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—The *North-west Baptist*, published in Winnipeg and edited by Rev. Alexander Grant, has lately been enlarged and made semi-monthly instead of monthly, whereby its value is greatly increased. We need not say of a paper edited by Bro. Grant that it is strong and outspoken in advocacy and defence of the faith Baptists are expected to maintain, and no less so in regard to works which Baptists are expected to do.

—Mrs. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE is said to be living a peaceful, childlike life in Hartford, oblivious to most that goes on in the great world. But such an event as the death of Whittier does not fail to arouse her attention; and that her mental powers have not as yet suffered complete collapse appears by the following note which comes from her in reference to the death of the New England poet:

"To such as he the transition from this world to the next is but slight. It would be selfish to sorrow. Ours is the loss and his the eternal gain. I wish I might send a fitting tribute, but my days are almost numbered, and my pen halts in my hand. His own beautiful, solemn words come to me now:

*The hour draws near,  
However delayed and late,  
We have at the eternal gate,  
We leave the world and works we call our own,  
And lift our hands alone,  
For love to fill our nakedness of soul."*

—It can no longer be said that the cities on this side the Atlantic are entirely free from cholera. Several deaths from the disease have been reported in New York during the past week. Two cases—one of which terminated fatally—of what was declared by two physicians to be Asiatic cholera, are reported from Bangor, Me. According to latest despatches received at time of writing, the disease is not spreading in New York, and the report of its being in Bangor may be held as yet to lack confirmation. There is ground to hope that the disease will not obtain any serious foothold in America this season, but it would certainly be the height of folly not to heed the warning that is given and to neglect by the strictest attention to sanitary conditions to be prepared for the foe when it comes, whether it be this year or next.

—We are informed by the Registrar that a good deal of difficulty is experienced in getting, for the purpose of registration according to law, a complete record of the births occurring in this city. This applies especially, it is said, to the families connected with Baptist congregations, and it is suggested that Baptist pastors might help to make the registration much more complete, if they would obtain and forward to the registrar's office the required record of any births which take place in connection with the families of their respective charges. This, in the interests of so important a matter, we have no doubt they will be pleased to do. To any who are willing to assist in this way the registrar will furnish the necessary blanks and envelopes, which may be returned through the post office free. The returner of the certificate is also entitled to the modest fee of five cents. Who can say that the government does not practice economy?

—The reports which we publish in this issue of opening exercises held during the past week at Wolfville and St. Martins are gratifying evidence that the present marks no diminution of the enterprise and perseverance, the courage and faith which have hitherto characterized the Baptists of these provinces in educational work. St. Martins is to be congratulated on beginning another year under so favorable conditions and with so excellent prospects for successful work. It is a school to which both bodies of Baptists may be proud to give patronage and support. Acadia Seminary and Horton Academy, no less, are to be congratulated on the immensely improved conditions which the splendid new building of the former and the Manual Training department of the latter will afford. The editor regrets that he was unable to respond to the invitation from Wolfville, but as it appears his absence was the occasion of calling out the admirable address from Prof. Keirstead, he knows that his absence will be very readily excused.

—In reference to the subject, "Children and the Church," to which allusion was recently made in our columns, a friend sends the following from the *N. Y. Observer* of March, 1890. The lectures alluded to were delivered to the students at Princeton by the late Rev. Dr. Vanduyke, an eminent minister of the Presbyterian church:

"In the fourth and last lecture the church membership of infants was magnified, yet not beyond its true proportions. The children of believers are in the covenant, they are born members of the visible church, they are to be bap-

tized, not in order that they may be regenerated, but upon the assumption that they have been regenerated. They are to be regarded as the children of God from infancy, and so treated and early encouraged to come to the Lord's table."

The doctrine here set forth is not exactly baptistal regeneration, but it is not so easy to see in what way it is better or more scriptural. What Baptists will especially object to is the assumption that anybody is regenerate who professes no experience of a change of heart and gives no evidence thereof in life and character.

—For the next few weeks, during the absence of the editor for needed rest and recreation, Rev. Dr. Hopper has kindly consented to exercise editorial watch-care over the *Messenger and Visitor*, and its readers will accordingly enjoy the benefit of his talents and experience in editorial work. We are pleased to report that Dr. Hopper's health is showing substantial improvement and that he is at present physically stronger than for some months past.

