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Nicoll, editor of will visit Canada this autumn. Many of our people would be glad of an opportunity to see and hear this learned and able champion of evangelical truth. We hope that the Maritime Provinces as well as other parts of Canada are to be included in Dr. Nicoll's visit.

The Duke and Duchess of York and Cornwall have arrived in Canada, and for some weeks to come will be the Dominion's honored guests. Their first visit is being made at Quebec, and according to reports that reach us. the citizens of the Ancient Capital have dropped all thoughts of race distinctions in their most enthusiastic endeavors to give the royal guests a welcome befitting their exalted station and their present and prospective relations to the throne and to the empire. These hearty demonstrations of loyalty will be repeated, we may be sure, in every part of the Dominion which the royal party shall visit. King Edward has no more loyal people than those of Canada, and none who will more heartily delight to honor the King's son.

-We are glad to note that so many of our churches recognize the advantage, as well as the duty, of giving their pastors a yearly vacation. For it is unquestionably an advantage to the church, as well as to the minis ter, that he should go away and rest for a few weeks that he may come back refreshed and invigorated by rest and change, and inspired by the thoughtful kindness of his people, to do his very best. It never pays to work a willing pastor to death. Some people have even gone so far as to suppose that it might pay to give an editor an annual holiday. But that is another story, and the supposition is open to doubt on the ground of economy, everybody knows that the woods are full of editorial

—Up to the present, Protestantism has been represented in Italy by the Waldenses and the missions of a number of denominations, all practically unrelated to each other in their work and, in some respects at least, not mutually helpful. Now there is an undertaking to form a federation of these different bodies for the promotion of the work of evangelization. It is hoped that the un-dertaking will be successful and that it will issue in good results. The purposes of the proposed federation are said to be—division of work among the different denomina-tions, so avoiding unnecessary duplication and making it possible to open new stations; publication of handbooks in the interests of missions, such as catechisms, hymn books, etc., maintaining a publishing concern for the publication of religious journals and of a general daily; direction of the individuals engaged in the mission work, and management of the social work, such as aid and charitable societies.

-Within the past week the editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR and his wife have received the kindly and hearty congratulations of many friends in the city at having completed twenty-five years of married life to-gether. And these warm-hearted congratulations have been accompanied with a tangible and beautiful expres-sion of good-will which will be cherished for its intrinsic son of good-will which will be enersined for its intrinsic value and much riore because of the friendship and re-gard of which it is, we feel, a genuine expression. There have been surprise parties, we are told, which were such in name and in that respect alone, but the surprise in this case, as we can attest from a full knowledge of the facts, was of the most thorough and genuine character.

This matter is not perhaps of sufficient interest to the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR generally to justify reference to it here, but our friends of the wider circle will, we trust, bear good-naturedly with us in making grateful recognition of the thoughtful and generous expression of regard on the part of personal friends in our immediate neighborhood.

—Now the summer is giving place to autumn, with its shorter, cooler days and long evenings, upon many of our people the demands of toll are somewhat less strenu-ous than during the long, hot days of summer, many who have spent the summer in the country or by the seaside are getting back to their town or city homes again and the more regular conditions which will con-tinue for eight or nine months of the year are being resumed. This is the time when the wise and earnest pastor and his helpers will be laying and instituting plans pastor and his helpers will be laying and instituting plans for the work of the fall and winter months. Church machinery, like all other machinery, requires motive power to produce results. Without the presence of the Divine Spirit human planning will result in little, but God works in accordance with law and order, and his co-operation may be expected by those who work in feith and through regular and persistent effort. The hap-hazard way of doing things is as much out of place in church work as anywhere else. To those who plan predently, work earnestly and do all in faith and in hearty reliance upon the Arm Omnipotent, the blessing will not be denied.

The Convention.

