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The York and Sunbury Quarterly meeting will hold its sessions with the Baptist church Upper Queensbury, beginning Friday evening September 27th. All brethren will take the notice thereon and govern themselves accordingly.
M. S. HALL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The New Brunswick Baptist Convention was held at Upper Newcastle, Queens Co., beginning on Friday afternoon, Sept. 12th. Not owing to the difficulty of getting there without spending too much time the delegation was small, only 17 in all were present. There were some other brethren and sisters in attendance. But the greatest hindrance to a full house was the scare of diphtheria occasioned by the death of the youngest daughter of Mr. James O. Miller, living adjacent to the church. The Drs. pronounced the cause of her death black diphtheria. This statement caused great alarm in the neighborhood, and prevented the people from coming to the meetings; so the attendance was slim throughout the sessions. Nevertheless the usual business was transacted by those who were there. Officers for the next year were appointed for the Convention; also for the Sunday School Convention; and the business of the Amnity Association attended to. The Convention will meet next year on the fourth Saturday in September.

Stewardship.

BY REV. O. P. GIFFORD, D. D.

WE are God's economists. Are we wasteful? Run over the years; if we could bring them back again would you use them as you have? We are economists of God's time. Time is the one condition under which we work. When time is gone you can do no more.

Time is the stream between two eternities. In the Niagara river one drop in thirty is drawn aside and falls on the turbine wheel; it gives Buffalo her pre-eminence. When we have drawn it all aside we shall have made Buffalo the queen of the continent. Every man owns all the time there is; it is the one element in which every man has a corner. Every man has as much time as Adam. If you own'd Niagara river would not you dig pits and place turbine wheels? Here is the stream of time; I am responsible for every second of it. Shall I stand by its cataract and admire its rainbow, or make turbine wheels? Every man is responsible for every moment of his time. Talk of killing time—talk of wasting time! Queen Elizabeth at her last, exclaimed: "Millions of money for a moment of time." You cannot buy back your time with money. It is like the virgin in the parable. It was "too late—too late—too late." Every one of us is an economist of time, and yet there is nothing we scatter as we do time. The successful man uses time.

I have read that a young man, Raphael, went into a gambling room in Paris. He saw the gambler take his last penny. He decided to commit suicide; he would wait until dark. He spent the day in the museum of an antiquarian. He became interested in a skin on which was written: "Do you want me? Take me." With every desire I shrink; you can never be rid of me." The old man gave him the skin, saying: "You cannot take it and repent." The young man took the skin and wished: "I wish for pleasure." All night long he reveled in debauchery—the skin had shriveled. He loved a beautiful woman; he wished for riches—all were his. Years went by; but six inches of the skin remained. He tried to get rid of it, but he could not; he threw it into the water—fisherman brought it back; into the white heat of electricity—it was unharmed. He covered it with acid; it conquered all tests. Everything he wanted came, and still it shrank. Two

inches remained; the doctors fought with death; the skin disappeared and he was gone.

It is the story of time. Every man at birth is given years, it may be ten, it may be seventy. Out come enjoyment, pleasure, months, hours; how it shrinks! By and by will come the call: Give an account of thy stewardship. Then the book of memory will be opened; Give an account of thy stewardship; thou shalt no more be steward, thou hast wasted God's gift of time. Wesley was asked what he would do if he knew he would die that night. "I would rise at five, as usual, preach through the day and retire at night." If you knew that tonight was the last link of time, what would you do this afternoon?

Live every day as if thy last. Follow the trained wisdom of the fire department; not knowing when the call will come, live every hour as if thy last. The one thing we are not certain of is our time.

Economists of time! Have you learned how to economize time yet? to make every moment mean most? It is said the people beyond the sea would grow rich on what Americans waste. There is nothing we waste like time.

We are stewards or economists of money. My Master never hesitated to liken His kingdom unto money; why should I? If Christ, who knew the essence of the kingdom of God, never hesitated to liken it unto money, why should the preacher? God breathed into red earth and it became a living soul; if God can make red earth into men, if Aton could make jewelry into false gods, why not use money for Christ's kingdom?

You remember the prince of the house of Hur was a very rich man. He trusted his steward with the care of his possessions. He was drowned at sea; his widow, daughter and son lived in Jerusalem. One day when the Roman soldiers were passing the house as the son leaned over the parapet of the roof, a loose brick fell; the officer thought it was an attempt to kill him; the son was sent to the galleys, the mother and daughter were imprisoned. One day the steward came to Jerusalem in search of the family; the Roman officers seized the steward and tortured him to make him give up his master's property. He might die, but he would never break a trust. He was carried to his home, he kept on with his business. Again he was seized; on the rack every bone was broken; not a penny would he surrender. He was wheeled about in a chair; the keen intellect gathered to itself its forces; he became the richest man in the Roman empire; his ships were on every sea.

