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The article in the constitution relating to the quorum was changed to five. The following resolution was unanimously passed:

"That we have heard with great pleasure the statement of Miss Cassie Canning, with regard to preparing herself for work on the Foreign field, and we desire to express our cordial approval of her purpose and hope she may soon be able to devote herself to the work to which she feels called."

Mrs. W. H. Porter, from Ontario, was invited to a seat, and presented the greetings of their Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. Wardwick from Boston was invited to a seat, and addressed the Union at some length.

Mrs. Chubbuck was invited to a seat, and spoke in a very pleasing manner. Miss Canning was also invited to a seat, and addressed the meeting.

The public annual meeting of the Union was held in Leinster Street Church, on Monday 23rd, at half past two, the President in the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn beginning with "Rock of Ages." The Scripture was read by Mrs. J. E. Hopper, and prayer offered by Mrs. Spurden. An excellent address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. E. Hopper. The President replied in a few well chosen words, and then proceeded to deliver her annual address, which was full of instruction.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was then read. (This will appear in the Messenger and Visitor of next week.) On motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Nalder, of Windsor, read the Nova Scotia report. It showed that there were twenty-two societies in the Province, and that thirteen had been added this year, and more money raised than last year.

Miss A. Hooper read the P. E. I. report. It was also encouraging. More money raised than usual. Mrs. Emerson read the New Brunswick report. The work done for the year highly encouraging.

Mrs. Manning, Treasurer of the Union, reported from the Societies and donations \$3,115.18, making an increase over last year of \$321.43.

Mrs. John Wright read a paper entitled "Christ the Missionary." A pleasing report of the self-sacrificing labours of our Saviour's career on earth.

Mrs. O. W. Gates, of Newton Centre, Mass., on being introduced delivered a most excellent address on "The Importance of Women in the Foreign Mission Field."

Mrs. Gates spoke of the great work being done by the W. C. T. Union the world over. The work of missions is now being carried on by women. The church of the next century will be more of a mission church than to-day. The church of God is finding itself in every section of the world. Our civilization is based on Christianity. The great mission field to-day is China, and heathenism is slowly but surely going down before the Christian missionaries. The gospel with all its influence must be pushed into their foreign lands with zeal.

Mrs. Gates was proud to join hands with the Missionary Societies of the Dominion in helping to spread the Gospel through the world.

Mrs. Weymann, of Apohaqui, Kings Co., was introduced, and spoke at some length of the work being accomplished under the Free Baptists in India, referring especially to Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, and Miss Hooper, who had accomplished a great work, and to Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, who were about being sent out. The presentation of their work was very gratifying.

A solo was given by Mrs. Alfred Seely. A paper was read by Miss Amy Johnson of Dartmouth, subject, "Home element in Foreign Missions," which was full of practical suggestions and would be valuable published in pamphlet form.

After the collection the meeting adjourned to reconvene on Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 3 p. m.—The President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Emerson. Papers were read by the Corresponding Secretary from Miss Grey, Miss Wright, and extracts from a letter from Mrs. Hutchinson, all of which will be published.

Mrs. Sanford delivered a very choice address. She had been home four years, and was about returning. She knew she would be welcomed by all the lovers of the dear Saviour.

Mrs. Churchill also delivered a farewell address, which was listened to with great pleasure. Both these addresses will be published.

Mrs. Gates, from Newton Centre, being called upon, spoke, addressing herself especially to the young ladies. Every Christian woman should ask herself, Does the Master want me? Christ has a

better service for you than the cultivation of music and art. While these are good, He has a special work for the young ladies of the Maritime Provinces. The Foreign Mission field needs many laborers. Is the Lord not calling you?

Mrs. Allwood gave a very touching farewell address to the missionaries Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Sanford who are about to return to India.

Mrs. Dutton of Houlton, Maine, spoke of the Foreign work in a very pleasing manner and encouraged the workers to renewed energy.

Mrs. J. W. Manning announced that since coming to the city she had received a donation from Mrs. Herpath of New Zealand toward our work.

Mrs. A. W. Sawyer moved a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Currie and Mrs. George.

The resolution was unanimously adopted. On motion of Mrs. Pipes, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the thanks of this Union be given to Miss Amy Johnston for having conducted the correspondence of the Link during the year, and requests her continuance in that work."

Mrs. John March was unanimously elected delegate to the Foreign Missionary meeting of the F. C. Baptists, which meets in Carleton in October.

A resolution of thanks was moved by Mrs. Higgins, of Wolfville, to the ladies who had given us such instructive papers, and stimulating addresses, and to Mrs. Seely for her service of song, and to the ladies of Brussels Street Church for their kind welcome; to the trustees of Leinster Street Church for the use of their house; and to the daily papers for their reports of the meetings. Passed unanimously.

