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WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th, 1896.

THE A. B. M. UNION AND THE WOMAN'S  
MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

There has recently been taken by the  
American Baptist Missionary Union, in  
reference to the Woman's Missionary Soci-  
eties affiliated with the Union, action  
which is significant as indicating a gen-  
eral desire for greater unity in the home  
work of missions and as a recognition  
of the influential position now occupied  
by women in the missionary operations  
of the denomination. Seeing that with  
us the relation of the W. B. M. U. So-  
cieties to our F. M. Board is practically  
the same as that of similar societies in  
the United States to the executive of A.  
B. M. Union, the action alluded to is of  
some interest to us as well as to our  
brethren on the other side of the inter-  
national boundary.

At the recent meeting of the A. B. M.  
Union, at Saratoga, a report was received  
from a committee appointed a year pre-  
viously "to consider the whole question  
of the relationship between the Mission-  
ary Union and the several Women's For-  
eign Missionary Societies, including the  
principles on which the several societies  
should receive their proportionate share  
of money contributed to foreign mis-  
sions." Following a relation of the  
origin and development of these Soci-  
eties and some account of existing re-  
lations between them and the Union, a  
recommendation was submitted "look-  
ing to a closer union of men and women  
in the management and furtherance of  
our whole foreign missionary enter-  
prises."

The recommendations were as follows:  
1. That a fair proportion of women,  
not less than one-fifth, be elected to  
membership in the Board of Managers of  
the Missionary Union, and that the pres-  
idents of the four Women's Foreign Mis-  
sionary societies shall also be members  
of the Board ex officio. 2. That the Ex-  
ecutive Committee of the Missionary  
Union recommend to every church to  
form a Missionary Committee, to be com-  
posed of men and women, who shall have  
for their work the education of the peo-  
ple in missions, the dissemination of mis-  
sionary information and the collection of  
missionary funds; and that representa-  
tives of the Union take all possible mea-  
sures to keep in regular and frequent  
communication with such committees. 3.  
That the Board of Managers of the Mis-  
sionary Union be authorized to appoint  
a special committee to confer with  
committees which we request may be ap-  
pointed by the Executive Boards of the  
women's societies to consider the ques-  
tion of the election of women to the Ex-  
ecutive Committee of the Union, and  
any other matters affecting the relations  
of the several women's societies to the  
Missionary Union, said committee to re-  
port at the next annual meeting.

The first and second of these recom-  
mendations were adopted without op-  
position and with little discussion. The  
third called forth debate. Some were  
for appointing women at once to the ex-  
ecutive of the Union, as logically and  
properly following the proposal adopted  
to place them upon the Board of Man-  
agement. Others were for an indefinite  
postponement of further consideration  
of this clause of the report. But finally  
the report of the committee was adopted  
by a unanimous vote. The vote prob-  
ably was not considered as committing  
the Union to the policy of appointing  
women to its executive, if the proposed  
conference with the societies should show  
that there existed a desire on their part  
for such representation. And it was said,  
by Dr. H. M. King, of Rhode Island, that  
the women profess now to have all the  
responsibility they wish to carry, and ac-  
cordingly do not desire representation  
upon the Executive Committee of the  
Union.

It does not appear that the action  
which has been taken by the Union in  
this matter has been caused by friction  
in its relations with the Woman's So-  
cieties or with a desire to restrict the  
independent action of these societies with-  
in narrower limits than those which they  
at present enjoy. It seems to be due  
rather to the conviction that the inter-  
ests of the mission work will be more  
effectively promoted if on the part of  
the men and women of the churches  
there shall be a larger measure of unity  
and co-operation in that work than at  
present.

The report of the Executive  
Committee of the Union, presented by  
Rev. Dr. Duncan, recognizes heartily and  
with gratitude the great importance of  
the work done by the Woman's Societies  
and presents facts to show that they "are  
truly auxiliary to the Union in fact as  
well as in name."

