

Dominion. Mr. Barker and Mr. Davies, two ex-Mayors of Bristol, Mr. Thatcher, Mayor of Albany, N. Y., the consul general of the United States to Canada, and a delegate from Venice were present and shared in the doings of the Society. The Archbishop entertained the Society at lunch. The local government gave, then a sail on the harbour. This was on Tuesday. The literary section of the Society was occupied chiefly with the subjects of the discovery of North America by John Cabot and his son Sebastian. A paper by Dr. Dawson landed John Cabot at Sydney. One, by Archbishop O'Brien made his landing place on the gulfside of Cape Breton. A brass tablet put up in the Hall of the Province Building to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of John Cabot is suitably inscribed.

It was placed on the steps fronting Hollis street, and was unveiled by Lord Aberdeen, who addressed the great mass of people at some length. The President gave the opening speech. Then Governor Daly, Sir James Erskin the Admiral on the Station, the Ex-Mayor of Bristol, the Mayor of Albany, the Consul general from the U. S., and the Venetian delegates glorified the Cabots in address suitable to the occasion. John Cabot was a citizen of Venice and sailed on his memorable voyage from Bristol.

At Homes were given by the wife of the Lieut. Governor and by the Halifax Historical Society.

The great events of the Jubilee was a review of the troops on the Common, fireworks and other illuminations, and a garden concert. Five thousand children assembled in the park, they had been thoroughly drilled in motion and music. They occupied the floor of the large building, and were set like a picture in a frame of men and women who surrounded the inside wall of the building and filled its spacious galleries. A platform projected from one side of the east gallery, was occupied by Lord and Lady Aberdeen, the Admiral and General and other people of note. The children were addressed by the Governor General, the Admiral, Dr. Grant and Rev. Mr. Dobson. The sight was grand and the singing and shouting for Victoria hearty and inspiring.

A fountain in the garden surmounted by a female figure was unveiled immediately after the meeting in the Rink. Lady Aberdeen drew the cord and exposed the fountain to public view.

Halifax had a fortnight of uninterupted holiday. The staid old city throbbed with life and loyalty.

REPORTER.

Jubilee Benevolence.

The special wish of the Queen, expressed publicly, is, that in celebrating the diamond jubilee, the needy should be remembered by the benevolent. No doubt there will be a universal response to this desire of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

Of late years there has been an evident growth of benevolence in the Maritime Provinces. This has been seen in the support of institutions of learning by the different denominations and also in founding and fostering of charitable institutions, schools for the blind, the deaf and dumb, orphanages, homes for the aged, hospitals. One of the first to move in this direction outside of Halifax and St. John, was Mrs. Ann Lovett. Mrs. Lovett gave \$11,000 for the establishment of an Old Ladies Home in Yarmouth. Her two sons, the late James Lovett, Esq., and the Hon. John Lovett, Senator, gave a fine tract of land for this home. The building, whose apartments, and furnishings are all that could be desired, overlooks the Bay and distant land fronting the town.

Mrs. Lovett and her sons did not wait for the Queen to express a desire for establishing such an institution, nor did they wait for their executors to do this benevolent work. They have become their own executors and this when possible is the more excellent way. They have the satisfaction of superintending the work and seeing the usefulness of the institution. A few years ago I went through the building and was much pleased with the cheerfulness of the inmates and their pleasant surroundings. For one hundred dollars an old lady can have in this institution, not only the necessities of life, but the luxuries of a modern home.

A hospital for Yarmouth will come as a sequence of this institution. Since this Home was founded chiefly by the benevolence of the family above named, other institutions have been starting up in the Maritime Provinces. At Fredericton through the benevolence of the late Sir Leonard Tilley and through Lady Tilley, Hon. A. F. Randolph, Asa Dow, Esq., and others a hospital has been founded. Having had the opportunity of visiting the patients of this institution again and again for a year, I was much impressed with the good service it is rendering to the sick and afflicted.

At New Glasgow a similar institution has come into existence to do good in that flourishing town. I do not know the names of its chief promoters. At Windsor, too, through the bequest of the late G. F. Payzant there is to be a hospital for that thriving old town. The charities of Halifax and St. John are well known. In this Jubilee year, while the hearts of the people are stirred with benevolence in response to the heart-felt sympathy of the Queen, there will be new devices, new resolves to seek out new ways of employing surplus means for doing good to the needy.

