

deposited in the grave-yard connected therewith, until the morning of the resurrection. Friday morning, preached to a goodly number of persons in our little chapel at St. Mary's Bay, about 7 miles below Digby. Here we have a scattered Society like sheep without a shepherd. In the afternoon we had preaching in our neatly finished Chapel, Weymouth, 13 miles farther down the Bay; also two services the following day, (Saturday,) and one the next morning. The congregations were good, and the people generally expressed an earnest desire for the labours of a Wesleyan Minister.

In the afternoon we returned to St. Mary's, where we had a very large and deeply attentive audience, who appeared to value the word, and we trust it will be like seed sown upon good ground, found after many days. After baptizing a child, we closed the labours of the Sabbath. Monday morning, we proceeded through extremely bad roads to Digby Neck, and preached at Sandy Cove at five o'clock in the afternoon. At the close of the service the Baptist Minister there gave an earnest and appropriate exhortation. Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock, we had service at the School House, Trout Cove, and although the day was excessively wet, we had a considerable number present, who could indeed say it is good to be here. In the afternoon we had preaching in the Baptist Chapel a few miles above. In connection with this place of worship we were glad to hear of a revival of religion. Many, it was said, had been brought to God, and upwards of 40 had been baptized. Wednesday morning, preached at Broad Cove. The Lord was eminently present—many hearts were affected, and many tears were shed. We now left the Neck, where some of the oldest Methodist Missionaries have successfully laboured, the fruit of which is seen to this day. Preached in Digby in the evening to a tolerably good congregation, closing the labours of this tour, having travelled nearly 100 miles since last Wednesday, visited a number of families, and preached 13 sermons. You will now perceive what we mean by this extra labour, which, if health and other circumstances would admit, would have to be repeated every month, and this to them would be a very inadequate supply. In fact they ought to have preaching, in each of the above places, every Lord's day. Indeed many are saying, Why is it that we cannot have a Wesleyan Missionary stationed among us? We can support him—that is, a single man. No doubt they can, and would, without difficulty. But what is to become of the married men? This is the question. Ministers like other men get married, and many of them have families, that must be supported. Now if our friends in Digby, Digby Neck, St. Mary's, Weymouth, and Brier Island, where they have written several times for a Wesleyan Minister, will pledge themselves that after they have had the labours of a single man for four years, they will support a married man, there is not the least doubt but what they will very soon have one. There is no lack of Missionaries, only of means, and our humble opinion is, that taking the people in the aggregate, they are well able. Many of them are wealthy, most of them comfortably circumstanced, and very few that can be called extremely poor. You will be glad to hear that they are about to forward a petition to the District, which is just at hand; and it is to be hoped they will accompany it with a pledge, that the Preacher shall be supported for at least ten years to come. M. P. *Ann-pois, May 8th, 1850.*

For the Wesleyan.

Mr. Editor.—Among the other reforms that are now advancing, one has lately come into existence in this vicinity, which promises to be useful. It is called "The Anti-Tobacco Society," the object of which is, to discontinue the use of Tobacco in every form.

It has been ascertained that there is annually expended in the Township of Barrington more than one thousand pounds in Tobacco, a sum that far exceeds all that is raised in the Township for the support of the ministry; for missionary purposes; for the support of our schools, and some persons think, for our medical men likewise.

Can the wilful waste of one thousand pounds per annum be justified? Many persons say they cannot afford to educate their children, but they can spend their money in Tobacco. If application be made to many as to what they will pay for the regular Ministry of the Word under which they sit, some will say they cannot pay anything; others will give (as they call it) a *post-payment* to the Christian Minister a *half a dollar*, and think how liberal they have been; while their Tobacco has in the mean time cost ten or twelve dollars!

Concerning this practice to be an evil, a public meeting was held in Barrington in the month of March, when the following Constitution and Rules were agreed to:

ARTICLES.—1. This Association shall be known as the Barrington Anti-Tobacco Society. 2. No member shall use Tobacco in any form whatever, unless prescribed by a Physician. 3. The Officers shall be chosen annually, and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of five. 4. Any member who shall be known to violate Article the second, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding two shillings and six pence for the first offence; and for the second to be fined or expelled according to the decision of the Committee. 5. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held about the first day of February in each year. 6. No alteration shall be made in these Rules except at the annual meeting of the Society.

OFFICERS.—President, Mr. Thomas West; Vice-President, Mr. Isaac Hopkins; Secretary, Mr. Rufus H. Crowell; Treasurer, Joseph Coffin, Esq. Committee, Dr. Geddes, Winthrop Sargent, Esq., Messrs. Paul Crowell, St. Jabez Crowell, and Cornelius Shepherd.

Barrington, April 25, 1850.

STANDING REGULATIONS.

Correspondents must send their communications written in a legible hand, and, unless they contain the names of new subscribers, or remittances, five of postage; and ensure us in confidence, with their proper names and addresses.