Writing in the editorial columns of his  
paper, *Zion's Advocate*, Dr. Burroughs,  
of Portland, cordially expresses his ap-  
proval of the step which has been taken. He  
holds that women have abundantly  
proved their ability to exercise admin-  
istrative functions and that, as the A. B.  
M. Union is not exclusively a men's so-  
ciety, women have a right to share in the  
direction of its affairs. Another year, he  
believes, will see women placed upon the  
Executive Committee. But this does not  
mean that the women's societies will be  
merged in the Union. "They have a  
value not only directly but indirectly.  
One treasury there will be in due time,  
we believe. We shall have also, men  
and women, working together in our  
churches as they have not worked before.  
But the women's societies will remain  
and continue their beneficent work."

All this indicates a trend of things  
operating within as well as outside of re-  
ligious denominations in the present  
generation. We Maritime Baptists shall  
do well in such matters to keep an ob-  
servant eye on processes and results in  
order that when the time for action comes  
we shall understand how best to shape  
our course.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS.

The lot of the pastor who serves a  
small congregation is sometimes the  
envy of his brother minister who has  
upon his shoulders the travel, the visit-  
ing and the other labors incident to the  
charge of a large congregation. In some  
respects, it is true, the minister with the  
smaller charge has the advantage. But  
the advantages are not by any means all  
on his side. If in the large congregation  
there are more pastoral calls to make,  
more sick to visit, more funerals to at-  
tend, there are on the other hand more  
sympathetic hearts, more helpful words  
and kindly acts to cheer on the minister  
in his toil. And then, when it comes to  
preaching, the man with the large con-  
gregation has decidedly the advantage,  
because it is always easier to preach to  
five hundred people than to one hun-  
dred. Whether in pastoral work or in  
the pulpit, there is in numbers an  
inspiration which the pastor who min-  
isters to but a small number some-  
times sadly misses. If the larger field  
and the greater congregation involve  
greater labors, they offer greater oppor-  
tunities. Besides these there are other  
considerations. The comfort if not the  
usefulness of the pastor of a small church  
may be easily destroyed. One or two  
persons whose influence in a large church  
would not be by any means a controlling  
one, find themselves of much more im-  
portance in a church where the burdens  
necessarily rest upon a small number,  
and by pursuing a self-willed and dic-  
tatorial course they may greatly disturb  
the peace of the church, and make it  
impossible for a pastor to continue,  
who would otherwise be very acceptable  
and useful in his ministry. It is easier—  
much easier—to do a large amount of  
labor when the church is helping and  
cheering the pastor on by co-operation  
and sympathy than to do much less, if  
without the minister labors under the  
consciousness that he is being opposed,  
either secretly or openly, by an influ-  
ential minority in the church.

Rev. Dr. Donald, the successor of the  
late Dr. Phillips Brooks as rector of  
Trinity Church, Boston, in a recent ser-  
mon on Christian Unity, in a way that brings the light  
of strong common sense and of real Chris-  
tian convictions to bear upon the attitude  
of the Episcopal church toward this ques-  
tion. He asked what is the significance  
of the affiliation of the Episcopal church  
with the Russo-Greek church, with Pere  
Hyacinthe or with the old Catholics  
compared with the significance of at  
least a spiritual affiliation with the Pres-  
byterians, Congregationalists, Methodists  
and Baptists. "Who and what," says  
Dr. Donald, "are the Old Catholics that  
we should grant to them the recognition  
and sympathy we withhold from the  
Methodists, who found a new church  
every day of every year, in which is pro-  
claimed pardon and salvation through  
Jesus Christ our Lord? What has Pere  
Hyacinthe done—what does he give  
promise of doing—in France that he  
should be received into our open arms,  
while we have no relations with the  
millions of Baptists, North and South,  
who are doing more than any man can  
tell for the religious and moral educa-  
tion of America? In this sermon, Dr.  
Donald declared unqualifiedly that the  
necessity of ordination by a bishop to  
clerical standing or for the orderly  
administration of the sacraments is not  
the authoritative doctrine of the Episco-  
pal church.—*Washington.*

A pleasant time is expected at Truro  
at our association. They are making  
every possible arrangement to royally  
entertain delegates. We would especial-  
ly urge our young people to be present  
at the Thursday evening meeting in  
order to be benefited by the rendering  
of the interesting program. You will  
then be able to carry back to your  
church and Union a spirit of love and  
inspiration.

