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—REV. F. H. BRALD, of Canada, in another part of this paper, raises a question in reference to Associations and District Meetings which, in our opinion, is worth considering. We have not space in this issue for any discussion of the subject, but we think a good deal may be said in favor of the view which Bro. Berald advances.

—THE value of the X rays as a hand-maid to surgery continues to be demonstrated. A London paper cites the following case in point. A son of Gen. Maurice, a subaltern home from India on leave, was thrown from his horse while hunting and injured his arm. The injured limb was so swollen that accurate diagnosis was impossible, but by the help of the Roentgen photography it was demonstrated that there was only a simple dislocation, instead of the dreaded compound fracture. Gen. Maurice is now warmly advocating the equipment of every hospital with the Roentgen apparatus.

—JAPAN with her enterprising and intelligent people, their aptitude for new things and her other natural advantages, is likely to become a successful competitor with European nations in the production of many lines of manufactured goods. Late advices from that country say that the Japanese papers are inciting their people to develop the cotton weaving industry in competition with the English. They point out that, with plenty of coal and with cheap skilled labor, Japan, even though obliged to buy her looms abroad, should soon be able to develop into an important cotton weaving country. At present Japan has to import great quantities of cotton goods from England.

—HAROLD FROBERG, the London correspondent of the New York Times, gives evidence to a report that Great Britain and Germany have arrived at an understanding in regard to the partition of Eastern Africa. According to this report, Germany will buy the Italian possessions on the Red Sea and assume Italy's claims to Abyssinia; England will conquer the Sudan for Egypt, and Germany will also withdraw its opposition to England's acquisition of that strip of territory on the eastern end of the Congo Free State needed to fill the gap in the English line from Egypt to Cape Colony. This accords with Salisbury's definite admission that his purpose is the complete conquest of the Sudan.

—THE Montreal Witness intimates that the conditions connected with Mr. W. C. McDonald's gift of \$500,000 to McGill University, announced some months ago, have been met and the receipt of the money is assured. The conditions attached to the \$500,000 of the half million, \$150,000 having been paid into the treasury of the University some time ago. A great part of the sum now secured will be appropriated, it is said, to the erection of a chemical building. The structure will be imposing, and as regards equipment it will be superior to any similar building on this continent. Mr. McDonald, with two members of the McGill Faculty, are now making visits to the great universities of the United States, gathering ideas as to the construction, etc., of the building.

—EXCAVATIONS have been in progress at Silchester, England, for several years past and about one half of the ancient city has been explored. The section in which the work of the excavator has been prosecuted is found to have been occupied by dyers chiefly. In connection with the ruins of two large houses mosaic floors were found, also a small chapel containing the base of a shrine for the household gods. Among the discoveries was a part of a force-pump, believed to be the first example of Roman hydraulic machinery discovered in Britain. The most beautiful discovery is a small pillar-moulded bowl of deep sapphire blue, streaked with white and yellow spots, which fortunately has been perfectly restored. Very interesting are the trinkets—bangles, rings, safety pins, tweezers, keys, etc., also a number of coins from Hadrian to Magnentius, A.D. 117 to 353.

—THE announcement of Dr. W. S. McKenzie's death, though it was generally received without surprise, could not but awaken tender memories and a feeling of personal bereavement in the hearts of many in these provinces with whom he had formerly been associated in social relations and in Christian fellowship and work. Dr. McKenzie was a man worthy of the trust and the high esteem with which he was honored by his brethren. A man of vigorous intellect, of liberal culture, of kindly and generous disposition, loyal to the truth, an able preacher, a vigorous writer, with poetic faculty which he delighted to employ in the

praise of God,—he was one in whom we Maritime Baptists have felt a pardonable pride and for whom we have reason to feel grateful. The fitting tribute to the worth of our departed brother which appears in another column, from the pen of Dr. Steele, of Amherst, makes it unnecessary for us to say more here except to express our Christian sympathy with Mrs. McKenzie and the other members of the family so sadly bereaved. In this expression we know that many friends of Dr. McKenzie and his family, in St. John and other parts of these provinces, will desire sincerely to unite.

