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FINA.—Another is added to the list of destructive casualties so often the result of negligence or oversight. The fire originated in the shop of Mr. McSherry, hatter, King street, Toronto; and communicated to the buildings on either side, Mr. Beley & Kay's, and Mr. Ellis watermaker's: much property was injured by removal. The total loss is not stated, but it is mostly covered by insurances.

EMIGRATION.—A society designated "The Canadian Freehold Farm Investment Mutual Benefit Society," is formed in England, on the principle of Building Societies;—to promote emigration to that portion of Canada West which is surrounded by Lakes Huron, Erie, and Ontario; described as "the garden of America."

### COMMEMORATIONS.

#### NEW-YORK BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Annual Meeting of this body was held at Rochester on the 18th inst. We subjoin some particulars extracted from a letter from Brother Cleghorn. The paragraph on the Grande Ligne Mission is from the *Michigan Christian Herald*:

Since I saw you I have been at Rochester to the Baptist State Convention. Few happier seasons have I enjoyed than while attending on that hallowed occasion, where the servants of Christ with warm hearts came to greet each other—where the heavy-headed veteran of the cross, with his body worn down, but his mind invigorated with the fatigues of his spiritual warfare and the young soldier of Christ just bucking on his armour, met; and where the elevated missionary of the cross, returning from the field of spiritual conflict bearing trophies of the Redeemer's conquests, told to listening hundreds the wondrous victories the cross had gained over the powers of darkness. The season was a happy one, and will not soon be forgotten by those who were so blessed as to be there.

The Convention began its meetings in the usual manner—by a sermon from the Rev. Mr. Clark of Caznovine, and by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk. The usual routine was gone through with, and the delegates from corresponding bodies called. When the proper time came, it as the only delegate present from the Regular Baptist Union of Canada, arose and announced the object of my presence—reciting in brief the causes which led to the formation of our Union, and the objects at which we aimed; and then desired correspondence and fraternal intercession between the Union and the Convention. Having heard my brief statement, a committee was immediately appointed to consider the application and report accordingly. I was much pleased with their action. They had heard so much of the peculiar position of the Baptists in Canada touching the subject of church-order, that before they entered upon any fraternal intercourse they wished to know who they were taking by the hand. The Committee reported, and the Convention in accordance therewith, unanimously resolved to open correspondence with us. Thus we as a Union are placed in a new position before the Christian world—and to maintain that position with honour to Christ, and with a view to the enlargement of his Kingdom. It is absolutely necessary that the Baptists in Canada, especially those in connection with the Union, should lay aside every thing of a selfish or sectional nature, in order to unite their strength, and strive together, not only for the faith of the Gospel, but also for that united, holy, self-denying activity which the Gospel requires of all who embrace that faith. I would that every Baptist in Canada had been at that Convention: I am sure that they would have returned to their fields and their toils with warm hearts and a heavenly determination to carry out the great designs we have undertaken.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade, together with a Karen convert were there. When Mr. W. was introduced to the Convention by Bro. E. Bright of Boston, in the following short and warm-hearted address, not a person in the vast assemblage was unmoved. It was a time of deep and peculiar interest. There stood the Missionary, returned from the field of battle, bearing in his own body the scars which he had received in the conflict; there sat the venerable Peck and Galusha, who, 27 years ago assisted at his ordination; and there sat the venerable and beloved Haskell, under whose roof he was educated, and who, on the day of his ordination and public consecration to the missionary work gave him the charge which he has so well remembered, which he has so faithfully kept. The interest of the occasion could only be enjoyed to be appreciated. Then I said to myself, O that my brethren in Canada were here; how soon the fire of missionary zeal, which is latent in their kind hearts, would be blown into a flame. I wanted my brethren to enjoy the happiness that I enjoyed; for I felt that in their happiness, mine would be augmented. I am quite certain that were the subject of missions, and the duties of the church of God at that point brought before the churches as they should be, the interest among us would be increased tenfold what it ever has been. I could dwell on this subject, but my sheet is becoming too full: I will therefore waive it for the present.

Mr. Bryant came forward in company with Mr. and Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Brayton and Mrs. Van Duzen. Ascending to the deck with Mr. W. Mr. Bright spoke as follows:

Mr. MODERATOR.—It gives me great pleasure, sir, to introduce to you and to this Convention, one of the tried soldiers of the Cross who has returned from the active scene of his duty, bearing the scars of his warfare. It is now twenty-six years since he was first ordained to his high and holy Mission, and I well remember the im-

pression which the solemn services of that occasion made upon my boyish heart. The venerable Kendrick and Peck, now in Heaven, and Elder Galusha joined in prayer. After an absence of nearly twenty years, Mr. Wade returned to this country, bearing with him two precious sheaves which the Lord had given him, and afterwards went again into the field of conflict. With a body worn and wasted, he comes here to his native land to seek the invigorating influences of a more genial climate, and if the Lord please, with the design of again returning to strike another blow for his Master, and die if necessary amid the jungles of the Karen.

