

The fact appears to be, that "Gentile" ideas in regard to social life have so thoroughly permeated the Mormon mind, that whether their leaders "seal" to themselves more than one wife or not, the masses of the people are content with that allowance, and that as a natural consequence polygamy is virtually dying out.

It is devoutly to be prayed for that, now Brigham Young is gone to his account, the Government of the United States may discharge the duty it has far too long neglected, and root out this evil from its borders with an unsparring hand. Too long it has acted a cowardly part in this question, and it is a reproach it should relieve itself of as quickly as possible, that a Government founded upon Christian principles should tolerate and condone bigamy in one State, while in all others it is punishable as a capital offence.

Whether the Government interfere or not, we cannot help risking the opinion, that the system of Mormonism is doomed, and that like many another false religion made to order for the worldly benefit of a few avaricious extortioners, it contains within itself the seeds of mistrust and dissatisfaction which must ultimately annihilate it.

THE CONVENTION EAST.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the "Canada Baptist Missionary Convention East" was held in the First Church, Montreal, on the 4th, 5th and 6th of this month. The annual sermon, preached on the evening of the 4th by Rev. J. P. McEwen, of Osgoode, is said by those who were privileged to be present to have been one of excellence and power.

The business meetings of the Convention commenced on Wednesday morning the 5th, the retiring President, James Coristine, Esq., in the chair. About fifty brethren including pastors, members, and visitors were present. To one accustomed to the great annual gatherings in connection with the Western Convention, the first impression on entering the meeting at Montreal is one of disappointment in the attendance; but, on a maturer acquaintance, the disadvantage in numbers is somewhat compensated by the intelligent interest and active participation of all, both pastors and laymen, in the various schemes

pertaining to the temporal and spiritual welfare of the churches within the bounds of the Convention. Certainly, what our eastern brethren lack in numbers they make up in loyalty, zeal and liberal pecuniary assistance for the extension of our denominational principles not only in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, but among the far off Telugus.

The Lord has been pleased to smile upon their efforts on behalf of Home Missions. We learned from the able, concise and very cheering report of the Secretary, Rev. John Gordon, B.D., that, during the past conventional year, the Board had employed twenty missionaries, who preached the gospel at forty-two stations, and baptized on a profession of their faith 165 persons; three new churches had been organized, one chapel dedicated, and several vacant fields well filled. After specifying the work done at each of the different mission stations, brother Gordon thus concluded his report:

"We have much cause for thanksgiving to God that He has done so much for us, and cause for humility and confession that we have done so little for Him. Some of our mission interests report no conversions; several fields long vacant have been well filled during the year; new fields have been opened and old interests revived, and three new churches have been organized. Great success has attended several of our stations, and the labors of some student missionaries have been signally blessed of God. Great ingatherings have been enjoyed on rich harvest fields, which a little while ago were barren deserts. Brethren, let us return to our fields with earnest purpose of heart, proud of the denomination to which we belong, and yet burdened for the salvation of souls."

The Report of the Treasurer, Duncan McFarlane, Esq., was a very gratifying one, considering the year has been one of great commercial depression, and has left many other kindred societies very much in debt. Our Eastern brethren have so well managed, that their deficit (if our memory is correct) does not amount to more than one or two hundred dollars, and will be speedily reduced to a balance on the other side of the sheet.

The Home Missionary Platform Meeting on the Wednesday evening, and the Foreign Missionary Meeting on the Thursday evening, were enthusiastic in spirit, and very successful in attendance. Besides admirable speeches from prominent ministers, the audiences enjoyed a rich treat in the singing of Mr. Geo. C. Stebbins, of Boston, well-known in connection with the Moody and Sankey meetings.

During the sessions of the Convention, excellent papers of a practical nature were read by Revs. Geo. Graffey, W. G. Goucher, W. K. Anderson, and P. H. McEwen.

The officers for the present year are:—*President*,—Geo. B. Muir; *Secretary*,—Duncan McFarlane; *Treasurer*,—L. H. Packard.

The Annual Meeting for next year will be held in the new chapel at Ottawa.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The above Convention was held at Wolfville, N. S., the seat of Acadia College, from Saturday, August 25th, to Tuesday, August 28th, inclusive.

We are indebted to the *Christian Messenger* of Halifax, and the *Christian Visitor* of St. John, for the following epitome of the proceedings.

There were present 193 delegates, members and invited brethren; and these represented some 73 churches.

The following were elected the officers of the Convention: *President*, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, M.A., (Editor of the "Christian Visitor"); *Vice-Presidents*, J. W. Barrs, Esq., for Nova Scotia; A. W. Masters, Esq., for New Brunswick; and Rev. A. Chapman, for Prince Edward Island; *Secretary*, Rev. A. Cohoon; *Assistant-Secretary*, Rev. J. I. DeWolfe; *Treasurer*, James S. Morse, Esq.

The deliberations of the Convention were devoted to Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Education.

HOME MISSIONS.

The afternoon of the first day was spent in discussing a very important resolution introduced by Rev. T. H. Porter, "the object of which was to combine the Home Missionary operations of the Churches in the three provinces, and bring that work into the Convention, in addition to that of Education and Foreign Missions: the Home Mission work being at present managed by two Societies—one the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union (including P. E. Island), the other the New Brunswick Home Missionary Society." An amendment was moved by Mr. J. W.