—THE Jewish Chronicle thinks that events connected with the Car's coronation indicate that the Jews of Russia have some ground for hope. It says: "The invitation graciously extended to three Jewish rabbis to represent their congregation at the coronation is a significant illustration of the liberal tendencies of the new reign. The complacency, we believe, unprecedented. The importance of it can only be properly estimated by those who know the views which have hitherto prevailed in the highest Russian circles. . . . The Car is a young man open to new impressions, and it is scarcely likely that the necessities of the New Russia will have to meet in his mind any of those prejudices which an older generation has developed under different conditions. The policy of his government in this respect interests not only his own Jewish subjects, but the Jews of the world. The centre of gravity of Jewry is in his dominions, and it depends very much upon him that form the Judaism of the future will take."

—ALLUING to the theological students who have finished their course and have been within the last few weeks the recipients of much sound advice from their teachers, the Watchman remarks: "We do not wish to add to their burden but there is one counsel that may not have been sufficiently impressed, and that is that it will be wise for them to assume that they are not entitled to receive anything from the hands of their fellowmen because they have graduated from a theological seminary and have been ordained by a council. The question mark of ministers today is not from what school they graduated, but what they can do. Can they preach? Can they influence men? Can they administer the church? Can they represent Christ? The world has very little use for diplomas. Some of the most conspicuous failures with which we are acquainted have been men with all the credentials, not even omitting the two D's, but they did not know how to do the things they were supposed to do."

—THE Methodist Conference of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island has been in session in St. John during the past week. Many of the pulpits of other denominations were supplied on Sunday last by ministers in attendance at the Conference. Rev. Dr. Carman, of Ontario, General Superintendent of the Dominion Conference, was present. His sermons and addresses were characterized by his customary boldness and forcefulness of speech. In an address before the Conference on Thursday, dealing with the mission work of the church in the Northwest, Dr. Carman strongly expressed his opposition to any interference with Manitoba in the matter of her public school legislation. "It has no objection to separate schools, provided the people who wanted them paid for them and controlled them, but he did object to the machinery of the state being employed in connection therewith in any form whatever. There would never be peace in this country on any other basis but perfect equality under the law."

—THE New York Evangelist thinks that the course being pursued by the International Sunday School Association calls for criticism. The Association, the Evangelist says, the churches have trusted implicitly as standing for the best possible Sunday school instruction. "They have used its lessons and have given it almost exclusive charge of the Biblical instruction of the young, in perfect faith that it would afford them the best means of Bible study. The conspicuous failure, however, to discuss systems of Bible study in any recent triennial convention, combined with the want welcome, or, rather, positive disfavour, with which the bare suggestion of anything different from the uniform lesson was received at the meeting in St. Louis three years ago, is likely to shake this confidence very seriously. There are (1) that it stands for the best possible Sunday school instruction, whatever that would be; (2) that it stands for the uniform lesson because it believes that to be the best; and (3) that it stands for the uniform lesson, whether it is best or not. If the first of these ideas is the controlling one, the convention can hardly fail to give heavy weight

to our suggestion that it make exhaustive inquiry as to what the best available system of Bible study really is, and take such action as may be necessary for its adoption."

—HOR. WILLIAM MCKINLEY, of Ohio, is the Republican candidate for the presidency, having received the nomination of his party at the St. Louis convention last week on the first ballot. The other candidates nominated were Read, of Maine, Morton, of New York, Quay, of Pennsylvania, and Allison of Iowa. The result of the ballot was for McKinley, 661; Read, 84; Morton, 68; Quay, 61; Allison, 35. The candidate chosen for vice-president is Colonel Hobart, of New Jersey. The platform adopted by the convention declares that the existing gold standard should be maintained, opposes free coinage of silver, pledges protection to American industries, favors reciprocity and just retaliation, endorses the Monroe doctrine, extension of civil service, opposes the use of money for sectarian purposes, favors liberal pensions and restrictions of immigration. On "the financial plank" of the platform, a minority offered the following amendment: "The Republican party authorizes the use of both gold and silver as equal standard money and pledges its power to secure the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at our mints at the rate of 16 to 1." This amendment was rejected and the financial plank was adopted by a majority of about 3 to 1. Five silver delegates to the number of 75 or 80 withdrew from the convention, under protest and declaring that they would not endorse the nomination. The bolt in the party is, however, not serious enough probably to endanger the election of the party's candidate. It does not appear probable that the Democrats will develop any great strength for the contest and McKinley's election may be regarded as a foregone conclusion.