The President read a communication from Dr. Sawyer, stating that the Home Mission Board was in debt over \$2000, and asked if the sisters could not do something to help. A number of the ladies spoke warmly in favor of the Home work, and sixty dollars were pledged at once, and a part paid over into the hands of the treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Manning.

A committee, consisting of Mrs. A. W. Sawyer, Miss Amy Johnston, and Mrs. John March, was appointed to take into consideration the changing of the constitution, so as to make the Union a permanent aid to the Home Mission Board.

On the suggestion of the President, Mrs. Wm. Allwood, Mrs. Hopper, and Mrs. J. T. Masters were appointed a committee to confer with the F. M. Board in reference to preparing quarterly missionary exercises for the Sabbath schools, together with maps, &c., &c.

Meeting closed by singing the doxology. M. E. MARSH, Cor. Secy.

To the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. Dear Brethren—We have now entered upon a new financial year. To make it a successful one we must begin at once to plan for the future and to carry out our plans. At an early date the churches will be addressed by circular in which the amount expected of each will be stated. Collecting cards and envelopes will be furnished at cost. The cards will be thirty cents per hundred. I expect to be present at the N. S. Eastern Association at Parrboro, and at the York and Sunbury Quarterly Meeting at Manserville, if the latter meeting should be postponed one week. At those meetings I shall be prepared with cards for distribution.

St. John, Aug. 26. G. E. DAV.

Yarmouth News. A detachment of the Salvation Army began operations in Yarmouth last Sunday. The benefit to be gained is more than doubtful.

Two of the Yarmouth churches, Temple and Milton, have had in operation for some time a "Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor," and they seem to be doing good work.

A new Baptist meeting-house is being built at Norwood Station, between Yarmouth and Digby. There is no place of worship in this vicinity, and since the railway station has been built there, it promises to be a point of some importance.

A Union Hall for Sabbath school and local purposes is nearly completed at Narrows Bridge, near Yarmouth.

The members of the "Temple" congregation had last week a literary entertainment and social evening, which the Times says was a very enjoyable affair.

The Boston Marine Insurance Co. is erecting a large building of brick and stone on the corner of Cliff and Main Streets, Yarmouth, the first floor to be occupied by stores, the second floor to be used for an opera-house, and the other stories for offices.

Walter Dunlop again. Rev. Walter Dunlop had no mercy, and but little sympathy for hypocrites. One of the members of his church had been looking anxiously towards the altar, but had lately been charged with a breach of some part of the moral law, and disciplined in the usual way. Soon after this Mr. Dunlop happened to meet him, shook him heartily by the hand, and thus addressed him, "Man, Jamie! I thought ye were gaird to be a pillar in the house of the Lord; instead of that, you're just tamped out a rotten raft" (beam).

On another occasion while visiting, he called on one of his people, Mr. John Shaw in Digby, who had long been suspected of making too free with the whiskey

bottle. Mrs. Shaw was in attendance, and made some excuse for her husband not appearing, saying that he was not very well. Through a half-open door Mr. Dunlop spied John making great efforts to maintain himself in a perpendicular position. Presently poor John tumbled all of a heap on the floor. Mr. D. rushing into the room, picked up the helpless John with the remark, "O John Shaw! John Shaw! you're just past I took you to be, you're a shaw and nae root."

St. John, N. B.

Religious Intelligence. NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES. PENFIELD, N. B.—On 12th inst. received one on experience. We are having full congregations and good interest in all the services. The new interest at the Harbour is growing encouragingly. The outside of the new church is about completed; the floor has been laid and the building seated with benches, and on Sunday, 16th, service was held in it. The corner stone was laid by the Moderator of the Southern Association during its session at Penfield, and since that the people have pushed forward nobly in their undertaking. The building is 30x40, with 16 feet posts and sills in front, built from the ground, the lower portion forming an entrance to the church. At the laying of the corner stone, a motion was passed resolving to ask the churches in this Association to make a collection in aid of this work, on the first Sunday in September. We shall be glad if all the churches will do something for us in this way, as help is much needed. The people are generous as far as they are able, but for the most part, are wholly dependent upon the liberality of their supporters, and since the difficulty with the United States has arisen, they are deprived of a market and at present are barely able to live. This is good ground, offering grand opportunities for work, especially in winter, when a large number of fishing vessels take shelter here. Help for the church at Penfield has not been able to support a pastor all the time, but with the addition of this new station, we believe that it will very soon become a strong field. At the close of the vacation, (Oct. 1st) this field will be open for an earnest young man, offering grand opportunities for work, and a noble band of warm-hearted Christians. The two preaching places are only two miles apart and there is a new and comfortable parsonage, a short distance from the Penfield church. We are beginning special meetings at the Harbour this week and the earnest prayers of all Christian hearts.