One day Ben Hur stood in the presence of his steward: "I have come for my own." The steward questioned him and was satisfied with his identity. From the safe the steward brought the money. "Your 120,000 talents have become 637,000. You are the richest man in the Roman empire. It is all yours." There is stewardship for you! broken and twisted, and yet with divine fidelity; "it all belonged to the master." Stewards of the time of God! Stewards of the money of God! How could God dignify you more than that! Always responsible to Him, never anything coming to yourselves. "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, thou shalt be ruler over many things." Thou hast been faithless over a few things—take from him what he has. It is the divine law.

The steward began with nothing of his own. If a man will not be faithful over that which is not his own, who shall trust him with that which is his own? A boy goes into a store; if he is not faithful over the merchandise, he never gets to be a merchant himself. Fidelity in trust is a measure of character. A man who enlists at the foot of the regiment, if he is faithful, step by step advances until he is at the head of the regiment. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful in that which is much. He that is faithless in that which is least is not fit to have anything of his own. No teaching is higher than this: you are put in trust of time, of manhood, of money, but not for self.

Dr. Peck, speaking on missions, has said: "There are many professed Christians who kiss Christ at the communion table, but betray him at the collection box."

Quarterly Meeting.

The quarterly meeting of Carleton and Victoria Counties met with the Richmond and Hodgdon church September 9 and 10. The first session (Tuesday afternoon) was opened with social service led by the President, Rev. B. S. Freeman. The election of officers which then followed resulted in the re-election of Bro. Freeman as President, and in the election of Rev. R. W. Demmings, 1st Vice; Rev. Jos. Cahill, 2nd Vice; and Willie H. Smith, Sec'y and Treas. The reports of the pastors present were listened to with interest and encouragement. Special mention might be made of the work of grace which the Benton section of Pastor Parton's field is now enjoying. Four have been baptized, one from Roman Catholic home, and three others received for baptism at last night of meeting.

The evening session was a treat for Sunday School workers. Three brief, spicy, comprehensive addresses on Sunday School work were listened to by a large audience. The first was delivered by Pastor Fash on the subject, "The Moral Training of the Sunday School"; the second by Pastor Cahill on "The Bible and How to Teach It," and the third by Rev. A. H. Hayward on "How to Interest the Sunday School Class." Each was certainly a splendid treatment of the subject considered. The session closed after a question bureau had been opened and suggested answers given to several leading questions with which Sunday School workers have to deal.

The third session (Wednesday morning) was opened with a social service led by the Secretary. A paper was then read by Rev. Jos Cahill on the subject, "The Social Service and How to Conduct It." May it suffice to say "the paper was a masterly treatment of the subject." It was most suggestive as proven by the lively and helpful discussion which it provoked, participated in by Brothers Hayward, Fash, Smith, Barton, Demmings, Atherton, Merrithew and Freeman. The end of this discussion brought to a close a most profitable session of our quarterly. The afternoon session opened with a social service led by Bro. C. E. Atherton. A stirring address on Home Missions was then delivered by Rev. A. H. Hayward. The speaker's heart, soul and body are so fully in this work that the address could not but arouse a most helpful discussion. When done we were wiser as regards the condition of the weaker churches of these counties, of which there are eight isolated and pastorless ones.

By evening, the continuous downpour of rain which kept many from attending the morning and afternoon sessions, had ceased and the house was filled to hear a sermon preached by the Secretary. An evangelistic service brought to its close a much enjoyed quarterly. The season being a busy one, few delegates came from a distance besides the pastors, of whom six out of seven in the counties were present. We were much helped by the presence of Rev. A. H. Hayward, our general missionary, and Bro. C. E. Atherton, who has just resigned the Country Harbour field in Nova Scotia.

WILLIE H. SMITH, Sec'y.

Personal.

Rev. F. W. Patterson, now in Winnipeg, writes encouragingly of his work there. He adds: "Since coming home again we have had many tokens of the Master's presence. We had baptism three Sundays in the month of August, and are looking for a substantial ingathering this winter. We are now laying plans for aggressive work." Many of Bro. Patterson's former friends in New Brunswick will be glad to learn of the success that continues to attend his ministry.

Rev. F. B. Seelye is about removing from New Maryland, N. B., to take pastoral oversight of the First and Third Coverdale churches of Albert county. Mr. Seelye will enter upon his work under favorable auspices and it is hoped a good measure of success will attend his labors on his new field.