The Late W. S. McKenzie, D. D.

The demise of Dr. McKenzie, of the Missionary Union staff in Boston, is a distinct loss to the home work of Foreign Missions among the Baptists of New England. Many friends in the Maritime will mourn his too early removal. Bro. M. was a bluenose and never forgot it. He was always at home among us, and we always welcomed him to our pulpits and homes. His unpretentious manner, his calmness, his brilliant parts came out in his posthumous translations of Latin hymns, as well as in his admirable prose. He was naturally a writer, and he was a diligent student every week contributing some article of worth either upon his own special work, or on some general religious topic. He had a penchant for hammering at shams, and was never happier than when denouncing some monstrosity in the religious world. He could upturn the world of satire with good effect; but without there was a broad humor that amused friend and foe.

Mr. M. was a fine specimen of the Christian—minus fads. His religion was of the positive order. He knew what and whom he believed; and loved to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. His life was a study in earnestness and devotion to his chosen work of propagating germinal missionary ideas. This was the labor of his life. Pastor, editor, general literary man, all were merged for the best quarter of a century in the indefatigable servant, late and early, endeavoring to impress the people with the absolute need of obeying the Savior's command to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

My dear friend has told me how he was converted under the ministry of our mutual friend, the late Dr. S. T. Rand at Liverpool, N. S. His father, formerly of the Royal Navy and an old "bluenose" man, who left that ship after the victory over the "Chesapeake," had little sympathy with the Baptists; and so the son left home in the early Sunday morning, and by under a boat at the shore until the time for baptizing came. He afterwards went to Horton Academy and there with (Sir) Charles Tupper, (Dr.) George Armstrong, (Dr.) deBolis, and other kindred spirits, made his first attempt to mount the rugged steep. Afterwards he entered Harvard, and was a class mate and life long friend of Phillips Brooks, *par nobis fratrum*.

Being in Boston last year at this time, he told me of his wife's illness, and how he was nursing her, but she was raised up to wait on him through the long and severe illness, which has terminated fatally. Many of our readers will unite in tendering their sympathies to Mrs. McKenzie and family in the removal from their side of one of the best of husbands and fathers. D. A. STEELE.
Amherst, Jan. 18, '96.

PERSONAL

Rev. H. G. Estabrook has been formally welcomed as pastor of the Pentecostal church. Bro. Estabrook is a man of sterling qualities, and excellent results are to be expected from his ministry.

Dr. Carey, of Brussels St., St. John, and Rev. W. B. Hissop, of Moncton, exchanged pulpits last Lord's Day. Mr. Hissop preaches to large congregations. He was listened to with great interest, and we hope also with great profit. The Brussels St. pastor, we may be sure, did not fall to have an appreciative audience in Moncton.

Report on Education.

Presented at N. S. Western Association by Rev. A. T. Dykesman.

A great writer has said that "man is a compound being created to fill that wide hiatus that must otherwise have remained unoccupied between the natural world and the spiritual."
Every man then, if this be true, is connected with two worlds, and should seek to do his best in the accomplishment of the highest and most work for himself, for others and for God. He should endeavor to do that which is most beneficial to himself, most helpful to humanity, and most glorifying to God. He should put himself in the way of possessing and using the greatest possible influence and power for good. Every person possesses resources, power, latent forces. He is reluctant to duty who lets any opportunity slip by unembraced, that would tend to the development of his power, and the unfolding of these latent forces. With all there should be rapid evolution of mind and character. God has endowed man with great moral and intellectual facilities which He would have employed for high and noble ends. True enlightenment and expansion is essential to the best performance of their proper functions. If man possesses latent power it should be converted into actual dynamic force. This is done through education. True education has to do not only with worldly business capacity but also with principles and character.

