartfelt sympathy with him in all his afflictions, and we fervently pray that the consolations of that Gospel which he has preached to others for so many years may abound to him in the days of his retirement from the work which has engaged the best energies of his life. We also pray that God may so far restore him to health as to enable him still to go out and in amongst us, and to lend the counsels of his wisdom and experience to the Church which he has served so faithfully and successfully in the past.

"Resolved, 2nd, That we hereby record our high appreciation of his spotless character and elevated Christian manliness, of his unvaluable services to every department of our Church work, and more especially to the Missionary Society, with which his name and memory will ever stand identified. And we pray that, when the Master shall call for him, 'an entrance may be ministered unto him abundantly in the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'"

THE LATE J. B. MORROW, ESQ.

Moved by the Rev. R. Duncan, seconded by Dr. Norris, and carried unanimously: "Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his wise providence, to take unto himself, since the last session of the Board, our beloved brother James B. Morrow, Esq., of Halifax, for some years and at the time of his death a member of this Board; therefore,

"Resolved, 1st, That the Board cannot permit its present meeting to close without recording its admiration of our departed brother's character, and its grateful recollection of the faithful and important services which, during a series of years, he rendered to the Board, and to the Missionary and general interests of our Church. During all their associations with their beloved and now glorified friend, the uniform impression made upon the members of this Board was that James B. Morrow was a humble and devoted servant of Christ—living in abiding communion with God—enjoying the power and peace, and bringing forth richly the fruits of the Spirit; that he was loyal and earnest in his attachment to his own branch of the Church, and generous in his sympathy with all; that he was ready at all times, and to the utmost of his ability, to serve the interests of this Society and aid its important work; and in their sorrow at the loss sustained by this Board, and by the Church at large, their own comfort is their solemn and grateful conviction that it may be said of him that he 'walked with God and was not, for God took him.'"

"2nd, That we deeply sympathize with the widow and children in the sudden and severe affliction which has come upon them, and that we bear them in our hearts before God, praying that the peace of God which passeth all understanding, may keep their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

"3rd, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be sent to Mrs. Morrow, with the assurance of our sympathy and prayers."

The remainder of the report is laid over until next week, awaiting the return of the minutes in possession of the Journal Secretary. W. J. HUNTER, Secretary.

WIT AND WISDOM.

"Are you lost, my little fellow?" asked a gentleman of a four-year old one day in Rochester. "No," he sobbed; "I-but my mother is."

It was a truth worthy of profoundest consideration, uttered by Dr. Lyman Beecher to a class of theologians: "Preach what burns in your soul. What kindles you will kindle the audience."

The man who is curious to see how the world could get along without him, can find out by sticking a cambric needle into a mill-pond, and then withdrawing it and looking at the hole.

Conversing with a poet this morning, he assured us that he "got father laid work of it at first," and made most of his effusions in print. Of late, however, he had taken rank with the first poets of the day, and his genius was falling like snow-flakes into the waste basket.

The small stones which fill up the crevices have almost as much to do with the fair and firm wall as the great rocks; so the right and wise use of spare moments contributes not a little to the building up, in proportion with strength, a man's mind.

Tommy is tugging away at another urchin who is pitifully crying on the ground.

"What are you doing, Tommy?" "O! only helping a fellow up." "That is right, Tommy. Now, take that as your motto through life, to help a fellow up."

Dr. Hastings, of Boston, in speaking of religious joy, and of singing as being the natural expression of that joy, remarked that some congregations had so little of it they had to hire people to do their singing. "Why," said he, "I would as soon think of hiring a man to eat my breakfast."

A gentleman lately took down verbatim the conversation of two fashionable ladies during a morning call, viz: "How do you do, dear?" "Pretty well, thank you." (They kiss) "How have you been this age?" "Pretty well. How have you been?" "Very well, thank you." "Pleasant to-day." "Yes very bright; but had a shower yesterday." "All your family quite well?" "Quite well, thanks. How is yours?" "Oh, very well, thank you." "Have you seen Mary B. lately?" "No, but I have seen Susan C." "You don't say so! Is she quite well?" "Yes, very well, I believe. (Rising.) "Must you go?" "Yes, indeed: I have seven calls to make." "Do call again soon." "Thank you: but you don't come near me once in an age." "Oh, you shouldn't say so, dear: I'm sure I'm very good." "Good-bye." "Good-bye, dear."

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