The Editor holds not himself responsible for the opinions of correspondents—claims the privilege of modifying or rejecting articles offered for publication—and cannot pledge himself to return those not inserted.

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THE WESLEYAN.

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THE BLESSING OF GOD SHOULD TO BE SOUGHT IN THE AFFAIRS OF EVERY-DAY LIFE.

"I will never," said LAVATER, "either in the morning or evening, proceed to any business, until I have first retired, at least for a few moments, to a private place, and implored God for his assistance and blessing." This resolution bespeaks at once the existence and operation of religious principle and christian philosophy, and places before us, in an amiable light, the habits of a man conscious of his absolute dependence on the blessing of God for success in every undertaking, whether of greater or less importance. This constant reliance on divine aid in the every-day affairs of life secures unanimity of mind and perplexity, strengthens resolution to purpose, and increases power to execute, whatever may lawfully challenge either thought or action. Nor is it a merely of consideration, that they will follow this example of trust the forth-going of the favour earnestly sought, to will do it what would prove injurious or to know what would be beneficial. Were there no real foundation for the indulgence of this confidence, it would be the indulgence of a delusion, and would be a delusion, and with it in him a delusion. But there is ground for this confidence, and I warrant for the other. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path." "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask any thing, we receive according to His will." "And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that He will give us the things that we desire of Him." This constant intercession with the good man's mind, in answer to prayer, we are aware, appears incongruous. If not absurd, not unworthy of an Infantile Majesty, in the little eyes of a worldly philosopher. But the goodness of God is manifested in His unceasing support and direction

of suns and planets rolling in the far-off depths of space, as well as in decking in beauty the lonely but lovely flower that blooms and smiles in the untrodden wilderness—in sustaining and governing the loftiest of the angelic host that sings before his throne, and in caring for and supplying the perpetually recurring wants of the meanest form of humanity that moves and acts on this sublunary sphere. "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." These are the consolatory views of an ever present, ever active God, with which the "Great Teacher" seeks to animate the mind and inspire the heart of his humblest follower. The advantages, which he who cherishes and acts under the influence of this comforting and upholding faith possesses over another that does neither, are so manifest as to require no elaborate exposition. Undertaking no business without first having craved divine direction and assistance, the one calmly and confidently places himself and all his affairs at the disposal of an Infinite Being whose wisdom sees, whose love prompts him to do, and whose power can accomplish, what is best for him, as his child, in every step of life, in every matter relating to his well-being in this fluctuating scene of activity and endurance, as also in the future, unchanging, and nobler state of felicitous existence. The other, relying on his own resources, or, at best, trusting in an arm of flesh, is left to be tossed and agitated on the ocean of uncertainty, without a stay, without a guide, the sky now smiling with sun-shine, now frowning with clouds, the sport of winds and waves, his prosperity unblest, his adversity unsanctified, danger attendant on his onward footsteps, dark, portentous storms gathering and settling over his tomb, and the eternal future nought but a scene of mingled woe and despair to his shipwrecked soul. The last end of the one is peace, whilst eternal sunshine settles on his head—the other goes to his grave in sorrow, whilst to him is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever! So truly does the acknowledgment or neglect of God, in the daily business of life, indicate the present prevailing temper or disposition of the man—so intimately connected is its bearing on the character of his future and everlasting destiny.

This subject demands the serious consideration of every man who would not have the curse of God mingling its bitterness with his good things here, and pursuing him into the dread hereafter, but who would have every blessing twice blessed in this world, and his future being one of untroubled tranquillity and bliss. How then does the case stand with us? Are we acting out the resolution of Lavater, and connecting the blessing of God with all our business-transactions? Do we thus honour His ever-present wisdom, goodness and power—trusting in His Providence—at all with His choice? Or are we shutting Him out from our worldly concerns—seeking not His counsel—asking not His direction—influenced alone by worldly motives—our own self-aggrandisement—our own glory and the applause of men?

Let these questions be proposed with all solemnity and answered with all fidelity. It behooves us much to consider well the present disposition of our minds, the motives of our acts—and to ponder the gifts of our life. God is a jealous God, and the glory due unto Him will not allow us to give unto ourselves or give unto others, with impunity.

NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

As we intimated in our last the Anniversary of the N. S. Auxiliary Bible Society was held on the evening of the 13th, in the New Temperance Hall. Having expressed our views of the character of the Meeting, we now give an account of the routine pursued, which we transfer from our excellent contemporary, the *Guardian*, and hope its perusal will excite afresh the zeal of the friends of the Bible in the prosecution of their labour of love.