L. A. PALMER. EAST NEW BRUNSWICK.—I was invited to go over and spend Sunday, the 16th, with this church and administer the ordinance. A large number assembled in the morning to witness the baptism; two candidates were immersed—one was a young man in the prime of life, who has been brought up in Presbyterianism and has a Presbyterian wife. The other was his sister. They were convinced of the error under which they were by searching the Scriptures; when convinced, they willingly followed the Saviour's commands. I spent a happy day; preached three times to large congregations. I was deeply impressed with the necessity of special meetings. They were a multitude of young people out of the church of Christ. "Truly, the harvest is great but the laborers are few." In my absence, my pulpit was supplied by Bro. M. L. Fields, who has for some time been connected with the teaching profession, but has decided to devote himself to the work of the Gospel. May the Lord bless him. F. D. DAYTON.

ALMA.—The Alma Baptist Church gave me a vacation of two weeks, which I spent in King's County, N. S. I preached in Berwick and Cambridge, for which I received a collection for Home Missions—Berwick \$1 91, Cambridge \$1 56. While I was absent the Baptist pulpit in Alma was occupied one Sunday by Bro. Joseph Crowell, Lic., and Bro. Clark, and one Sunday by the Rev. E. Haddow. I intend holding special services during the month of September (D. V.). Brethren, pray for us, that there may be an ingathering of souls and God's name glorified. Aug. 26. G. E. PIRRO.

BROAD COVE, N. S.—Seldom has a congregation enjoyed a richer feast of spiritual good things, than that with which the congregation assembled at the dedicatory services held in the new Baptist church at Broad Cove, Sunday, Aug. 29th, were favored. The following ministering brethren were present and assisted in the service: Rev. J. C. Moore, J. B. Gates and E. Foster. The beautiful day encouraged a large number of people to brave the "mountain road" and listen to the Word of Life as proclaimed by the veteran Moore and Gates. The morning services, after the usual singing, were as follows: Reading of Scripture, Rev. E. Foster; Dedicatory sermon by Rev. J. C. Moore; Prayer, Rev. E. Foster; Benediction by the Pastor; Dedicatory prayer, Rev. L. B. Gates. Brother Moore was in one of his happiest moods and held his congregation in almost breathless attention, while he spoke of the deep things of God. Brother Gates pronounced the sermon as containing more of the embodiment of theology than he has ever before heard in a single discourse. In the afternoon, a still larger congregation gathered, in far larger numbers than the house would hold; Bro. Gates was the preacher, his topic being "Grace of God," Thims 3:11. The subject was handled with skill and presented with great feeling. At the close of this excellent discourse, Brother Moore appealed earnestly to the congregation to accept the grace of God and take passage on the "Gospel Train." Thus closed one of the most interesting dedicatory services we have ever witnessed. The notes would not be complete if mention were not made of the service of song, under the leadership of B. C. Cavanaugh, of Digby, N. S., and also of the kindness of J. Postek, Esq., of Smith's Cove, who very kindly placed at the disposal of the choir for the occasion, a very fine organ. The brethren at the very west end, publicly to thank their brethren, as well as the other members of the choir and friends for the assistance given. During the day, many expressed regret at the absence of Rev. J. H. Saunders, of Westport, as it was under his pastorate, and owing to his wise forethought, that the very west end, of its kind, handsome church building which yesterday was dedicated, was planned and the work begun. The cause in this field owes much, under God, to the faithful ministrations of Brother Saunders. In the evening, Rev. J. Foster occupied the pulpit, giving a very sound Gospel sermon from Luke 9:2, 3. J. S.

SALISBURY.—On Sabbath evening, Aug. 22nd, it was our privilege to baptize a young brother. Also, Sabbath morning, Aug. 23rd, a young sister observed her baptism in the same ordinance. J. M. PARKER.

DEDICATION AT DIPPER HARBOR.—The new Baptist meeting house at Dipper Harbor is now completed. We shall hold service in it on Lord's day next. We feel under deep obligation to all who have aided us with money and labor to erect this chapel so very much needed, for the worship of our God. Four converts, two brothers and two sisters, have been received by the church for baptism and church fellowship. They will receive the Lord's appointed ordinance when the quarterly meeting of S. A. convenes with us in Sept. Our new meeting house will then be dedicated to the service of God. Two brethren, Wm. Gallant and David Thompson, elected at our last conference meeting to the office of Deacon, will then be inducted into their work. Delegates who expect to meet with us at quarterly meeting will please send a card to the writer, J. H. JENKIN, Lic.

