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GENERAL AGENT.—Our dear brother, Rev. H. N. Parry, has been laid aside from his beloved work of preaching the gospel. Wishing still to be engaged in the work to which his heart is wedded, and believing that our denominational paper has a grand mission in helping to mould mind and heart for truth and righteousness, he has accepted a general agency for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. We commend him to our pastors and people as a brother beloved, and bespeak for him the same hearty co-operation which has been given the editor in seeking to put our paper into all our Baptist families, and in every business on its behalf he may undertake.

THE HOME OF THE HILL.—Those who were located in the Seminary building, during Convention, had reason to congratulate themselves. Mrs. Neily, the newly appointed matron, was uniting in her effort to add to the comfort of all, and Miss Wadsworth was affable and obliging. From what we saw, we are sure the young ladies who attend at Acadia Seminary will have a pleasant home. The guests showed their appreciation by a presentation to Mrs. Neily and a vote of thanks to Miss Wadsworth. It was with no little regret that the guests who had associated together during the Convention and Jubilee celebration, scattered. The last morning before leaving, at worship, and as the hymn "Shall we gather at the river" was sung, there were few dry eyes. All there felt they could respond "Yes, we'll gather at the river," and were ready to bless God.

THE ACADEMY AND SEMINARY.—The balance sheets of the Acadia Seminary, and Chipman Hall make a good general showing for last year. While there has been a deficit in the earnings of the Seminary as compared with the expenses of \$571.09, there has been a balance on the other side of the account in the business of the Academy and Chipman Hall amounting to \$1244.12, leaving a balance of earnings over expenses, in the three departments of \$663.03. This shows that our associate institutions at Wolfville are in a healthy state. At the same time, a balance of \$663.45 in expenses amounting to \$20,000, is a small margin, especially when the item of bad debts is to be deducted. There is no way in which our people can better help our institutions of learning than in sending their sons and daughters there.

APPROPRIATE.—A man in Finland has bequeathed his property to the devil, in recognition, it is supposed, of satanic help in acquiring it. The question now is, what is to be done with it. The *Christian Index* very aptly suggests it be devoted to establish a liquor school, as the devil will recognize this as the best use in his interests to which it could be put. The devil himself cannot question the correctness of this statement.

THE DISSENT OF THE AGENT QUESTION.—The discussion on the question of a Finance Agent at the Convention was given pretty fully in last week's MESSENGER AND VISITOR. It was thought that our people were generally interested in it, and that the brethren who were in the minority, especially, should have their objections to the change of policy made known to the denomination. At the same time, now that the calm stern thought has come, it is to be hoped that all ungenerous words will be regretted and forgotten, and all ungenerous suspicions be abandoned. On either side, there was abundant ground to entertain opinion in all good conscience, and to give it earnest support. While there may have been a mixture of feeling which could not bear the scrutiny of the divine eye, we are sure the controlling desire was to do what would be most for the advantage of God's cause and for his glory. No one in his calmer moments will impute anything sinister to a large portion of his brethren.

A WISE MOVE.—A committee was appointed at the Convention to arrange for a Ministerial Conference, in connection, we suppose, with the next meeting of that body. This is a wise move. We need a greater general sort of thought among our ministry. There is little now to stimulate this. Our pastors are shut in with their churches, except when they attend some business meetings of the denomination. There cannot be that mutual friction fitted to arouse the mind to its best effort. There is danger that the pastor become narrow, and a mere machine for grinding out sermons. While this is the great ultimate aim of all his efforts, so far as his own activity is concerned, he may become generally inert mentally, unless his mind be led out of this channel occasionally, to grapple with the practical and other problems which underlie much of his work as well as the moral welfare of the people. If our ministers could but meet, occasionally, and have the best minds present their maturest thinking, in handling some of these questions, there would not only be the practical help of the present-

tion, but the stir of thought which would lead to a great deal of general thinking. The discussions which would probably follow, would draw out the opinions as well as the powers of many more, and there might be much good, in various ways, expected. We hope our ministers may second whatever action the committee may take, with enthusiasm.