Mr. EDITOR:—"Delegate" has called attention to one serious omission in our Convention proceedings in Moneton, and the question very naturally occurs, "Why did not 'Delegate' himself call attention to the important fact

that fifty of our students at Wolfville had been converted to God during the last year." It was certainly his privilege as a delegate to have done so, and much more, was t not his duty? At any rate we can all rejoice that the 'Child of Providence' is still maintaining its character ot only as a "School of the Prophets" but a place where God is ever showing his power to save, and surely this es far in answering the question as to whether the Baptists in these Provinces are forgetting their religious principles or losing their spiritual graces and

Still our Convention and other gatherings of the tribes may not be above criticism and "Another Delegate had scarcely gotten to his home before yet snother "Delegate" called, and while there was much that was uplifting as he gladly acknowledged, yet there were many things that were not to his taste, and as this third "delegate" is an old pastor it may be well to give all concerned the benefit of some things he said at this interview. First, he maintained that the work of the body is done by about a dozen lay and ministerial delegates is done by about a dozen lay and ministerial delegates— one or two sections only being represented in the busi-ness of the body while the representation is usually large, rauning up into the hundreds, and embracing in that representation all the Baptist territory of these Provinces.

Now is this a fact? and if it is where is the fault? No one or two or a dozen delegates, no matter what church or churches or interests they represent have any rights, or privileges above others. The right of free speech and "of the floor" in debate is denied to none. Every report is fairly and openly discussed and passed upon clause by clause, and the only form of "closure" is that provided for in the rules of order which distinctly say that "no person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion unperson snail speak oftener than twice on any motion and less by permission—not of the presiding officer, mark, nor of any half dozen influential ones in the body—but by the "Body" itself. One brother told me that this rule was constantly violated by a few individuals. A little examination clearly proved that such was not the case. The brother forgot that each clause of a report case. Ane brother forgot that each clause of a report when moved for adoption was a new and distinct motion and not the whole "report," and that under the motion to "adopt as a whole," any report "as a whole" was still under discussion. The rulings of our presidents as far back as I can remember have been exceedingly fair, and for the most part strictly parliamentary in these matters, and if any "delegate" does not express his candid opin-ions and give the body the benefit of his thoughts upon a given subject, he is simply unmindful of his own duties and privileges as a member of the body, and cannot legit-imately complain of any action which may be wrong in his estimation, if he has not done what he could and ould have done to prevent such action being taken.

Another complaint is that the Committee of Arrange ments appears to be a sort of "close corporation" from year to year, ordaining all things after the counsel of its own will, and without due consideration of all the inter-ests at stake, or the geographical extent of the territory embraced in our operations, consequently, it is averred that our mass meeetings as a rule are too apt to become very wearisome to the people in attendance, and many of them leave the premises before the programme is finished, simply because too many of the speakers fail to "enthuse" their audiences. Well, this is a matter for the entained their audiences. Well, this is a matter for the entained committee of Arrangements in Yarmouth to take into consideration. Delegate No. 2 can remember when more than two or three speakers appeared on the platform each evening, and "time limitations" were in or-Let our Yarmouth pastors, and those who are with them in preparing the next year's programme, see to it that none of these mass meetings are shorn of their power or influence by any of the speakers taking up too much time. It's a mistake if delegates and others in attendance are made weary instead of being made interested in the great work of the denomination, and if a speaker is putting the people to sleep, or driving them out of the house, let him, if it be a him, be called down and that promptly by the president's cavel just as now, as the "time let m." the president's gavel just as soon as the "time is un." if

Still another feature is objected to, viz., the doing of so much of our work in the committee room, instead of in open Convention. Now with this objection there can be but little sympathy. A committee is able to get at the facts in any cause committed to it, in a way that caunot obtain in full convention. So it is with our Boards, and it is only recently that one of our Boards was severely censured by parties who evidently were entirely ignorant of information in the hands of the Board, and upon which reliable information action was based. But it would not have been fair nor just to the parties most con-cerned to have made public such information, or to have given "reasons" for its action, inasmuch as the present as well as the future usefulness of some good and present as well as the rature ascrumens of some good and valuable servants of the Lord may have been hindered by any such publicity. And yet some ardent friend unwise, by would demand that "reasons" be publicly given for this or that course of procedure on the part of said Board. The unwisdom and unfairness of such publicity is too obvious to require further comment, and the same is true

in regard to the work of committees. Information may be freely sought, statements of a confidential character, even, may be freely made, and after the most careful and

prayerful consideration, conclusions arrived at, and embadied in a report to be presented to the Body at large.
This is no "Star Chamber" proceeding. The committee
has been named by the Body to canvass the whole question at issue, to get all the light from every quarter available, and then report up to Body appointing it to do this work. Their report or recommendation coming be-fore the Body to be "adopted" in whole or in part, or rejected or amended in any way the Body may elect. Certainly there can be nothing amiss in such an open and free-to-all course as this is, especially when our business

is greatly facilitated thereby.