MAGHER'S GRANT.—Rev. E. T. Miller and myself, at commencing the building of Magher's Grant Baptist church in Halifax county, volunteered to collect one hundred dollars each for the object; but owing to the scarcity of money I have been unable to do so in full. I have subscribed \$80, have collected \$60, and paid over to the church officers \$85, over \$25 more than I have collected. I informed the friends when I had collected the above amount I would ask you to kindly insert the names with their offerings. When I have done so I will forward a list of the names; but as some of the friends at a distance are uneasy about the money they paid I will send them now.

SOUTH SYDNEY. Rev. E. P. Coldwell, paid..... \$8 00 C. H. Harrington, Esq..... 5 00 Mrs. Wm. Meech..... 5 00 Michael Meech, Esq..... 7 00 John Meech, Esq..... 5 00 The other list I will send as soon as the balance is collected.

ALEX. STEWART. Lower Swasticks, Colchester. St. STEWART.—There has been baptism every month since the beginning of the year, in this church. One was baptized last Lord's day. There is much sickness in the place. Bro. Hunt was prevented through calls to attend funerals, from being present at the Convention. He is now on a vacation.

WITNESSING AND JEDDERS, N. S.—Our Bro. and Sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blakney, have been called upon to undergo a great trial. On Thursday, July 16th, their only remaining son, Walter, aged 21, was drowned while pursuing his avocation of fishing. It is not known how the accident occurred, as his boat was noticed to be empty, and on the approach of his companions, he was nowhere to be seen. His body was not recovered till the Wednesday following. He was laid in the quiet little cemetery by the sea on the west side of Jeddore. The afflicted mother called my attention to the fact that many of her children were now lying side by side in the little burying-place. She has been indeed afflicted, but she has learned to seek help and comfort in a sympathizing Saviour. The afflicted parents have the deep sympathy of all. Bro. Hills, an aged brother of upwards of 90 years, a member of the Lower Swasticks church, died suddenly on Sunday, August 22nd, and was buried Aug. 24. Thus another of our number has joined the hosts of heaven.

Another aged member of this church recently passed away—Sister Eliza Rowley, of Lower Swasticks. She was a consistent member for 26 years. Sister E. T. Miller, during her vacation in Jeddore, organized two W. M. A. Societies there, one on each side of the harbor. On the west side the Society numbers 20, and many more have promised to join. Its officers are:—Dea. E. H. Hopper, Jr., Pres.; Mrs. Lillie Harpell, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Lemuel Blakney, Junr., Treas.;—Secy. On the east side the membership is already 35, with many more who have promised to come in. Pres., Mrs. J. W. Mitchell; Vice-Pres., Mrs. John Baker; Miss Adelia Jenks, Secretary; Miss Josephine Arnold, Treasurer. The ladies of these Societies seem earnest and devoted to the objects of the organization. E. T. MILLER.

PERSONALS. Rev. Theo. Trotter, of Woodstock, Ont., spent last Lord's day in St. John, on his way home from N. S. He preached for Bro. Gates in the evening. His vacation has been a very pleasant one indeed, and he went home in a very happy frame of mind.

Rev. W. P. Everett left yesterday for his charge at Upper Alton, Ill. His church is an important one, Upper Alton being the seat of Shurtleiff College.

NOTICES. The York and Sunbury Co.'s quarterly meeting meets with the Baptist church at Manserville, Sunbury Co., on Friday, September 17th. The quarterly sermon is to be preached by the Rev. F. D. Crozier, B. A. A full attendance is requested, as matters of importance are to be considered. T. A. BLACKBURN, Secy's-Treas. Aug. 20, 1886.

The N. S. Eastern Association will meet at Parrboro, on Friday, September 10. Pastors and delegates who desire entertainment will please send their names to the pastor as soon as possible. F. BRANTER, Pastor.

The delegates to the N. S. E. Baptist Association at Parrboro, who will fill first class fare going, will be returned free to all points on the I. C. B. and on the Spring Hill and Parrboro road; by presenting the usual certificate from the secretary to the ticket agent at Parrboro, and Spring Hill Junction. T. B. LAYTON. Great Village, N. S., Aug. 23rd.

Literary Notes. Harper's Magazine, for September, contains "Sestina in the Surf, Gosta Grove" (Frontispiece); "Ferdinand Barbedienne"—Artistic Bronze; "Workingmen in the British Parliament"; "Brother Angeline"—A Story; "The Home Acre. Part VII. (The Strawberry)"; "Short-horn Cattle"; "Places of Worship"—A Poem; "Spring-haven"—A Novel; "Part VI. Gosta Grove Studies. III. The Reform of Railway Abuses"; "The end of a Love-match"—A Story; "Their Pilgrimage. Part VI. (Long Branch, Saratoga, Lake George)"; "Old Balen Sea-captain"; "United States Docks and Navy-yards"; "The Central Engine of the Sedan system"; "Part V. The Department. Many of the articles are profusely illustrated.

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