H. B. SMITH, President.  
Springhill, June 28.

Charlotte Vermilge kills worms  
every time.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF N. S.

The 45th session of the Central Baptist  
Association of N. S. convened with the  
church at Mahone Bay, June 21,  
1896. The first service commenced at  
8:30 o'clock. In the absence of the  
Moderator the Rev. J. W. Bancroft was  
called to preside.

The choice of Moderator fell upon  
Rev. J. W. Bancroft of Aylesford, Rev.  
J. Murray was reappointed Sec., Bro.  
Simon Spidell, Lic., Asst. Sec., Bro.  
Joseph Hamm, Treas.

The committee of arrangements re-  
ported the order of business and religious  
services to be observed during the con-  
tinuance of the association. The reading  
of letters was then in order and con-  
tinued to the end of the session.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Young People's Union came to the  
fore and supplied music and addresses  
to a large audience. The speakers of  
the evening were Rev. D. H. Simpson,  
Bro. G. A. McDonald, Lic., Rev. A. C.  
Chute and P. S. McGregor.

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer Meetings at 6:30 and 9. Each of  
these services were largely attended and  
much enjoyed. The report of the com-  
mittee of nomination was the first busi-  
ness of the session, which was opened at  
10 o'clock. The reading of letters from  
the churches was continued to the close  
of the meeting.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Reports of District committees were re-  
ceived.

Rev. D. H. Simpson read report for  
the district in the county of Kings. These  
reports embraced the religious state of  
the churches, the financial condition of  
the churches, the topics discussed at  
the district meetings, etc.

The Hants county district reported  
through Rev. P. S. McGregor. This is a  
County Auxiliary Board to the Home  
Mission Board of the Maritime Provinces.

The Halifax county district gave a full  
and excellent report by Bro. B. H. Eaton.  
This district has taken up the care of  
conducting all Home Mission work in  
the county of Halifax, and to a limited  
extent beyond these bounds. Some deno-  
minational literature has been cir-  
culated in connection with H. M. work.

A resolution recommending that a  
prompt transfer of membership be made  
by all of our members as a change of  
residence occurs. This resolution has  
special references to those who move  
from our country churches to the city.

The district of Lunenburg reported  
that it had taken up new duties in con-  
nection with Home Mission work in this  
county. Commendable progress is re-  
corded of the several neighborhoods of  
this county heretofore most destitute of  
regular religious services. This ex-  
cellent report was presented by Rev. H.  
S. Shaw, the secretary of this district.  
The discussions evoked by these reports  
made it plain that this association has a  
living interest in all that belongs to the  
growth of our churches.

A committee appointed last year to re-  
port on B. Y. P. U. recommended that a  
meeting be held for the purpose of or-  
ganizing an association convention of the  
B. Y. P. U. in connection with this as-  
sociation.

The committee on denominational  
literature was presented by Bro. John H.  
Hall as chairman. In it favorable men-  
tion was made of the MESSANGER AND  
VISITOR. Dr. Goodspeed's pamphlet on  
the Christian Sabbath, and of our Bapt-  
ist Room at Halifax.

On obituaries the committee reported  
that all our pastors in this association  
have been mercifully kept in service  
here. The association was led in a  
prayer of thanks, given by Rev. A. C.  
Chute, for these special favors of our  
Heavenly Father.

At the close of the afternoon session  
the delegates of the B. Y. P. U. were  
convened with the President of the  
Maritime Convention of the B. Y. P. U.,  
Bro. Geo. A. McDonald in the chair.

An Associational Union was organized  
with the following officers: Pres., Rev.  
N. W. Hutchins; 1st Vice Pres., Bro.  
Dimock; 2nd Vice Pres., Bro. Whit-  
Laurence; Sec., Rev. W. S. Shaw; Treas.,  
Bro. Harold S. Freeman; Executive  
Committee, Rev. D. H. Simpson, Rev. C.  
H. Martell, Bro. Geo. A. McDonald.  
Union adjourned to meet with the  
association next year.

SATURDAY EVENING

The report on education was presented  
by Rev. A. C. Chute.

