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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1888.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

This Association met with the second Cambridge Baptist church, on the 26th of June. The trip from St. John was a most pleasant one. The shores, as the steamer "Star" glided by, were one long panorama of various forms of verdure, spread over hills and meadow and long ribbons of islands. The river itself is a sea sheet of water. It was our first trip up the Washademoak, and was much enjoyed.

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This is a very painful case. We believe Bro. Coy is perfectly sincere. So, also, is the Baptist denomination. He thinks he cannot do otherwise and not violate his conscience, with his present view. The denomination cannot or cannot what they believe a harmful and disruptive error without violating their deepest convictions. So no other action could be taken on either side than was, he holding the views held. While the action is thus rendered necessary, let there be nothing but the kindest feeling with mutual respect and love. We very much hope that our brother may go away to the sure word of God for instruction rather than to an uncertainer experience.

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students from Acadia studying there take a higher rank than those from any other college in America. We are able to do all that has been outlined for us. Hon. Mr. Randolph, of Fredericton, has subscribed \$5,000. If all had his interest there would be abundance of means. God has set his seal in a wonderful way, on the work of our institutions, by saving multitudes of students. Instances were given. God planted these institutions to live. They are too much interwoven with the life of Christ's cause for him to permit them to die.

Bro. Gates: We, the younger men, have a great responsibility, because we inherit a legacy from the past. For us to suffer this legacy which has blessed us, to depreciate, will be a sin and a shame. All our institutions are one. Wolfville and St. Martins should and shall go hand in hand. The building at the latter place is beautiful for situation, and the best fitted for work of any, perhaps, in the Maritime Provinces. If the people would only come forward and pay the debt of \$10,000, the institution could be opened at once. The plan is for churches to pledge \$50 each, to furnish suites of rooms. An able staff of teachers can be secured, if we can but equip the institution and open it. Do not put a legacy in your will; but give now, to help the pressing need.

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CENTRAL N. S. ASSOCIATION.

(Continued.)

Saturday morning a most enjoyable and profitable prayer meeting was held at six o'clock, led by Rev. M. W. Brown. At 9.30 the Association convened, and was led in prayer by Rev. E. P. Caldwell. No invitation for next year having been received, the officers of the Association were appointed a committee to secure a place for meeting.

The subject for the morning session was the Sunday School Work. Rev. Daniel Freeman read the report of the committee.

Rev. E. P. Caldwell emphasized the fact that the S. S. worker ought to have definite aims in his work. That work he considered was threefold. (1) To lead to Christ; (2) to make intelligent Christians; (3) to make thorough Christians.

Rev. W. H. Cline thought an important aim of S. S. work should be to create and foster a love for the Bible. To effect this the teacher must be in love with the Word himself, and as far as possible know the Book. He urged also that great care should be taken to make the Sunday school service as worshipful as possible.

These addresses were followed by a number of short voluntary speeches, in which many superintendents and pastors participated.

Rev. E. T. Miller thought church members very remiss in their duty in not attending the Sunday school.

W. A. Porter argued that our S. S. work was the foundation of all denominational work and growth.

Rev. Walter Barse urged that the children ought not to stay away from the preaching service. He thought that if they could only attend one service, by all means let that be the preaching service.

Other addresses were given by Brethren A. F. Brown, J. W. Brown, Stephen Langille, J. W. Bards, Dr. Read, D. W. Cranall, L. L. Wood, and A. A. Place. At the close of the session a collection of \$24 was taken up for a Baptist meeting house at Mill Cove.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev. George Taylor, and was devoted to the question of "How to make the church work more efficient."

The Association was addressed by Rev. E. J. Grant, on "How to make the prayer meeting more efficient." Difficulties in the way of conducting the prayer meeting were referred to, after which the speaker urged the necessity of promptness in attendance; and in taking part in those meetings; of coming to the meeting in a devotional frame of mind, and of making the prayer meeting a means of spiritual refreshing.