Webster says that "To educate is to lead out and train the mental powers, to inform and enlighten the understanding to form and regulate the principles and character to prepare, and fit for any calling or business or for activity and usefulness in life." According to this definition true education has to do with disciplining the feelings, restraining the passions, inspiring true and worthy motives, instilling profound religious ideas and convictions, and inculcating a pure and Christian morality.

True education is essential. (a) To one's own enjoyment. A great philosopher once asked what good his education did him answered "It enables me to keep company with myself." It says "A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone." An educated man holds communion and fellowship with other minds and other worlds. A trained mind can see more in the works of God and man than an untrained mind. Milton in Paradise Lost says: "The mind is its own place, and in itself Can make a heaven of hell; a hell of heaven."

(b) A true education is also essential to nobility of character. A contemplation of greatness makes one great, a beholding of high and lofty things makes one high in his ideals, and lofty in his aspirations. A trained mind is capable of higher ideals and loftier aspirations than any untrained mind, and who will surely make a noble and noble aspirations do not tend to a development of moral character. "As a man thinketh so is he."

True education makes the ideals of the soul high, its aspirations holy, and its goal Christlikeness. Now where can such an education as we have outlined be obtained? Where there is a school to which we can send our young and young women where the pure morality will be inculcated, where a profound religious feeling will be instilled, and where true and worthy motives will be inspired? Your committee answer unhesitatingly at Wolfville, Acadia College is a characterful school, and devotion to his chosen work of propagating germinal missionary ideas. This was the labor of his life. Pastor, editor, general literary man, all were merged for the best quarter of a century in the indefatigable servant, late and early, endeavoring to impress the people with the absolute need of obeying the Savior's command to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Dr. Harper of Chicago University, says: "Acadia College has done an immense work for the cause of education and the cause of christianity."
Dr. Strong of Rochester Theological Seminary, says: "I have of late years had many of her graduates among my students and I am sure that no college whatever has furnished our Seminary with better scholars or better men."
How proud we ought to be of such an institution. The moral and religious life of Acadia University is exceptional. The Faculty of the College and teachers of Academy and Seminary are professing christians. About 800 of the graduates, and a large number who have studied at Acadia College in characterful men, have entered the Christian ministry. The record of the past year compares favorably with former years. The number in attendance at the College during the year just closed was 120. Twenty-eight of these graduated and received their diplomas. Bible study has been prosecuted throughout the year, each class receiving instruction therein.

Your committee regret to learn that Dr. Sawyer, who has so successfully filled the important and responsible position of President of the College for twenty-seven years, has resigned that position; but are pleased to learn that his services are still to be retained as professor, filling as before the chair of psychology and christian evidences. During his term of office all the buildings now on the Hill have been built, and the attendance at the College increased four-fold. How much our denomination and College owe to Dr. Sawyer's eternity alone can reveal.

SEMINARY

The number in attendance at the Seminary during the year is 110. The religious life of the Seminary has been characterized by earnestness and sincerity. Five of the students have been converted and united with the Wolfville church. Miss True, the new principal has given great satisfaction to the managers, patrons and pupils.

GRADUATE
The number attending the Academy last year was 58. It should have been 158.

Forty of the students are members of churches; fourteen of them are looking towards the ministry. Twenty expect to enter college in the autumn, having successfully passed their matriculating examinations. The prospects for a good attendance next year are highly encouraging. This school supplies more than half the students who enter the College, and its existence is believed to be vital to the success of the College.

CONCLUSION
In pressing the claims of Acadia University upon your attention, your committee would emphasize the fact, that such institutions are "bulwarks to character and conservators of moral forces fraught with immense gain and immeasurable by mathematical science."