The history of the Sackville Baptist  
church was read by Mrs. Webster. The  
association voted to request a place for  
this interesting piece of history in the  
MESSANGER AND VISITOR.

Education was the subject of the even-  
ing.

The speakers of the evening were  
Prof. Tufts, Bro. E. W. Sawyer and Rev.  
A. Coburn. The Rev. G. P. Raymond  
moved a resolution which was seconded  
by Rev. P. S. McGregor, recommending  
that a chair of Biblical study be provided  
in Acadia University. This resolution  
was tabled for further consideration.

The service of this evening was largely  
attended, the addresses appropriate and  
forceful, the attention given indicated  
that our educational institutions have a  
large place in the hearts of our people.

Parry, Text, Eph. 4:15. Subject,  
Spiritual growth. This sermon was full  
of the rich things of the Gospel, and was  
much enjoyed by the large congregation.

At 2:30 a Sabbath school service was  
held of a very interesting character. It  
was presided over by Bro. J. Hamm,  
superintendent of the school.

Very appropriate addresses were given  
by Bro. Dumaresq, superintendent of the  
Sabbath school of the North church,  
Halifax, Bro. G. A. McDonald, Rev. A.  
J. Kempton and Rev. P. S. McGregor.

The singing by the school together with  
solos by Bro. H. A. McLean and Bro. G.  
A. McDonald, added much to the pleas-  
ure of the hour. It is expected that the  
religious impressions here made upon  
the large audience will be fruitful. All  
the Sabbath school workers present found  
much to encourage them in their anxious  
toilings.

SABBATH EVENING

was given to the subject of Missions.

The committee on Missions reported by  
Rev. H. N. Parry. This report was an  
extended review of the several mission-  
ary operations of our body. Attention  
was especially called to the heavy bur-  
den carried and gratuitous work done  
by the members of our several Boards.

The Rev. P. R. Foster spoke on behalf  
of the Grand Ligne Missions. In his  
brief but interesting speech he referred  
to the work of French evangelization in  
this province, and spoke of the political  
importance and hopefulness of the work.

The Rev. A. Coburn pressed the claims  
of our Home Mission in his usual vigor-  
ous manner. He made it plainly appear  
that our past record in this department  
of our church work indicated the lead-  
ings of the Divine hand, which gave  
great encouragements for the continu-  
ance of this enterprise. No work in  
which our churches have been engaged  
have yielded more satisfactory results.

Rev. J. W. Manning made a few stir-  
ring remarks by way of introducing Rev.  
W. B. Boggs D. D., a returned missionary  
from India, so well known in these pro-  
vinces.

Dr. Boggs gave a word picture of  
heavenly life in India, and missionary  
work done there. He gave a brief sum-  
mary of the grand results of these labors  
in India and other lands, and earnestly  
urged the more vigorous prosecution of  
the work among the Telugus now un-  
der taken by the Baptists of these Maritime  
Provinces. The impression made by  
these earnest addresses and well-based  
appeals must bear good fruit in our  
churches which were largely represented  
in this meeting.

The service was made the more inter-  
esting by a solo well rendered by Bro.  
McLean, and the excellent singing of the  
choir.

MONDAY MORNING

The circular letter of this association to  
the several churches composing it was  
read by the Rev. G. P. Raymond. This  
letter deals in detail with all the denomi-  
national subjects referred to in the  
annual letters of the churches to the  
association. This well written letter was  
passed by the association and recom-  
mended that it be read from all the  
pulpits of this body.

The committee on temperance was  
presented by Rev. W. E. Hall. This  
report dealt with the political as well as  
moral aspects of this subject. In theory  
this association is like all our Baptist  
bodies—just right; but evidently quite  
divided in the practical application of  
this theory. Considering the political  
complications of this question, as it finds  
its association with party politics, it is  
not a matter of astonishment that reli-  
gious people unaccustomed to the tricks  
of party politicians should find themselves  
not quite at home in this business of the  
party caucus, now found so necessary  
to political success.

MONDAY MORNING

committee on statistics reported. In  
this it was shown that 517 had been  
added by baptisms to the churches of  
this association during the past year. 27  
churches have had an increase in their  
memberships, 25 churches had a decrease  
of members. There are 2919 families  
connected with the churches of this  
association.