DR. DOWLING RESIGNS.—We informed the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, a few weeks ago, that Dr. G. T. Dowling, of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, had announced open communion views. Word now comes that he has resigned his charge of the church and is about to withdraw from our denomination. While many will be unable to see the consistency of his view, none will fail to recognize the honorable way in which he has acted. He coupled with his declaration of open communion views, the statement that he would withdraw from our body, did he find it in his acknowledged leaders did not think it fitting that he remain as an avowed open communionist. He now states the reply has come through the denominational press and from college presidents, that it is not fitting. He also speaks in warm terms of the kindness of the references to himself, while they are at the same time candid. It is a beautiful spirit of reciprocity of this fraternal feeling, he makes his resignation of his pastorate final, and prepares to leave the denomination with the most hearty good will to all.

The *Independent* is not satisfied with this, and urges upon him the duty of remaining in the denomination which has always repudiated open communion views, that he may, from the vantage ground of this position, all the more effectively combat the view the denomination is accepting him as one of its ministers, expected he would maintain. The ethics of the *Independent* are evidently faulty. It also refers to the many it supposes hold open communion views, in our body. But the fact that Dr. Dowling finds no waver of loyalty to the old doctrine, in preserving which they are outstripping all other bodies, shows that the *Independent's* view is only a conjecture, like others of the sort trumpeted abroad in the past.

THEY MEAN BUSINESS.—The Voice, the organ of the Prohibition party in the United States, made an appeal for \$46,000, to put its issues until the election day. It is presented into the hands of the 60,000 ministers of the country. The effort to raise the money has been pressed for months, and last week the last cent of this magnificent amount was subscribed. It shows the determination and enthusiasm of the Prohibitionists when they will give voluntarily this splendid sum. At first the Prohibition party was treated with silent contempt; now it is feared and abhorred by the partisans of the old parties, while it is receiving new accessions all the time from the most respected and honored men of the churches and of the country. Especially is it true that the ministers are declaring their adherence to it in large numbers.

PROPER BOSTON.—It appears as if Boston is to have no preaching in park or on common, or distribution of tracts. A gentleman has been in prison for some time for reading the scriptures without leave on Boston Common. The defence of the authorities in this case was that no permission had been asked. Now there is a new case. The Franklin Square Congregational church is located on Franklin Park, where crowds of non-church-going people congregate on the Sabbath. This church has asked permission to have preaching in the park. It has been refused in the curtest way by the commissioner. It thus appears that these gentlemen are determined there shall be no preaching outside of the churches, where they have control, leave being asked or not being asked. This reveals the beauty of government by a combined ring of ruffians and Catholics. How long the city boasts itself of its past record in the struggle for liberty will permit this, remains to be seen. These gentlemen may yet find that the descendants of the Puritans have not lost all of their ancestors' mettle.

TROUBLE BREWING.—The Romanists of Cuba seem to be determined to harass the Baptists there. They have secured the co-operation of the Captain General. The latest report is to the effect that the Baptists are not to be allowed to bury their own dead; but are to hand them over to the priests. This they are determined not to do. It was only through a misunderstanding that a serious conflict was prevented a few days ago. The priests, backed by soldiers, came to take the body of a dead infant away from the parents. The Captain General was appealed to, and his reply, in rather ambiguous terms, was interpreted in favor of the Baptists, though meant to be against them. This prevented a conflict for the time being, but the danger still threatens.

Our Darling.
Close the door gently,
Ere the break of day,
Our little carriage
Is taking with death;
Gently he woe her,
She wishes to stay;
His arms are about her,
He bears her away.
Come, stricken weeper,
Come near the bed,
Gaze on the sleeper:
Our idol is dead;
Smooth out the ringlets,
Close the blue eyes,
No wonder such beauty
Was claimed in the sky.