The needs of our schools at Wolfville are two-fold.
1st, more students are needed. Our Academy and Seminary should be filled with bright young men and young women such as we have in abundance in the Maritime Provinces. With fine buildings and equipments, with the best of locations, with excellent advantages of every description, it is a shame that these schools are not filled to their utmost capacity.

2nd, More money is needed to satisfactorily carry on the work. The College should receive \$4,000 annually from the churches to enable it to pay its way. So far this year it has only received \$1,163. Some effort should be made soon to increase the endowment. The signatures of the schools are doing their best to make our institutions at Wolfville second to none in the Maritime Provinces. With more students and more money and with the united prayers and hearty co-operation of our pastors and churches, this much-to-be desired end can ere long be attained. God grant that such may be the case.

York and Sanbury Quarterly Meeting.

York and Sanbury quarterly meeting convened with the Hargreaves church, on 10th A special meeting was held in the afternoon and a goodly number took part. In the evening, the appointed preacher being absent, F. D. Davidson spoke to a good congregation. Wednesday morning the business of the quarterly was taken up by appointing M. S. Hall president pro tem. Eighteen delegates were enrolled and the reports from the churches were of an encouraging nature. Rev. G. E. Stevens had resigned at Moncton and Rev. George Howard had received a call from that church and had accepted same. The social or conference meeting in the afternoon was a season of spiritual blessing. The services were ably assisted by Rev. J. H. Hughes with us and to have his words of comfort and encouragement. Rev. A. Freeman read a sermon outline on Jer. 2: 2, which was a grand exposition of that scripture and was ably spoken of by all. F. D. Davidson also read a paper on family worship, which was spoken to by a number of the brethren. Rev. J. D. Freeman was called back home to the great disappointment of all. Rev. J. H. Hughes preached a strong and helpful sermon in the evening to a full house. Rev. C. C. Burgess having arrived at a late hour, assisted at the evening service, also Carey Barton, Lic. The hospitality of the people was unbounded and all the delegates enjoyed the quarterly very much. Rev. J. D. Freeman, F. D. Davidson and Bro. M. S. Hall were appointed a committee to locate the next quarterly and arrange programs, etc. F. D. Davidson, Sec. Treas.

Quarterly Meeting.

Pursuant to appointment, the Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties Baptist quarterly meeting convened with the Hodgdon and Richmond Baptist churches on Friday the 12th. At 7:30 p. m., preaching by Rev. J. B. Morgan, inspiring and practical, followed by social exercises. Prayer-meeting Saturday morning at nine, conducted by brethren Worden and Barton. Business meeting at ten, Rev. Calvin Currie, president in the chair; minutes of last meeting approved. Next quarterly meeting to be held at the Rockland Baptist church. Rev. J. H. McDonald was appointed to preach the quarterly sermon. Rev. E. C. Jenkins to preach on Tuesday evening; Rev. J. B. Morgan, was appointed to preach the missionary sermon. Rev. J. C. Blakney, read a very excellent exegesis of the first six verses of the sixth chapter of Romans, a very interesting and profitable discussion followed. A report from the churches of the quarterly meeting was given by the brethren. The conference in the afternoon was more than ordinary. Rev. J. A. Cahill preached the missionary sermon in the evening, followed by addresses from Rev. J. H. Hughes and A. F. Baker. Sabbath morning prayer-meeting at nine, preaching at 10:30 by Rev. J. Hughes, John 4; at 2:30 p. m. preaching by Rev. J. C. Blakney and at 7:30 the writer presided. These sermons were spiritual presentations of divine truth, delivered in power and demonstration of the Spirit. At the close of the Sabbath evening sermon, Bro. Barton conducted an evangelistic service. The choir rendered valuable service by the selection of suitable pieces. This quarterly meeting was much more than ordinary in spiritual power and excellence. The pastor and people made most ample provision for this meeting, and gave us a cordial reception and a most beautiful hospitality. The collections for Home and Foreign Missions were \$12.25. Tros. Todd.
Woodstock, June 17th. Sec. Treas.

