

Universalists such as J. F. Clarke, believe that there will be punitive pain inflicted in the next world. It may be a year, two years, or a million years. The new Theology, concluded the Dr., is worse than the worst Unitarianism and the worst Universalism. There is an ignoring of facts, and one singular thing he had noticed was that some men who had been the *most strictly* orthodox had now swung to the other extreme.

#### CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF N. B. AND N. S.

The 29th annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick met July 3rd in the Congregational church at Keswick Ridge, Rev. W. McIntosh, chairman, presiding. After devotional exercises, Mr. D. H. Burpee was appointed minute secretary. The usual routine of calling the roll, etc., occupied the afternoon.

In the evening there was a large attendance. Rev. W. McIntosh, retiring chairman, gave his address, which we hope to give at length.

Our estimable friend, Rev. J. B. Saer, B. D., of St. John, was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

On Sunday morning the church was crowded. Rev. J. B. Saer preached the annual sermon from the text, 1st Peter i: 12, "Which things the angels desire to look into," coupled with Ephesians iii: 10. The preacher was glad that the Christian system was looked into and examined under the keen criticism of the present day. It was a system that would stand the test of inspection, and would be found to be without flaw. The gospel we preach has Jesus Christ for the centre, with a circumference that reaches not only every living creature here, but every seraph in the remotest bounds of the universe. The preacher outlined and dwelt on these leading thoughts. First, that the principalities and powers are watching with interest the development of the plan of salvation and the ultimate union of saints and angels. Second, through the church, principalities and powers are learning the final destiny of this world, its destruction and removal. Third, that the principalities and powers are not only looking into the destiny of this world, but the destiny of the universe of God. Christ is the great centre around which revolves the whole universe, but is the way by which men are to be justified before God.

On Sunday afternoon an evangelistic service was held, presided over by Mr. James Woodrow, of St. John.— Rev. J. Barker offered prayer. Rev. J. W. Cox addressed the young; Rev. W. McIntosh, parents and teachers; Rev. Thomas Hall, christians and christian workers, and Rev. S. Sykes made an appeal to the unconverted. Rev. J. Whitman made the closing prayer.

In the evening, Rev. Mr. Willet, of Cowansville, Quebec, preached to a crowded congregation from the text, Acts 2nd, 12th verso, "And they were all amazed," &c. The day of Pentecost came on the first of the week, and our Christian Sabbath was not only the commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, but the commemoration of the day on which the Holy Spirit was outpoured on the first Christians. The sermon was devoted to an exposition of the incident related in the second chapter of Acts, as well as to the relation of the Holy Spirit to the church and its work. He was thankful to God that the Christian church was getting back more and more to first principles. It was not given to men to speak in unknown tongues as it was then given, but power from on high was attainable by the Christian teacher and worker, if sought aright, to carry home the message of the wonderful works of God to human hearts.

An evangelistic service followed, presided over by Rev. J. B. Saer, the greater part of the audience remaining.

On Monday forenoon there was some routine business transacted. Several reports were read. A resolution was adopted on Sabbath observance, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. Joseph Barker, secretary.

Rev. J. Shipperley, statistical secretary.

James Woodrow, treasurer.

C. H. Dearborn, foreign missionary treasurer.

The foreign missionary treasurer's report and the statistical secretary's report were read. Also reports from the trustees of the Gorham trust funds. The statistical secretary's report showed that 1,264 names were on the rolls of membership, an advance on the number reported last year.

Rev. C. B. Waltham, delegate from the Maine conference, gave an address, in which he presented the salutations of that body.

On Monday afternoon Rev. Dr. Watson, of Chebogue, read a paper on Sabbath school work, which elicited considerable discussion.

On Monday evening the public missionary meeting was held. Rev. Thomas Hall, missionary superintendent, spoke on behalf of the Canada Congregational Missionary, and Jas. Woodrow on behalf of the Ladies' Missionary Society. From the report presented it appeared that the Ladies' Society had raised considerably more money than any previous year. Mr. Hall gave an account of his labors as missionary superintendent. The receipts of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society he said exceeded by \$600 the receipts of the previous year. Still there was a deficit of \$1,800. The proportion for the churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would be about \$200. On