—The editor of the *North-west Baptist*, who represented Manitoba and the North-west at our Maritime Convention at Bridgetown, has this to say about it in the last issue of his paper: "That in all his experience of Conventions there never was one like this. Apart from the handsome way in which they treated him and the cause he represented, the meetings for spiritual power, Christian fellowship, and prompt but brotherly conduct of affairs were without a parallel even in the history of these same brethren, and certainly so of those who hailed from further West." We have already told how nobly Bro. Grant did his part as representative of the great western land, and how much the Convention enjoyed his visit. Everyone hopes he will come again.

## PASSING EVENTS.

THE death of the Rt. Rev. John Medley, Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of Canada, occurred at his residence, Fredericton, on the 9th inst. It seems fitting that mention should be made in these columns of this event, and of the man who, for so many years, had held so prominent and influential a position in this province. Bishop Medley was born in 1804, the son of George Medley, Esq., of Grosvenor Place, London. He was graduated B. A. in 1826 at Wadham College, Oxford, and in 1830 took the M. A. degree, having a year previously been ordained a priest of the Church of England. After having served his church for ten years at Southleigh, Devon, and at Truro, Cornwall, he became vicar of St. Thomas, Exeter, and prebendary of the cathedral there. When, in 1845, the Diocese of Fredericton was set apart from that of Nova Scotia, Mr. Medley received the appointment of Bishop to the new Diocese, and was formally inducted into the office on the eleventh of June of the same year. For more than forty-seven years he had continued in this important position. On the retirement of Bishop Orenden, of Montreal, Bishop Medley became Metropolitan of Canada. In 1881, in accordance with the wish of the Bishop, and in order that the interests of the diocese might not suffer because of his waning strength, Dr. Kingdon became associated with Bishop Medley as his coadjutor and his prospective successor. Bishop Medley was a man of scholarly attainments, particularly in the classics. He cultivated a taste for architecture and music. In music especially he took an active interest in connection with the services of his cathedral. He possessed ability as a writer and public speaker, and enjoyed the reputation of being a strong preacher. The Bishop labored long, industriously and with a fair measure of success to build up the interests of his church in this province. To that end he devoted his time and strength, taking little part in public affairs. He was first and last a churchman, and felt no more sympathy, perhaps, than the high churchman ordinarily does for Christians who are unable to subscribe to the thirty-nine articles, and to submit to the authority of the Church of England. But, no doubt, he earnestly and constantly devoted his life and talents to promote what he honestly believed to be the best interests of his Diocese. He lived a simple, industrious and exemplary life, and enjoyed the profound esteem and love of his people. By the clergymen of his Diocese he was evidently regarded with great respect and veneration, and many affectionate tributes to his memory were contained in the sermons delivered in the Episcopal pulpits throughout the province, on the Sabbath following his decease.

NOTHING succeeds like success. If a man goes in search of the North Pole and perishes among the icebergs and the polar bears, we say he might have known from the first it was a fool's errand, and if he had been wise enough to take our advice he would have remained at home and enjoyed the blessings of civilization in a temperate zone. But if he goes, carries out his programme, or a part of it, and returns safe and sound, he becomes a hero in our eyes. Just now Lieut. Robert Peary and his wife are the hero and heroine of the continent, having returned in safety from their polar expeditions, after a winter and part of a summer spent in Northern Greenland. Lieut. Peary did not probably accomplish all he hoped for. He did not reach the pole. He did not even get as far north by considerable odds as others had gone before him. But apart from a broken leg, from which the Lieut., by the good nursing of his wife, soon recovered, and the sad loss of one of the party, who is believed to have fallen into a crevasse while off alone on a mineralogical expedition, everything went well. The winter was passed in comfort in a house which the party built on Whale Sound. In the last days of October the sun set for the long polar night and did not re-appear until the middle of February. Their residence they called Red Cliff, because of the mountain behind it with its precipitous red sides. A number of Eskimos built their ice-houses near them, and with these people the Peary party were on friendly and quite intimate terms. The Eskimos had their photos taken and became to the explorers the subjects of ethnographical as well as photographic study. With the coming of the spring explorations began. In April Mrs. Peary accompanied her husband and a native driver on a sledge drawn by a dog-team for a round trip of 250 miles, examining the isles and shores of Whale Sound and Inglefield Gulf. About May 1st began their preparations according to the Lieutenant's plans for their journey over the snow cap. Part of the expedition turning back on the edge of the basin of the Humboldt glacier, three or four weeks later, Peary and a young fellow named Astrup went on with their fourteen dogs, drawing sledges, and accomplished 1,400 miles of about as rough marching as could be found by the 6th of August, when on their return they were met near McCormick Bay by Prof. Heilprin and the relief party of the Kite. The facts gathered by Lieut. Peary are said to be of considerable importance, and not the least important result appears to be the demonstration that with necessary prudence and foresight such expeditions can be undertaken with comparative safety.