In the unavoidable absence of the aged and venerable President of the Society, the Hon. H. H. Cogswell, who was prevented from attending by a painful family bereavement, the chair was taken soon after seven o'clock by J. W. Nutting, Esq., one of the Vice Presidents, and opened with singing and a fervent prayer by the Rev. John Scott. A very admirable report embracing a summary of the proceedings of the parent society, and a faithful narrative of the operations of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary, and its various branches and associations during the past year, was then read by the Secretary, S. L. Shannon, Esq., accompanied with a report from the Ladies' Association of this city, which we intend to notice at greater length when they issue from the press. Then commenced the more animated and effective proceedings of the meeting in the address which were delivered, and the resolutions which were moved and adopted for carrying on the business of the Society. Several of the old office-bearers of the Auxiliary came forward on this occasion and addressed the audience with their usual freedom and energy, and it was delightful to see and to hear many new advocates of the Bible cause. Where all the speeches were so suitable and appropriate it might appear invidious to make any distinction or selection. If we were disposed to take particular notice of any of the addresses we would feel inclined to give prominence to the speech of Mr. Isaac Smith, the travelling agent, and to the addresses of the three clergymen who appeared on the platform for the first time, the Rev. Messrs. Hill, Macnam, and Forrester. The speeches of the first two clergymen were particularly beautiful and interesting, and the speech of the latter was powerful and argumentative. Herbert's Missionary Hymn and other suitable portions of sacred Psalmody, were selected and read to the meeting by the Rev. Dr. Twining, and sung with pleasing and united harmony by the vast Assembly, the Mayor of the city leading these devotional exercises, and a collection in aid of the funds was taken during the course of the evening amounting to \$108.84.

The following are the Resolutions which were moved and adopted by the Meeting.—Moved by the Rev. George Hill, seconded by the Rev. Ephraim Evans.

Resolved, That the Report now read be adopted and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by the Rev. Robert Macnam.

Resolved, That this meeting view with unforgotten satisfaction and gratitude, the strenuous and praiseworthy exertions of the very efficient Ladies' Association in this City, and of the different Branch Societies and Associations throughout the Province, in promoting the interest of the Bible cause,—as testified by the liberality of their contributions during the past year;—and rejoice that they are enabled, through these means, to transmit to the funds of the Parent Society, a free donation of One hundred pounds.

Mr. Smith the Travelling Agent then gave an account of his movements and visits to the Branch Societies and Associations throughout the Province, during the past year.

Moved by the Rev. Alex. Forrester, seconded by His Worship the Mayor.

Resolved, That this Meeting desire to express their sincere thanks to Almighty God, for his continued countenance and blessing on the labours of the Parent Society and other kindred Institutions, during the past year,—and especially for the wide and extensive fields recently opened up for the dissemination of the sacred scriptures, as furnishing loud calls for redoubled exertions, and enlarged liberality.

Moved by the Rev. W. Hudebourn, seconded by Dr. Avery.

Resolved, That this Meeting gratefully acknowledge the services rendered to the Society by its officers, and that the following be appointed the present year:—His Excellency Sir John Harvey, *Patron*. The Hon. H. H. Cogswell, *President*. The Hon. J. W. Johnston, Martin G. Black, James W. Nutting,

Wm. Pryor Junr. Esq., *Vice President*. Martin G. Black Esq., *Treasurer*. Shannon Esq., *Secretary*. Mr. J. J. Johnston, *Assistant Secretary*.

Committee, The Revs. Dr. T. W. Scott, R. F. Unacke, John Martin, P. G. McGregor, A. W. McGlock, Ephraim Evans, George Bullock, John Miller, W. Smallwood, Alex. Forrester, Professor Houlton, M. B. Almon, H. Bell, A. Keith, Dr. Avery, James N. Geo. N. Russell, David Allison, Jerson, A. McKinlay, Henry P. Jones, S. Seldon, T. A. Brown, Thompson, A. S. DeWolf, James Thompson, Creighton, and Charles Robson.

Moved by the Rev. John Martin, by Wm. Pryor Junr. Esq.

Resolved, That the cordial meeting be presented to the city kindness in presiding on the

The Meeting was closed with prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction at ten o'clock.

DISCREDITABLE CONDUCT.

A letter, directed to our *Halifax*, and signed, in which the writer has been requested to forward a signature in our Journal an account, said to have been perused by our Ministers. As soon as we received this letter, our suspicions were excited, and we have since ascertained on authority that the account is a fabrication, intended to annoy persons residing in Yarmouth. The offender, that we have handed one who may teach him better, he has shown in his heartless wound the feelings of an innuendo nothing of those of the gentleman who would publish no marriages unless dictated by some known and reliable source.

RAILWAY MEETING.—A Meeting of the County of Halifax, held at the Court House at Windsor, on the 19th inst. for the purpose of securing the different districts in the County of Halifax, and to ascertain upon what line of Railway from Halifax to the Townships were numerous persons represented at the meeting.

Mr. J. D. Fraser, Esq., M. P. P., O'Brien, Esq., affirming the beneficial character of such a line, unanimously. Another Resolution, A. McHaffey, Esq., seconded by Mr. Esq., appointing a Committee to add to their number, residing in the County, was also unanimously adopted.

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