We, as a denomination, have funds amounting in the aggregate to \$24,000 endowment, \$14,000 in the two Convention Funds and \$10,000 in the Bradshaw Fund of N. B., for aged and sick ministers, ministers widows and their children. Mrs. Lovett was among the first to give liberally toward founding the Convention Annuity Fund. It has already done an immense amount of good. But it is inadequate to meet the demands which are growing more and more year by year. Some of the appeals made confidently to the Board are pathetic indeed. B. M. S.

A Sad Bereavement.

It was with unfeigned sorrow that we learned last Saturday of the sudden and mysterious disappearance from her sick bed of the wife of the esteemed pastor of the Baptist church in Brigetown, N. S., Rev. F. M. Young. Mrs. Young had been ill from nervous prostration for several weeks, and had been confined to her room and bed all through her illness. When it was discovered in the early morning that she was not in the house, diligent search was made in all directions for the missing woman. Grave fears were entertained that in her weakened mental condition she might have put an end to her life. By what means nobody knew. These fears were soon to be realized. The body was found in the river on Sunday last. It is a melancholy satisfaction to the friends that they know the worst. The late Mrs. Young was a woman of wide sympathies, a true wife, a devoted mother and an earnest worker in the church of which her husband was the honored pastor. All this was made clear by the many expressions of sorrow and regard, which fell from the lips of the good people of the town. She will be greatly missed by her many friends in the church and out of it. Her husband and children need and will get the sympathy of all. The providence is mysterious. The blow that has fallen upon home and friends is a heavy one. Our tenderest emotions have been touched to their deepest depths, and our hearts go out to the sorrowing husband and motherless children and friends. May the God of all comfort, sustain and uphold them in this dark and trying hour.

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and 2. The lack of the necessary instruction concerning the objects for which these funds are used, and the duty of liberal giving.

Your Committee therefore recommend 1. That every church be urged to collect the offerings for Benevolent Funds, at least quarterly, and that they have their Sunday Schools do the same, seeking to train their schools to give to all the objects of our Benevolent work, instead of one or two departments of it.

2. That the pastors be requested to see that the members of the churches are fully instructed concerning the objects for which our Benevolent Funds are used and also in the duty of giving of their substance for the service of the Lord, as he has prospered them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COHOON, Chairman of Com.

This was discussed by J. Parsons, Rev. D. H. Simpson, Rev. E. O. Read and others, and on motion adopted. Reports are frequently too long or too indefinite. This is neither. It has something to say and says it.

The clerk read the "History of the Indian Harbor Church," prepared by Rev. M. W. Brown. On motion this paper was received and request made for its publication, after revision, in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

By request, Mrs. C. H. Martel spoke a few words in earnest support of the Book Room, giving it as her experience that the Book Room S. S. Libraries are good, clear through, and do not require careful examination before they are handed to the scholars. The meeting closed with prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

By previous arrangement the W. B. M. U. meeting was held at this time. The Provincial Secretary, Miss Johnson, presided over a gathering that was representative and interested.

Routine association work included reading of letters and presentation of the report on Education. This report gave careful review of the progress of our institutions at Wolfville during the past year. "The attendance has been up to the level of the best of former years. Deportment, generally, has been commendable, the intellectual work up to the usual standard of efficiency. Religiously, the year has been a notable one. The retirement, from the presidency, of the Rev. Dr. Sawyer, who for 28 years has served in that position with conspicuous ability and devotion, especially marks the year. The task to which Dr. Trotter, the new president, must address himself will be arduous and trying. The fullest co-operation of all the friends of the college should be accorded to him from the start. Attendance should be increased; the financial position should be bettered. We must seek by every Christian means to promote a deep and wide-spread educational revival, in which the money needed will be cheerfully consecrated to God's service, and in which increasing numbers of our young people will awake to the largeness of their opportunity."

Prof. E. W. Sawyer followed this report with a practical and earnest address upon our educational needs and our duty thereto.