On earth she was joyous,
She ne'er gave a sigh,
Till the close of this life
With death very nigh;
Her prattle and song
No longer belong;
But to God and the angels
She ever will bring
This choice little song,
We oft heard her sing.
Our sweet little darling,
Now gone to the sky,
Is reigning with Jesus
In mansions on high,
Let us then plant the violet
Over her grave,
And let the tall willow
Gracefully wave.

W. B. M. U.

The Women's Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritime Provinces met in the Baptist church, Wolfville, Aug. 26, '88. Mrs. J. F. Marsters led the devotional exercises, after which the President took the chair and called for the enrollment of delegates. Miss Amy Johnston and Mrs. W. J. Stewart were appointed to secure the names.

List of names of delegates: Mrs. Frank Cunningham, Antigonish; Mrs. W. E. Hall, Sackville, N. B.; Mrs. J. F. Murray, Spring Hill; Mrs. C. Christie, Amherst; Mrs. I. R. Skinner, Witeberg; Mrs. G. O. Gates, Mrs. M. McDonald, Gorman St., St. John; Mrs. J. Rowe, Miss Rowe, Melver Square, N. S.; Mrs. P. R. Foster, St. Marys Bay, Mrs. E. C. Simons, Tusket; Mrs. Fannie Morrell, Freeport; Mrs. M. A. Munro, Westport; Mrs. O. H. Harrington, Sydney; Mrs. A. F. Oakes, Freeport; Mrs. L. C. Layton, Great Village; Mrs. William Church, Falmouth; Mrs. Monroe, Miss Monroe, Melver Square; Mrs. S. N. Jackson, Mrs. E. Eaton, Mrs. J. E. H. Mrs. E. J. Elliott, Clarence Aid Society, Mrs. S. B. Kempton, Casard; Mrs. Payzant, Mrs. Fobay, Mrs. Greenough, Windsor; Mrs. H. G. Mellick, Brussels St. church, St. John; Mrs. N. T. Wheeler, Fredericton; Mrs. J. T. Eaton, Lawrencetown; Mrs. J. I. De Wolfe, Hampton, N. B.; Mrs. I. W. Porter, Parraboro, N. B.; Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor, N. S.; Delegates Maritime Christian Temperance Union: Mrs. J. F. Marsters, Mrs. J. E. Masters, Miss Longmaid, Mrs. Holman, Leinster St. church; Mrs. J. McPherson, Mrs. G. B. Malloy, North Baptist church, Halifax; Mrs. M. Barker, Hantsport; Mrs. C. H. Haverstick, Bear River, Col. Co.; Mrs. E. O. Read, Berwick; Mrs. J. H. Kempton, Albert; Miss L. Stephens, Riverside, Albert Co.; Mrs. W. Bill, Billtown; Mrs. W. S. Sweet, Mrs. E. Healey, Mrs. L. S. Baynes, Mrs. Celine, Mrs. Wood, Halifax 1st church; Mrs. Nalder, Windsor; Miss Faulkner, Truro; Mrs. Kertell, Mrs. A. W. Ferris, Fairville; Mrs. Laver, P. E. I., North River; Mrs. C. B. Whidden, Antigonish; Mrs. J. O. Clarke, Mrs. J. C. Spurr, Bay View, P. E. I.; Miss E. Jackson, Miss A. Marshall, Wilmot; Mrs. Trefry, Mrs. Ketter, Bridgewater; Mrs. Brown, New Germany; Miss Crandall, Miss Stuar, Dartmouth; Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Port; Mrs. S. J. Nichols, Berwick; Mrs. L. J. Walker, Truro; Mrs. Jessie Harding, Mrs. Botoford Smith, Mrs. Chas. Christy, Amherst.

The nominating committee was appointed by the chair. Mrs. Jessie Harding, Mrs. J. F. Marsters, and Mrs. Lavers were named and retired at once to prepare their report. The Corresponding Secretary presented a synopsis of her report. It showed that the work taken up for the year amounting to \$3500 had been done well, and the money paid to the Foreign Mission Board, also that a donation had been made to the Home Mission Board of \$213.10, leaving a balance on hand of \$1265.65.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Manning, Mrs. Parsons presented her report. So highly satisfactory was it that the old docology was sung from full hearts. The report of the provincial secretary of N. B. was then given by Mrs. W. J. Stewart of Portland. It showed that there were 41 societies. There had been eight life members made during the year, and that \$1260.44 had been contributed. Mrs. Johnston, the provincial secretary of N. S., presented her report. It showed that there were 82 societies, they had made six life members, and had contributed \$2298.2.