Although it might not become him to enlarge one of the servants of the Lord, it might not be improper for him to allude somewhat to his history. He had experienced all the horrors of the Burman death prison, and had known what it was to escape from death when the axe of the executioner was uplifted to strike the fatal blow. He had been spared by the mercy of God, and lived to see many a Karen jungle bud and blossom like the rose. He had broken bread to a church of 400 members in "the city of Love," and had buried in their waters one hundred dark converts, some of whom had gone to their rest in Heaven, and some still live. More than this, by his labors this people had been made ready to receive the word of his Lord. This brother had done more than to preach the Gospel; he had reduced the language of that people to writing; and if the Karen is now able to read the Bible the word of life,—that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to die, that who believe in Him may have eternal life"—if he has the Scriptures to clasp to his heart as the treasure of his life, he owes it, under God, to this Brother, and the encouragement of this Society. In all his labors, trials and sacrifices, he had found help meet for him in the wife of his bosom. Perhaps there was not another instance in the records of Missionary history, where the husband and wife returned together, after twenty-six years labor in a foreign land, with the prospect of returning and spending the remainder of their lives in the bosom of their native land. This is a precious privilege, and one which the Lord has graciously bestowed upon those who are faithful to their duty.

We have reason, and shall have reason, as long as the world stands, to thank God that he has spared them. And in greeting them here now, we have a feeling experience of what will be their emotions when they meet hundreds of converted souls, coming up from the Karen jungles to praise God forever and ever.

The Moderator then took Mr. WADE by the hand and gave him a cordial welcome in behalf of the Convention. He desired to express his most sincere pleasure in meeting him once more, and welcome him to his native land. He remembered when he went out upon his mission, that Mr. W. stopped at his house in Albany.—He went forth then with tears, but he had returned in joy, bearing his sheaves with him. He gave his hand, in which was also his heart; and the hearts of the whole Convention were united in his Amen. A most interesting address, and one which we could but express the sincere and heartfelt pleasure which he felt in being thus welcomed back to his native land,—to the people of God. He felt it to be next to being welcomed by the great Head of the Church—the master of the vineyard. In regard to what had been said with respect to his labors and services, he desired that the great Master of all should have the glory. He was one of His most unprofitable servants, and if he should be accepted at last, and be permitted to present a reward would be infinitely beyond all that he deserved.

These interesting and impressive exercises produced a deep and visible emotion among the audience, and when concluded,

It was moved that Mr. and Mrs. Wade be acknowledged and received as delegates from the Tamil Churches, which was agreed to unanimously.

Rev. Mr. MERCER of Brockport, from the committee on resolutions, reported the following, which was agreed to:

Whereas, The Grande Ligne mission has, by its representative, Dr. Cox, solicited the sympathies, prayers and cooperation of this convention, and whereas the contemners of that mission and of the churches in their care, are, we are informed, in an unsettled state respecting the scriptural terms of communion, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three brethren be appointed to visit at their earliest convenience, that mission, for the purpose of increasing our acquaintance with the mode of conducting a fraternal fellowship, and obtaining further information for the benefit of the churches; and that they be instructed to publish so far as they may deem expedient, the result of their observations, in the *N. Y. Baptist Register*.

[Dr. Levi Tucker, and Messrs. A. Wheeler and C. G. Carpenter were appointed the committee.]

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### SELVES-IMPOSED BURDENS.

BY THE REV. JAMES HAMILTON, LONDON.

There is something very appalling in the thought that Britain expends, every year, fifty millions of money on intoxicating drink. We often complain of our high taxation, and we often grow nervous at the thought of our enormous national debt. But here is a tax for which we self-imposed—a tax which would pay the interest of our national debt twice over—and a tax as large as the revenue of these United Kingdoms. We thought it a great sum to pay in order to give the slave his freedom—yet we thought less a mighty sacrifice—a tax for which we self-imposed any nation ever paid a cause of philanthropy—but large as it looks, half a year of national abstinence would have paid it all. We rather grudge the eight millions which Ireland got last year, seeing it has failed to set on fire the sun; but it is a tax which has set on fire the sun in London, and in the low districts below Sunderland Bridge. In both places the first cases

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