The committee on benevolence report-  
ed, which was accepted after a brief  
discussion. This report suggested:  
"That every church member should give  
something for the support of the Gospel.  
That that something should be given  
weekly if possible. That our gifts should  
be a definite proportion of our income.  
That this should be given as the Lord's  
stewards. That it should be given as  
under the eye of the Master himself."

It was voted that the histories of the  
churches as prepared and read before  
this association be placed in the columns  
of the MESSANGER AND VISITOR.

The resolution on the matter of a  
Biblical chair in Acadia University was  
taken from the table and discussed,  
amended and passed as follows:

Resolved, That this association urge  
upon the convention the desirability of  
taking early steps toward establishing a  
chair of Bible instruction in Acadia  
University.

A brief history of the church at Bil-  
town was read by Bro. J. E. Dunham  
who had prepared it.

The history of the New Ross church  
which was prepared by Dr. Kempton  
was read by Rev. S. March.

was given to the subject of Sabbath  
schools.

The report on Sabbath schools was  
read by Bro. W. J. Gates, the chairman  
of the committee appointed to consider  
this important subject. The report ad-  
vised that in our Sabbath school special  
attention be given to the subject of mis-  
sions and temperance by the help of  
Mission Bands and the triple pledge, and  
that prayer meetings be held at the  
close of the S. S. exercises when it is  
convenient to do so.

The value of a pure literature for use  
in our families and Sabbath schools was  
presented by the speaker in a very in-  
structive manner. An intimate acquaint-  
ance with the book of books recommend-  
ed.

The Rev. J. H. Saunders was called  
upon to speak of the Relation of the  
Sabbath School to the Family and the  
Church.

Spirituality in the Sabbath school was  
the theme spoken to by the Rev. D. G.  
McDonald. This theme is the special  
delight of the speaker and his descrip-  
tion of it delighted and edified the S. S.  
workers present.

This closing service of the association  
was among the most interesting and  
enjoyable of the session.

The Central Association of N. S. has  
all the elements of our denominational  
strength in its constituency. It is an  
educational centre. Wolfville also is  
the retiring paradise for tired preachers,  
and a resting place for returned mission-  
aries, so it tends up its quota of sanctified  
wisdom to the councils of the body. The  
city of Halifax furnishes largely of the  
commercial and legal wisdom it pro-  
fesses. The wealthiest counties of the  
province are in its territory—great  
things may therefore reasonably be ex-  
pected to result from the meetings of  
this association. The fathers and found-  
ers of our church polity in these pro-  
vinces were dwellers in this territory to  
a large extent and have imprinted their  
traditions of enterprise and pro-  
gress on the generation following them.  
Well is it for the Baptists of these Mari-  
time provinces if this Central Association  
humbly maintains an advance in all that  
pertains to the glory of God; and if  
without any jealousy our several associa-  
tions press into a wise rivalry as to who  
can best work and faithfully serve the  
great Head of the church. A pleasing  
characteristic of this associational gather-  
ing was the evident purpose of the  
brotherhood to be guided by the Holy  
Spirit and to abide in the truth as it is  
in the Christ. The church of God is  
always safe in this way though her pro-  
gress may be slow.

The association this year was most  
fortunate in its location. "The beautiful  
Mahone"—though somewhat out of the  
centre—is quite easy of access, being a  
station on the N. S. C. Railway. Quite  
a few of the delegation crossed the pro-  
vince by its roughest highways and were  
well prepared for the hospitality awaiting  
them. They were also prepared to ap-  
preciate the Christian zeal and effort  
of the five good sisters who in the by-  
gone walked this long way, through much  
unbroken forest and rougher roads, to  
meet the brotherhood in association at  
Wolfville. The last of this noble life, so  
I am informed by Bro. G. R. Raymond,  
has recently passed on to the higher as-  
sociation of the saved ones. The germinal  
life of the Baptists in the county of  
Lunenburg was vigorous, and under the  
careful culture of the Sainted Dimock, in  
his infant days, was prepared to furnish  
forth this sturdy Christian manhood.  
A strong delegation came by steamer  
from Halifax. They in the voyage, as  
reported, were treated by Neptune in a  
way that greatly delighted some, and seri-  
ously afflicted others. So much depends  
on the highway upon how we take things.  
Of the good people of Mahone it may be  
well said they know how to entertain,  
and they take great delight in doing it.  
Lunenburg is one of our most impor-  
tant counties and we are sure that the  
increase of Baptist principles among its  
people will not hinder its material pros-  
perity. Righteousness will ever exalt  
a nation.