The report from P. E. Island had not come to hand.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report as follows:
President: Mrs. M. W. Williams.
Vice presidents: Mrs. J. F. Parsons, Nova Scotia; Mrs. G. O. Gates, New Brunswick; Mrs. John C. Clark, P. E. Island.
Cor. Secretary: Mrs. John March, St. John.
Treasurer: Mrs. J. W. Manning, Halifax, N. S.

Antitor: Mrs. E. M. Saunders, Halifax.
Provincial Secretaries: Miss Amy Johnston, Dartmouth, N. S.; Mrs. E. Emerson, Dartmouth, N. B.; Miss M. E. Davis, P. E. I.

Changes made in the Ex. Board were: in the first division, Mrs. J. F. Kempton, instead of Mrs. Hewitt. No change in the second division. In the third division, Mrs. Mellick to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. G. O. Gates being made vice president. No change in the fourth division.

It was on motion accepted and unanimously adopted.
The work for the coming year as selected by the Ex. Board from the estimates of the missionaries, and endorsed by the F. M. Board, was presented by the secretary, and was as follows:

Miss Gray's Salary	\$ 500 00
Miss Wright's Salary	500 00
Female Helpers on the field	195 00
Travelling expenses	75 00
Schools	350 00
Mrs. Estlin on	400 00
Toward Male Missionaries Salary	1500 00
Books and Tracts	30 00
Making in all	\$3500 00

On motion it was unanimously adopted and taken up as the work of the year.

The Rev. A. A. Cameron, pastor of Winnipeg Baptist church, was introduced to the meeting and presented the greetings of the sisters of the Home Mission of the Northwest, and gave a short but interesting account of their work. He also gave a very interesting account of a German Mission with which he was connected.

Rev. M. Best, from the Northwest, was also introduced. He gave a very pleasing account of the mission work being done throughout that land, and showed on the map where those mission stations were located. There are 54, all of which are in very good condition, looking only in financial support. He said they would be strong self-supporting churches, if the proper aid could be given at once. Nine churches are to be organized shortly.

The report on Home Missions was then called for. Mrs. Sawyer said they were not ready, but would report on Monday. On motion it was decided to hold a session on Monday, at 11 o'clock. The same meeting at 1:30 o'clock. The collection at that meeting to be appropriated to the Northwest Missions.

ADJOURNED MEETING
held at 11 o'clock a. m. Monday Aug 27th. The president in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Joseph Kempton.

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The Report on the change in the Constitution so as to admit of taking Home Missions into our work was submitted by Mrs. Dr. Sawyer, and was unanimously accepted.

It was on motion decided that part of the Ex Board of the W. B. M. U. residing in Halifax, together with the county Secretaries of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, be a committee to look after the raising of funds for Home Missions.

It was on motion decided to have an article added to the constitution defining the duties of county secretaries. Miss Johnston, Mrs. Martell, and Mrs. Nalder were appointed to prepare such an article and submit it at next annual meeting.

The following resolution was read by Mrs. E. M. Saunders, and unanimously adopted. Resolved, "That the sum of four hundred dollars placed in the estimates of the Foreign Mission Board, and accepted by the Women's Baptist Missionary Union, to be paid to Mrs. Hutchinson, be so modified that payment may be made or withheld, as the Foreign Mission Board, in view of circumstances that may arise, shall deem expedient and right. And the Board are authorized to apply any part of said sum of four hundred dollars that may not be paid to Mrs. Hutchinson, to the salaries of the male missionaries."