Once more | it is claimed that in choosing Boards and Committees "Standing and Sessional," the same bre-thren are appointed on more than one such Board or Committee and scores of just as good names left off. This is an old complaint and attempts have been made from time to time to meet the objection by giving a wide scope in making such appointments, but even here cer-tain things have to be considered by Nominating Com-mittees and first among them is, that no man should be named on any Board or Committee, who is unable or un-willing to serve; to "put men on" "out of mere com-pliment" is the surest way in the world to degrade our denominational interest and have our work done imperfectly or not done at all. Or to "put on" a fault finder just to "smooth down his feathers" is simply to bring God's work into contempt. The cause is more than any man or any number of men, and appointments should be made in the interests of the great work committed to the denomination, and fitness, adaptability, ability and willing-ness to perform should certainly have a "fair show" in making such appointments. But while this is true it is no less important that there should be a fair and impartial distribution of the work, and it may be that larger Boards have become a necessity with us in order to meet our growing interests or to awaken a more general interest in Yours truly,

" DELEGATE No. 2."

Notes by the Way.

AMHERST, Sept. 14.—Convention weather (and those who at tended the Maritime Convention at Halifax in 1900, will understand what that means) arrived two weeks behind schedule time, but doubtless all enjoyed (?) it when it came. When the writer reached Moncton on Salurday, the old statement that in these generations mankind proceeded from shirt-sleeves to shirt-sleeves seemed in need of revision. Let me not repeat the story that the thermometer told, lest that patient instrument be accused of perverting the truth.

The railroad town seemed to have fully recovered from the recent invasion, and many of the people expressed themselves as quite prepared to undergo a similar experience in the future. Pastor Hutchisson has been taking a well-deserved holiday, visiting his former home in Ontario and attending the Pan-American. On Sunday, the statistic, the pulpit was filled by Rev. Dr. Trotter, who was heard with great pleasure. On Sunday, the 8th inst., Rev. C. W. Corey of Liverpool, N. S., preached with much acceptance. A shower the preceding night had cooled the overheated atmosphere and the day was delightful.

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To an onlooker the chief need of the Moncton church now is an assistant pastor. Pastor Hutchinson is a strong man, physically, mentally, and spiritually, but not even a giant can be expected to minister to a church of 1100 members and at the same time meet the demands that are are always made by the denomination upon the pastors of our large churches. Financially as well as in every other way the church feels the need of more pastoral oversight than one man, even the strongest, can give. The fact that less than oue-third of the membership of the church contribute aystematically by envelope to its financial support will bear out the above statement. Then there are outstations within a few miles of Moncton which could be served by such an arrangement, which to day are entirely deprived of pastoral care.

On Tuesday a flying visit was made to Berry's Mills via Cherryfield and Lutz Mountain. The latter church (known as the 2nd Moncton) has lately extended a call to Rev. I. Williams. The writer does not know whether the call has been accepted, but sincerely hopes that it has, for the need of a permanent pastor here is urgent. It will be remembered that an attempt was made last spring to group the church with Shediac and Mud Creek, but for some reasons it proved a failure. Why not substitute Harcourt for Shediac, which cau easily be reached by rail from Berry's Mills, and where there is crying need of missionary effort, and the Home Mission Board would no doubt be willing to aid in making such an arrangement feasible.

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Tuesday night was pleasantly spent at the home of Rev. I. W. Carpenter, Berry's Mills, who with his estimable wife made your representative welcome, and almost made him forget that he was a wayfarer and a wanderer on the face of the earth with no abiding place. And let record be made here of the unfalling kindness and hospitality with which I am received in every place. Our denominational paper, while many criticise and find fault with it, still is recognized as necessary to the life of the denomination.

Thursday evening found me at Amherst in time for a mid-week prayer meeting. Pastor Bates has returned from his vacaction with renewed atrength and vitality, and is supported by and intelligent and carnest band of workers. We will expect to hear of the triumph of the gospel in this place during this coming year.

During the coming week I hope to vi it Tiduish, Amherst Shore, Northport, Linden, and all points on the shore down to Pugwash. Subscribers living in these places will do well to note this and examine the labels on their papers that they may be prepared.

Yours in the work.