G. E. Dun & Co. report 28 Canadian failures this week, against 31 in the corresponding week last year.

W. B. M. U.

FOR THE YEAR
Laborers together with God.

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John's Ave., N. B.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE

For Brother and Sister Carey at Port-au-Prince and that those who wish to contribute may have the privilege of removing. That all our associations may be directed by the Holy Spirit and their influence tell for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

These meetings during our associations should be the subject of our constant prayer. Let all the sisters who can possibly attend make an effort to be present. We hope that each W. B. M. U. S. has appointed their delegates and that verbal reports will be given by all present. If no person can attend, be sure and send a written report. These meetings should be seasons of great power and blessing. Grand opportunities for service, that should be wisely improved for the Master in stimulating each other to renewed effort and zeal in this great work given us to do. We have much to encourage this year. Let us not fail to give thanks and go forward. Glad to hear of the grand ladies' meeting at the Western Association in Niagara. Wish a full report had reached us for the column this week. Will the secretary of the society where the meeting is held please send report, and see that it is done immediately after the meeting. State reports are so disagreeable.

The following are the notices for the ladies meeting during the several associations: N. S. Central, Monday, the 29th of June, at Gasperaux; N. S. Eastern, at Homeville, Cape Breton, Saturday, July 11th; N. B. Western Association at Doaktown, Saturday, June 27th; N. B. Southern, at Hampton, Saturday, July 11th; N. B. Eastern, at Port Elgin, on Saturday, July 18th; P. E. I. Association at Alexandria, Saturday, July 4th. These meetings will all commence at 2 p. m.

Have-look.

Knowing how encouraging and interesting the communications which appear in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR from sister Aid Societies, I thought perhaps an account of the society at Have-look, N. B., would be of interest. The W. B. M. U. together with the Mission Band gave an entertainment in the vestry of the Baptist church here on the evening of May 28th. Our president, Mrs. W. T. Corey, who is a very zealous worker in the cause, presided, and a carefully prepared program was carried out, consisting of singing, readings and recitations, after which refreshments were served. The money collected through the efforts of that meeting, together with other contributions handed in lately, amounted to \$22.50. Our meetings are fairly well attended by the faithful few. At our last monthly meeting two sisters joined our number, so we are not discouraged but try to press on, praying that the Lord will bless every effort put forth for the advancement of mission, and that the light of the glorious gospel which has shined into our hearts, may speedily dawn in the lands which are now enveloped in spiritual night. A. MANNA.

A Plan.

In reading the several appeals from the different Boards for Home and Foreign Missions and other branches of denominational work, I have asked myself the question what can be done to help swell the funds for which there seems to be such a need, and I have thought why not the associations to be held throughout the several sections of the provinces advertise and hold each an associational pie social. Have the admission fee in accordance with the ability to pay, so as ministers with their wives and delegates from the several churches will have an opportunity to pay into the Lord's treasury, and so cause His work to go forward. Visitors and others to and about the associations, to have the same privilege as above then after the disposal of the pie and drink an auction sale be had to dispose of any articles such as aprons, tidies, lamp mats, baby shoes, and other articles of clothing the good people feel disposed to have sold for the good of the spread of the gospel of salvation through Jesus, who said you are not of this world, if you was of the world the world would love his own; but because you are not of the world, I have chosen you out of the world, the world therefore hates you. And then at the convention have a grand tea social and fancy sale, with a programme consisting of comic dialogues, recitations and sentimental songs and soles. In each case have a few pieces of sacred music so as it will have the approval of christian ministers of the leading churches leading off in the several branches above named, and I feel confident that there will be an inflow of money in the church treasury unheard of in so short a time. And the world and many professing christians will pat the ministers and other leading christians on the back and say that's the way to get money, its foolish in this advanced age to comply so strictly to the Bible way of raising money for church work. Let us hear from our ministers on the above plan and greatly oblige. TOS.

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