After voluntary addresses by various brethren, Rev. Prof. Kierstead spoke on the topic of the "Spiritual life of the church." He thought that the style of preaching had much to do with promoting spirituality, and urged that the pulpit should even more fully hold up Christ in all the fulness of his person and grace as its great mission. The pastor's own spiritual life must be cultivated by devotional reading.

After further discussion on this theme, Rev. D. H. Simpson addressed the meeting on "How to reach the young people." He urged, that children ought to be led to Christ before going out into the sin of the world. That Sunday school work ought to aim more definitely at their conversion. That the children should attend the preaching service as more important for them even than the Sunday school. The Christian Endeavor Societies, modified to suit the needs of a particular field, were commended as helpful in reaching the young.

Several voluntary addresses were made on this theme, after which this very profitable and interesting session came to a close.

At the evening session the report on Temperance was presented, and followed by a well-written paper, by Rev. C. R. B. Dodge. The paper spoke of the importance and prominence of the temperance movement, and advocated entire prohibition as the only effective remedy for the evils of the liquor traffic.

This was followed by several very earnest addresses. After some routine business, the business part of the session was brought to a close.

THE WEEK.

The debate on the motion of censure on the British government, because of its Irish policy and the method of enforcing the Crimes Act, took place on Monday and Tuesday of last week. It does not seem to have been very spirited. At the close the government was sustained by a majority of 93. The Unionists voted solid with the Conservatives. As the motion was on the Irish policy, they have endorsed over an over again, no other result could have been expected. The Standard thinks Gladstone made a tactical blunder in pressing for a decision. He is too astute a parliamentarian to have done this without a purpose. It may be that he wishes to emphasize the fact before the country that the Unionists will endorse the most high-handed action of the Conservatives in Ireland, so as to make all Liberals to class themselves as Conservatives and treat their candidates accordingly. That this will be the result, may well be expected. Morley, in a speech at Chelsea, declares that the recent debate in parliament compelled the government to admit that the national league was still ubiquitous, and that crime in Ireland was dependent upon coercion. The action of the magistrates destroyed the

reign of law and substituted an arbitrary will of practically an irresponsible power.

The young Emperor of Germany has made his speeches before the two German houses. He surrounded it with as great pomp and pageantry as possible. His speech was more dignified than that to the army, and is said to have been pacific. He expressed the sentiment that the Emperor was the highest servant of the state, which is excellent. He read his address with his helmet on his head. It must have been a strange sight when he reached out his hand to Bismarck, and the iron chancelor bowed his aged head and kissed it.

The different parties of the United States are marshalling their forces. Senator Morton is the nominee of the Republicans for vice-president. And now will begin the scurrilous and blackening of character which are staples in the degraded politics of the time.

Mexico has had a terrible flood. In the province of Leon, more than 1500 have been drowned. One of the rivers is said to have been strewn with floating bodies.

His holiness the Pope seems to think more about the relation of the Papacy to politics than about its relation to God and heaven. He has issued an encyclical on the subject of Liberty. Its substance is that men have a right to have as much liberty as the Pope chooses to grant them, as of old, to crush men who opposed. Of course he feels himself persecuted. He is much like the man who has had his hands manacled, because he would commit violence, and feels much aggrieved because people will not let him treat them as he would.

Statistics of our Telugu Mission for the Year 1887.

Missionaries: Rev. G. and Mrs. Churchill, Native Preacher: G. Nurisiah. Colporteurs: Peter, Satya Vadhi. Bible Women: Siamma, Nila. Books sold: 1,796.

Average attendance at day school: 28.5. Names on Register: 44. Sabbath school, average attendance: 36.5. Children in Boarding Dept.: 5. Baptized during year: 1. Membership of native church: 17.

Missionaries: Rev. I. C. and Mrs. Archibald, Miss Wright. Native Preachers: 6. Colporteurs: 3. Christian Teachers: 2. Bible Women: 2. School: 5. Boarders at sometimes during year: 18; at present, 6. Collections by native church: Rs. 199, (\$79.60).

Baptized during year: 10. Membership of native church: 66. Outstations: 4.