Saturday evening was given to a Temperance meeting. Rev. Geo. A. Lawson, in behalf of the committee, read a well prepared report on Temperance. Rev. W. N. Hutch-

ins' address, "Intemperance a Sin," was filled with good thoughts and practical applications; Rev. D. H. Simpson made a strong plea that church members vote as they profess; J. Parsons, a life long worker in this cause, in his usual spicy and attractive way, showed when temperance work should begin and how efforts in this direction may be turned to the best advantage. The report on Temperance and the following resolution were, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That this Association, by its Moderator and Clerk, petition the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, at their next session, setting forth the evils resulting from our present license law, enabling licensed communities to sell into Scott Act counties and counties in which licenses are not granted, and urging the desirability of a prohibitory act being passed and praying for as large a measure of prohibition as may be constitutionally granted.

LORD'S DAY.

The Association was again favored with delightful weather which encouraged large numbers to come from a distance to the services of the day. These services, commencing at 6 a. m. with a "sunrise prayer meeting," were throughout helpful and inspiring. Rev. G. A. Lawson conducted an hour of testimony and prayer. The local Sabbath School gathered for one half hour and listened to a bright teaching and singing exercise directed by Geo. A. McDonald.

A large congregation gathered at 11 a. m. to listen to the associational sermon. The following was the order of service: Reading of Scripture, by Rev. Jos. Murray; prayer by Rev. J. B. Morgan; sermon, by Rev. M. P. Freeman, of Billtown, text: Daniel 9:4—"And I prayed unto the Lord my God."

The speaker, taking prayer for his subject, called attention to the places where prayer should be made, and to the necessity for prayer. Our readers will have the opportunity of giving to this sermon the careful reading that it merits.

The Sabbath School meeting of the afternoon listened with profit to the report on Sabbath Schools and to excellent addresses by Mrs. Nalder, who spoke particularly to the teachers, urging them to continue in faith, knowing that results are sure; by J. Parsons, in "an address without words,"—a telling object lesson that called for purity of life; by Rev. W. H. Jenkins, who gave some wholesome advice to the old "stay-at-homes"; by Evangelist Marple, who urged for definite effort on the part of teachers for the salvation of their pupils.

A later afternoon service, on the parade grounds, in the open air, was largely attended and marked by special evidences of divine favor. Earnest addresses were delivered by Revs. D. H. Simpson, D. E. Hatt and J. A. Marple. A number, by uplifted hands, manifested their desire to become Christian men and women.

The missionary meeting at 7.30 heard the report of Committee on Missions. Rev. A. Cohoon spoke of work being done and to be done by our Home Mission Board, showing the present needs for large and early giving; Rev. A. A. Shaw, in behalf of the Foreign Mission interest, urged that individuals understand more clearly the principles underlying all missionary effort; Miss Gray told of her years of work in India, the trials there encountered, and of her desire to return again to the service she had chosen.

Though the hour was late when the last address was finished, yet many remained for a short enquiry meeting. This was conducted by Evangelist Marple and proved beneficial.

MONDAY MORNING.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. On motion Rev. M. P. Freeman was requested to furnish for publication in MESSENGER AND VISITOR, the associational sermon. Reports of district committees in Halifax and Hants Counties were read and on motion received. These were well prepared and contained statistics of value. Reports already submitted were, on motion, adopted. Committee on Circular Letter was asked to prepare and publish a Circular Letter. W. B. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. were asked to furnish Minutes of their meetings for publication in Minutes of Association. On motion the clerk was instructed to send notice to chairmen of all committees two months before Association asking them to be prepared to report at the annual meeting. The church letters were read. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Rose, Lic.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. Ingram. Minutes were approved; balance of church letters were read. Rev. C. H. Martel gave a report of King's District Committee. On motion the names of Rev. Jos. Murray, Rev. S. March and Rev. D. H. Simpson were added to Nominating Committee.

The Treasurer's funds were on motion paid to Rev. A. Cohoon, and collection of afternoon was given to Rev. F. Roop for Church Edifice Fund. Through the committee on resolutions the usual votes of thanks were passed: To the Chester church for its hospitality; to the choir for its valuable assistance; to the Moderator and to the Clerk.

We regret that at this writing we have no report of last meeting of the Association.

The number of baptisms reported is 627 in 32 churches. Number of last year was 485.