MASS MEETING.
held in the Baptist church, Wolfville, Aug. 27th, the President—Mrs. M. W. Williams—presiding. Meeting was opened by singing the hymn beginning "Recue the perishing." The scripture was read by Mrs. Dr. McCree, of Boston, Mass.
An address of welcome was given by Mrs. Dr. DeBlois, and a suitable reply was made by the President, who also delivered an excellent address, taking up and replying to the objections made to our work as the Union is doing it, and showed most clearly that it is not apart from church work, but the very work which Christ gave to the church, and that we are

doing it in His way. The address will be published in full.

By Mr. Lavers read, by request, the Provincial Secretary's report from Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. John March read a report of the foreign work.

Mrs. Parsons, of Halifax, read the treasurer's report in full.

Miss Amy Johnston read a report from Mrs. Churchill of the work done in Babil, India.

A letter written to the secretary a week later by Mrs. Churchill, telling of the death of her only son, was read by Mrs. J. T. Eaton.

The following resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Churchill was unanimously passed: Resolved, That this Union place on record, and convey to our dear Sister Churchill, our deep and heartfelt sympathy with her in her late sad bereavement, in being called to part with her only son. That the everlasting love which he bore her place under similar trial in years gone by, and proved such an inspiration to her toilsome work, may at this time bring comfort and joy, we do all most earnestly pray.

A letter was read from the Charlotte W. M. A. S., which was very interesting indeed.

A collection was then taken up for the North West Mission amounting to fifty three dollars.

The following letter of greeting was read by M. Nalder, from the sisters of the N. W. Brunswick and P. E. I. branch of Methodist Missionary Society:

St. John, N. B., Aug. 23, '88.

"The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island branch of the Women's Society of the Methodist church," to the "Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist church," send greetings, and would express the cordial sympathy and interest they feel in the great and good work undertaken by our sister society. Believing as we do that the Great Father who recognizes no class or creed, but claims every true follower as his child, has, in an unmistakable manner, set the seal of his approval on this particular branch of his work, the evangelization of the heathen; it is with joy and thanksgiving we would clasp hands in Christian fellowship. Realizing as we do, at your denomination are the pioneers in missionary effort, by far the great work of the age, we feel stimulated by your Christ-like example to persevere in our efforts. Recognizing that the highest circumstances have presented us from being present, we prayerfully and hopefully ask that the divine blessing may descend upon your convention, and, with all similar societies, may bear a part in the fulfillment of that great prophecy, "The kingdoms of this world shall be given to our common Father and his Christ."

J. H. MacMILLAN,
Delegate N. B. and P. E. I. Branch Women's Missionary Society Methodist Church.

Mrs. Smith, of Windsor, presented the greetings of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the Maritime Provinces, and read a most excellent paper on women's work in all ages.

The President replied to the above greetings in a few well chosen words, and voiced the feelings of the Union when she bids both societies a hearty God speed in their work.

Mrs. Morrow, returned missionary from Burmah, was called upon and responded by reading a very interesting and instructive paper on her work among the Karens.

Mrs. George, also a missionary from Burmah, read a well prepared paper on the work among the Burmese. It is hoped that both papers will be published in full at the sisters not permitted to assemble in this delightful gathering might have the benefit of their contents.

Meeting adjourned to assemble Tuesday morning, Aug. 28th, 1888.

ADJOURNED MEETING

was held on Tuesday, August 28, in the vestry of the Baptist church, Mrs. Parsons, of Halifax, in the chair. After the opening exercises, Mrs. W. J. Stewart of Portland, read a very interesting paper on her visit to the Old World. It contained loving greetings from Sister Armstrong, the founder of our Aid Societies. It gave exciting pleasure to learn of her continued interest, although separated from us for years, and every heart responded to God bless and prosper her in all her work.

Mrs. J. F. Marsters read a report from Mrs. Sanford of Bimlipatan, India.

Mrs. Foster read a report of Miss Grey, of Bimlipatan.

Mrs. March read a report of Miss Wright, of Chicocole, India.