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Ordination.

In compliance with a request from the Lakeville Corner and Mauderville Baptist churches, a council composed of ministers and delegates from neighboring churches met for the purpose of taking into consideration the desirability of ordaining Bro. E. H. Thomas to the work of the Christian ministry.

The meetings were held in the Lakeville Corner Church. Five ordained ministers, one licentiate and eighteen lay delegates were present, beside a large and interested congregation.

Rev. T. A. Blackadar was chosen moderator and J. W. Spurden clerk. An examination of the candidate was conducted by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, and was most satisfactory.

The ordination service was held in the evening, the house being crowded. The order of services was as follows: Reading of Scripture, Bro. C. P. Wilson, lic.; Prayer, Rev. J. H. Tupper; Sermon, Rev. W. E. McIntyre; Ordination Prayer, (at the laying on of hands) and Right hand of fellowship, Rev. T. A. Blackadar; Charge to the Candidate, Rev. W. H. Beckwith; Charge to the church, Rev. W. P. Anderson; Benediction by the candidate, A collection for Home Missions was taken amounting to \$7.

The kindness and hospitality of the good friends at Lakeville Corner and Sheffield was unbounded, and in returning home we felt that we had enjoyed a privilege in being able to attend the ordination of one who gives promise of such usefulness in the Master's service. J. W. SPURDEN, Clerk, June 25.

Jubilee Testimonies.

RIVERBIDE, A. Co., N. B., Feb. 22, 1888.

In my judgment it would be very difficult to over-estimate the benefits the denomination has received, during the last half century, from the work and influence of Acadia College.

They are vital and far-reaching. They touch the denomination at every point; and largely contribute to its success in all its work for God and the perishing—both in the home and foreign fields.

This will be clearly seen when we remember that a very large proportion of the men of standing and influence in the denomination in the Maritime Provinces—to say nothing of the scores of such men who have gone abroad—are men who have received an education within her walls; and very many of them, while there, were influenced and enabled to dedicate their hearts to God and their lives to his service.

But time and space fail me fully to describe the true indebtedness of the Baptists of our Convention to their educational Alma Mater. God grant us grace to gratefully respond to this indebtedness to Acadia this Jubilee year.

As to my personal indebtedness to the College, it is greater than I know, and yet I know it to be very great—greater than I should attempt fully to describe, even if I could.

If I ever have been, am now, or ever can be, of any service in the cause of God and the interests of my country, I owe it almost exclusively, apart from the special grace of God manifest in my conversion, to the work and influence of Acadia College. J. F. KENNEDY.

In regard to my "feelings of indebtedness to Acadia College in preparing me for the work of life," &c., I can only say that, next to God and my parents, I owe everything almost to Acadia College.

The work done there will stand favorable comparison with that of almost any other institution, judging it by the men graduated there. Indeed, the College has my warmest sympathies and best wishes, and I only regret my inability to do as I would like to do for it.

It is said that, "when the Lord visiteth his people, it shall be said that this and that man were born there, and the Highest himself shall establish her." And a College turning out such men as it does to the denomination, for its strength and establishment under God, cannot be too highly prized or generously supported.

W. H. PORTER, London, Ontario.

A Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barse celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Thursday last at their home in Wolfville. The event was made the occasion for a family reunion, and proved most interesting and successful. In addition to Dr. and Mrs. Barse, Miss Barse and Howard Barse, children residing in Wolfville, the guests included Rev. Walter Barse, of Hoesick, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barse, of Dartmouth, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. King, of Halifax, and Mr. and Mrs. William Chipman, of Bridgetown—all their children row livi g, except A. K. Barse, of St. Louis, who was detained at home by urgent private business, and Mrs. Walter Barse, and nearly all their brothers and sisters, now living, including Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Barse, of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Freeman, of Liverpool, Dr. and Mrs. F. Fitch, Dr. J. R. Fitch and Dr. Debiolis, Wolfville, and Mrs. F. R. Harris, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who represented a deceased sister, were all present, and took part in the celebration.