The only cloud that hung over this  
annual gathering, is the one now casting  
its shadows over the churches of the  
Maritime Provinces. The fact that too  
many of our people are not contributing  
at all to the support of the Gospel, and  
among those who do contribute, the  
amount given for the sustaining of the  
destitute is so small a percentage of what  
they expend for the accommodation of  
the local church, as to put in doubt the  
genuineness of their fellowship with  
Christ, in His purposes of mercy to a  
lost world.

As has been the custom in our anni-  
versaries for many years the subject of  
benevolence was referred to in the  
reports of committees in terms both  
caustic and complimentary, and from  
the platform appeals were made fighting  
out the pathetic cry of the destitute, and  
the positive commands of God. Yet we  
may fear that no very lasting impression  
was made, no remarkable reform in  
individuals as near at hand; nor will it  
come to our churches until upon the  
well and wisely directed labors of our  
pastors, the spirit of the living God  
abundantly rests. The well springs of  
benevolence must be in the hearts of the  
people ere the streams overflow.

Under the Shadow of the Rockies.

I arrange my plans to make a visit to  
the churches of Alberta this spring, and  
am now away to the westward where the  
Rockies rise with snow peaks  
against azure skies. It usually takes  
me about five or six weeks to make the  
trip from Winnipeg, as all the churches  
and new openings must be visited, and  
services held at each place. You may  
imagine one gets a warm welcome by  
the missionaries on these distant fields  
where they scarcely ever see a brother  
minister of the same denomination. You  
would naturally expect heavy demands  
to be made on the visitor for preaching  
and visiting during his stay, and as he  
moves from place to place he is under a  
constant strain of special service. It  
cannot easily be estimated what in-  
fluence for the cause a missionary exerts  
in these annual visits to the fields, es-  
pecially to those where no missionaries  
are settled. Those who remember the  
work of our pioneers in the western  
provinces, will be able to form an opinion  
as to what these services mean to the  
denomination. Beside the inspiration  
given to the fields, information is gained  
on which plans can be intelligently  
made for aiding the work. He is a wit-  
ness of the things he has actually seen  
and heard.

The difficulty of securing funds to as-  
sist the fields has had a depressing in-  
fluence, yet the work is advancing.  
Although the tide of immigration has  
ebbed considerably, large numbers of  
people of various nationalities continue  
to come to this district, which is the  
principal point of attraction in the  
country at present. The work in the  
Edmonton field has spread out so that a  
second missionary must be sent in at  
once. A church of English-speaking  
people has been organized in South  
Edmonton and a building suitable for  
the present requirements of the church  
secured. I always have some honor con-  
ferred upon me when I visit Edmonton.  
I was the first Baptist minister to preach  
in the district. On my second visit I  
assisted in organizing the first Baptist  
church, and this time I had the privi-  
lege of preaching to a crowded house at  
the opening of the second chapel.

The two towns are separated by a great  
gulf. The Saskatchewan River, whose  
banks reach 240 feet into the air, forms  
a division of the field into two, on each  
of which a missionary must be settled at  
once.