Mrs. Martell read a paper on "How can we best secure the co-operation of the women of our Aid Societies?" She began by saying that not more than one-fourth of the female membership of our churches was occupied in the work of missions. To interest the sisters in this great cause several things were needed: first, a more spiritual life, to raise us above the dead level with which we are too often contented. It is blessed to give even a cup of cold water, but let us not stop there if we can give more. Second, a knowledge of the work is necessary to co-operation. The field is the world, but how few realize it. Many sisters who, in their comfortable

Christian homes, have quick sympathies and ready hands to relieve the distress of want of a neighbor, never dream of going outside their limited experience to look for other cases, and never give a thought to their neighbors in India, China, or Africa, who are dwelling in ignorance and want.

Third, this end is to be accomplished by united effort. Union is strength. In the organization of the Women's Missionary Union, we want every woman to do her part to advance the Saviour's cause. Too often this is left to the pastor's wife, with one or two others to uphold her hands. Mission boxes are a great aid to giving, as many a woman would not give a dollar at any one time can put in the required weekly mite without a great effort. Having then opened at a quarterly meeting, also insure punctuality in paying subscriptions, which is very desirable. There are many sisters whose names are on the mission list, and yet who seldom or never appear at our meetings. In this regard I

I was decided to have mite boxes for use in our societies. A committee was appointed to furnish proper tags for those boxes and see to having them secured.

A discussion followed on the use of mite boxes; should they be used for subscriptions or for surplus money—bank drafts and spare coin, etc. Mrs. John Marsters, Mrs. Martell and Mrs. Clise spoke on the subject. It was finally decided that the society should use them as they thought best.

The matter of appropriating the surplus fund was then brought to the attention of the meeting and after some discussion it was decided to grant four hundred dollars to the building fund for Kinloch, which will make one hundred new in the bank in Halifax for that purpose. The remainder of the surplus to be kept in the hands of the Treasurer toward our work for the next year.

Mrs. Trefry, from Bridgewater, spoke with reference to the necessity of having a general agent for missionary visiting in each county. Also in reference to bringing the young into the mission, into the work. She thanked God she had lived to see the day when the women were doing such noble work. She had heard sisters' voices in England and America, and was not less proud to hear them in this meeting.

Rev. L. Bean, of the Grand Ligon Mission, was introduced to the meeting and gave a short address, expressing the hope that the sisters in the Maritime provinces would soon take an interest in the work so nobly begun by Madam Follen. He gave a short sketch of the work they were doing in trying to bring the French Catholic families to a knowledge of the truth. He said that fifty dollars a year would give a poor girl an education. The work, he said, was slow, but he was thankful that they had her a family, and there a boy or girl who has come over to the side of Christ. They could count, in different parts of the world, five or six thousand who owe their conversion to the school at Grand Ligon.

Mrs. Dr. Sawyer, in regard to the Jubilee Fund, stated that as the amounts received up to date did not come up to her expectations, and as only 35 or 40 churches had been heard from, out of 300, the list would be kept open for a few months, that all the sisters might have an opportunity to contribute, thus feeling that they had a share in the College work. Four hundred dollars had been received.

A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Amy Johnston for her faithful work performed as Maritime editor of the *Index*. She was also requested to continue in that work.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the ladies of the Aid Society of Wolfville for the choice music which they furnished during the meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Pastor and Trustees of Wolfville church in giving their building in which to hold their meetings.

A vote of thanks was passed to the friends of Wolfville for their generous hospitality.

The President in drawing the meeting to a close expressed much gratification at the interest shown by the delegates and reminded them that beside the mutual aid they were going to give this year the great work for them was to beseech the throne of Grace for the power of God to rest upon us. This was also the request of the missionaries and she trusted they would not forget it.

Meeting closed by singing the Duxology.
M. E. MARCH,
Cor. Sec'y of W. B. M. U.

P. S.—The Board of Directors of the Publishing Company granted the Women's Baptist Missionary Union a column weekly in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, in which to publish their work and to give missionary intelligence. It is a favor they received a very hearty vote of thanks.

Mrs. John March and Mrs. C. H. Mar' were appointed a committee to take charge of that work.