Several of these had been present at the wedding of fifty years ago, and their pleasing reminiscences of that event added much to the interest of the occasion. A company of twenty persons sat down at dinner. The dining room had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and white and golden flowers were prominent everywhere.

After dinner, Dr. Barse, on behalf of the sons and daughters, read an address of congratulation which was responded to by both "bride and groom." This was the signal for short speeches and presentations, and a pleasant and memorable hour was spent in which nearly all present participated. Mr. and Mrs. Barse were the recipients of many beautiful and appropriate presents. During the day, they also received numerous floral tributes of esteem, and congratulatory notes from many friends who remembered the day, and presented their good wishes by a personal call, or by letter, or telegram. Not the least prized among these expressions of regard was an affectionate and appreciative address presented by R. v. Dr. Higgins, a request and on behalf of the Wolfville Baptist church. First connected with this church fifty-five years ago, Mr. Barse is, at present, its senior deacon, and is now, and for twenty-eight years past, has been the superintendent of its Sunday school. He was, however, wholly taken by surprise by this tribute of esteem from his fellow Christian workers, and his response proved how deeply their thoughtfulness had touched him.

Mr. Barse, who is in comparatively good health although he has seen more than three score years of successful active life, was a leading merchant in Halifax, forty years ago. He retired from mercantile business and removed to Wolfville in 1850. Since then he has taken an active part in everything that would interest a public spirited citizen. His benevolence and

financial management in connection with Acadia college are well known and appreciated by the Baptist denomination. He organized the Wolfville bank agency, and was for many years the agent for the people's bank there. Of late years he has taken a active part in more public matters and, quite recently, at the annual meeting of the municipal council, served two terms as warden of the county of Kings where he is deservedly held in high esteem.

W. H. A. S. Meeting.

An interesting meeting of the W. M. A. Societies, in connection with the N. S. Western Association, was held in Clarence on Monday, 18th, at 1.50 p. m. Mrs. Eaton, of Lawrenceville, presided.

After the usual devotional exercises, Mrs. Mainwaring, in behalf of Clarence Society, gave an address of welcome to the strangers, to which Mrs. P. Foster responded in a very fitting words.

Mrs. H. E. Fitch gave the history of the Clarence society, reviewing the work done during the fifteen years of its existence, the undiminished interest that has characterized its meetings, the amount contributed \$500, &c., &c. Still the need of greater consecration to the Master's service.

Mrs. P. Foster reported from societies in Digby and Shelburne. Mrs. J. Rowe gave some information. Later on, Miss A. Parker read reports from a number of societies in Annapolis county which were of an encouraging nature.

A sacred song rendered by Mrs. N. Phinny and Mrs. Randall, followed by an essay "Woman's Service," by Mrs. Dr. Morse, of Lawrenceville. This excellent paper was much appreciated.

"From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung during the collection, which amounted to \$7.45.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. D. Price and seconded by Miss C. Porter. "That the thanks of the meeting be extended to the Association for the use of the church, in which to hold this meeting." This was heartily passed.

Mr. Hutchinson, returned missionary, being present, was called upon. He spoke of the Zimnana. The large opening for female missionaries who alone can have access to them. He read extracts from reports of Miss Grey and Miss Wright. He referred to his indebtedness to the Aid Societies, who had appropriated \$600 to the Chicoulet field, and ended by appealing to the sisters who had not united with the Aid Societies, to join them.

May the Lord bless every effort put forth for the furtherance of his cause, and we go on from strength to strength ever remembering the promise, "Lo, I am with you always." A. M. J.

From Amherst.

The S. S. Jubilee concert came off on Sunday evening, July 1, and as nice a time as ever we had the result—or one result. The others are, that the children themselves, as well as the parents and the public, received a lesson on the College never to be forgotten, and then there is a cash result of about 150 shares to the Jubilee Fund. We do not want all the glory, but hope that the other Sunday schools may follow suit, and help to swell the fund. Bro. Cohoon must take the consequences of his own gains, for he has taught the children to hold concerts for Home Missions, and must consent to have his programme held in a place for a little while.