Pastor McDonald has done a good  
work in sticking out the flag, and with  
the assistance of talented young men in  
the church, holding the ground. He  
has now resigned the church on the  
North side, and after the first of July  
will devote his entire time to the South  
side, expecting another 32 churches  
up the former work. The North side  
embraces a vast district, in which Bapt-  
ists are well represented. Besides a  
town of 1600 inhabitants, there is the  
Sturgeon settlement, 15 miles north,  
where already there are 32 churches and  
members. They are talking of organiz-  
ing themselves into a church there.  
This is a delightful part of the country,  
and prospects for its future are very  
hopeful. I met quite a number of old  
acquaintances from P. E. Island here.  
They are greatly pleased with the coun-  
try and prefer it even to that "bright  
gem of the sea"—"The Island." At  
Poplar Lake, eight miles from town,  
is another station, and beyond are the  
Horse Hills, where services are held oc-  
casionally by the missionaries. On the  
south side of the river stations are open-  
ing up at Ft. Saskatchewan, 18 miles  
north of Edmonton, and at Jedon,  
9 and 18 miles south from the town on  
the line of the railway. These with a  
rapidly growing town will make a larger  
and important field. The last men-  
tioned places are the centre of the  
Russian-German population. About  
three years ago a colony of these people  
settled here in what was a Baptist  
church of about 30 members. Since  
that time the colony has been enlarged  
by annual additions from the old land,  
each. The church has 200 members.  
On the 19th of May, they dedicated a  
 commodious house of wor-  
ship. The following extract from a re-  
port by Pastor McDonald, of Edmonton,  
who was present and assisted in the  
services, will be read with deep interest.  
"The building is 50 by 30 feet, built of  
solid squared timbers, placed closely  
over each other so as to make it warm  
for winter. It is so arranged, by a par-  
tition in which there is a large door,  
that they can diminish or enlarge the  
place at will, according to the size of  
the congregation and state of the  
weather. It is roofed with shingles, and  
ceiled with larch. It is heated with  
coal, substantially, by a large stove.  
The day of opening was all that could be  
desired, and large numbers of these  
devout people repaired to their new sanc-  
tuary from the surrounding country,  
congregating at their own expense, and  
twenty miles. Not a few of their En-  
lish-speaking neighbors also met with  
them on the occasion, to rejoice with  
them. About 9 a. m. a mammoth  
prayer meeting was held, after which  
Pastor W. H. Mueller, of Winnipeg,  
preached in the German language to a  
full house. At 4 p. m. the congregation  
again met, this time with a larger num-  
ber of their English speaking neighbors,  
when the writer spoke from John xii. 34,  
to a most reverent and attentive au-  
dience. As many of the hearers were  
unable to understand the language of the  
discourse, Bro. W. H. Mueller, of Win-  
nipeg, who is quite at home in both  
languages, gave a synopsis of the ser-  
mon in German. On Monday morning  
early, another great prayer-meeting was  
held in the new church home, and soon  
after 10 o'clock the congregation repaired  
to a brook in the neighborhood, singing  
joyfully as they orderly and in rank  
marched from the place of worship. Then  
in the open air Pastor F. Mueller ad-  
dressed the multitude on the subject of  
baptism, and afterwards baptized four  
young converts. The audience then  
met in the church house, and listened  
to pastor W. H. Mueller for half an  
hour, as he spoke in German of "Bap-  
tism in Scripture and in History." He  
was followed by the writer, in English,  
on "Keeping the Ordinances, as They  
Were Delivered," and the pastor then  
closed this service by a warm  
sprited, and earnest address on the  
same topic. Then came the "love  
feast," which proved to be a very sub-  
stantial meal, consisting of bread, cake,

beef, pork, and coffee  
ance. This being and  
money and prayer-meet-  
ings which many partici-  
pated in the climax of  
things was reached,  
assembled sat down to  
the action of the dying love  
Master, Jesus Christ.  
of both days were  
soul inspiring singing  
choir and from a way  
Those people are of a  
new land to which God  
of the bondage and  
Russia.

Further south about  
Red Deer are the great  
settlements, where a  
sionary found one with-  
out religious  
We have done so little  
their spiritual condition  
proved yet. The town  
line are making solid  
church is proving itself  
of confidence, but of  
country around here  
drought, which together  
financial depression, the  
church a struggle to  
Through the generous  
very necessary improv-  
made on the property  
the foundation of the  
sheds for teams and  
grounds with a neat  
The Bow and the Elbow  
Join at Calgary, affor-  
vantage for irrigation  
country. Several fe-  
in this way and school  
for watering an exten-  
sive plan are carried out  
Calgary are bright.

Since I began this  
homeward and have  
Hat. This is a won-  
When