

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The late Rev. Dr. Silas T. Rand, of Hantsport, Nova Scotia, the distinguished Micmac and Algonkin scholar, was the first to suggest the proper meaning of the word "Quebec." The following letter from him to Dr. Theodore H. Rand contains additional information respecting the word which has never before been published :

"I answered your letter asking for the meaning of Quebec. I ought to have added, what I have never supposed to have been of so much importance as I perceive it is, on reading the article on Quebec in my *Gazetteer*. I had no idea that the tide ever flowed as far up as Quebec, 320 miles from the sea. Kweebec, in Micmac, means "the head of the tide," or rather (for it is in the case locative in this form), "at the head of the tide,"—Kweebao being the case positive. Now the question is, did the French, when they built the city, call it Kweebec or Kebbec? and does the tide flow no farther up? That the river contracts to a narrow place there is certain, and the Micmacs (and, as I suppose other Algonkins) call such a contraction Kebbek. You have now the whole case, as far as I am capable of presenting it, before you. I suppose, the name Quebec to be in spelling and pronunciation French, and therefore to be pronounced Kebbek. Had they pronounced it Kweebek they would have written it Quibec. Did they do so?

The Narrows, above Halifax, is Kebbec. Bedford, the "head of the tide," is Kweebek."

The Carey Centennial meetings held in Jarvis St. Church on the 16th and 17th inst., were a gratifying success. The programme had been carefully framed with a view to presenting the Biblical ground of missions, a sketch of missionary effort from the apostolic age to the present, with special attention to the movement inaugurated by Carey, and discussion of some of the leading problems that arise at home and abroad in the prosecution of mission work. When it is said that this programme was carried out with marked ability, it can be readily understood that the occasion was one of exceptional interest and profit. The expositions of the Scriptures by brethren Prosser and Dadson, and the paper on "Apostolic Missions," by Bro. J. J. Baker, were full of instruction and inspiration, while Bro. Macdonald's paper on "Bed-Rocks in Missions" was heart-searching and soul-stirring. The history of missions was outlined in most interesting and suggestive addresses by W. J. McKay, on "Medieval Missions," and A. H. Newman on "Antecedents of the English Baptist Missionary Movement," as well as by Bro. J. W. A. Stewart's noble lecture on Carey and his admirable paper on "The Beginnings of American Baptist Missions." This