Everything went off perfectly; a poem recited by Miss Fillmore, an essay by Mr. Freeman, A. B., principal of the academy here; an address by the pastor, on "How we came to have a College"; and a beautiful climax, consisting of an acoustic, A-O-A-D-I-A O-O-L-I-E-O-O-E, each letter being written on a fan-like paper, placed on the end of a wand, each being borne by a pretty little girl. The infant class also bore a conspicuous part in the singing of the choir, united with that of the children, was very fine—and the broad face of Superintendent Fitch beamed with satisfaction. It would have done the friends of the College good to have seen the meeting house packed full of interested people.

The credit of this idea is due to Mrs. Orress L. George, who, I have no doubt, would gladly give the program to any of our schools who may desire to hold a similar exercise. D. A. S.

Quarterly Meeting.

We have just returned from our quarterly meeting held in the church at Dumfries, York Co. This church is connected with the Queensbury field, and it is the smallest one of the group. Yet we found a snug, commodious house of worship belonging to this little church, all their own, and paid for. The presence of the Lord was manifested throughout all our services and good results may be expected from work accomplished there during the quarterly meeting.

The services of General Missionary McGreggor, who has been laboring in the county for a few weeks, has been abundantly rewarded and his presence among us was highly appreciated.

Owing to a serious difficulty long existing on the Queensbury section of the missionary field, a committee consisting of Brethren McGreggor, Blackadar and Thomas were appointed to look into the matter, and if possible, settle it; and at midnight, when the whole matter had been settled, and all had been forgiven, as they hoped to be forgiven, the committee and the three

brethren, long at had bowed together called upon God, to ratify and love, what had been "Praise God flow," was sung tune of "Old Hurd had ever heard it to God belongs the Having enjoyed services on the collected \$13. ministers, most of crossed over the field, and there old St. John, were, who stood silence, while Bro. Christ in baptism, Jenn, who, at the service, were rec ship of the Up church. A coll was then taken and the quarter meet with the ville in September.

T. A. S. Meeting.

since last report, E. R. Morse, Rev. G. R. White, Ray, Clarence, 8, burg, 2; Master Mrs. S. Hamilton, hall, Truro, 2; Mallory, do, 8; Walker, do, 10; wife, Gayboro, Digby, 1; Char Durkee, 2; Mr. field, N. B., 2; East Point Sand reported, 9, 918.

The time for is drawing fourth of the pledged. It is few weeks there hold of the wor It is expected that work in New Wallace in the interest of this will heartily re these brethren. of the College to swell the a contributions to others.

Hammonds Morrison—J. Parker, \$1. Sydney—Mrs. Creek—H. O. —Mrs. Oliver \$1. Red Point Antigonish—\$1. Brail Lake, Billtown—E. H. Mrs. G. J. McL. 50c. G. Irvine—Village—Mrs. L. —J. B. Knapp, \$2.00. Murray, \$2. Clarence—L. Saunders, 50c.

Lawrenceville \$5; Wm. Middle \$5; Edward Albert Beckwith \$1; Mrs. M. Chapman, \$1. Billtown—\$1; E. H. Hiley, \$1; M. P. \$1; J. E. Dunn \$1; J. E. Dunn 25c. Berwick Lawrence, 50c. —Wm. Miller Newcomb M. Norman Chute \$2, 50c; Byron —Mrs. Stephen Sibly \$5. Bro. A. O. Carter James E. Hall Mrs. Reed, 25c; yard, 50c; S. E. R. B. W. M. Ashby Beach Parson, 25c.ingham, 25c; Albert—John 50c. Bear River—Mrs. F. G. —Ferry—Geo. E. Capt Jos. Hall, Friend, 25c. \$1. Annapolis Mills, \$1; Th —Burpee Whit W. B. \$5; Rand, \$1; J. D. \$2; E. Sawyer reb, one 25c; 25c. (75c); S. Germany—G. —Geo. H. Gib with, \$1; Th \$1; Dan John

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