## The A. B. Association.

The African Baptist Association met with the Dartmouth Lake church, Sept. 3rd, at 3 p. m. About an hour later the Rev. E. Dixon, moderator, called the session to order. After devotional exercises the list of delegates was prepared by the secretary, and the officers chosen for the ensuing year as follows: Moderator, Rev. F. R. Langford; assistant, Rev. J. E. Jackson; clerk, P. E. McKerron; assistant, T. Langford; treasurer, C. F. Biddle.

The visiting brethren were voted a seat in council. Among the visitors were Rev. A. Cohoon, of Hebron, who offered the opening prayer, and also in eloquent language addressed the brethren, expressing the pleasure it gave him to be present. He would like to attend all the seasons if it were possible, but business of an important nature called him away, and he would leave the city with the early Monday train. However, he set forth in pleasing terms the claims that the Convention had on the association, both in home and foreign missions. He also impressed upon the audience the good work done at Acadia College, and as the doors were thrown open to the young people for learning they should embrace the opportunity. There never was a time when education was so much needed as now, among all classes of people; and as many of the older brethren of this association had done pioneer work, he hoped the younger men would aim at a larger measure of usefulness and realize the need of a good education, so as to enable them to take the stand intelligently with other people, and not allow the cause to be a failure. Educate both head and heart, and all will be well with us. He spoke strongly on mission work, both on our own field, and the Grand Ligne (Quebec), Manitoba and India. He also urged the grouping of the churches.

Bro. George McDonald, of the Book Room, also addressed the meeting at

considerable length, in which he explained to the brethren the good work that the Book Room had done in supplying literature to the Sabbath-schools and churches at low prices. He spoke strongly in favor of the hymnal, which was pretty generally used now in all the churches; and he hoped that delegates present, whose churches have not yet introduced them, would do so at an early date.

B. H. Eaton, Esq., of the Spring Garden church, and Rev. J. D. Spidle, were present, and with others were invited to a seat in council. The session adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock in conference.

The subject of the evening session was prayer, and a precious season was enjoyed. Some of the brethren not having met for many years, being away in the United States, the Christian salutations were very touching indeed.

Sabbath services were held in the Reform Club Hall, as well as at the Lake church. Rev. J. E. Jackson preached at 11 a. m.; Rev. M. Anderson, of Philadelphia (Presbyterian), preached at 3 p. m., and Rev. E. Dixon at 7 p. m. At the Lake church at 11 a. m. Rev. G. Carvery preached; at 3 p. m., Rev. Jas. Gabourel; and at 7 p. m., Rev. J. A. Smith. The services were well attended, and good attention prevailed all through the sessions.

At the afternoon session, after the sermon, the Rev. A. E. de St. Dalmas spoke briefly of the good work the denomination was doing on the Grande Ligne Mission and of the important work done since its first inception. He told of the many obstacles it had to contend with, but by Divine aid he hoped they would be all overcome. He hoped that God's power would be made manifest during the sessions.

Monday forenoon session was spent in the preaching of the Association Sermon by one of the oldest brethren of the number—Rev. Mr. Carvery—from Rev. 22:1, "And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." The preacher endeavored in a plain way to show to his hearers the sweet intimacy or affection that existed between John and the Saviour. This revelation of divine truth was not given to impetuous Peter, or to the scholarly St. Paul, but was given to the greatest and simplest of the apostles, John, who reposed on the bosom of his beloved Lord and Master. "The water of life"; not that water of which if a man drink he shall thirst again, but that "living water, of which if a man drink he shall never thirst, but it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." The cause of its preciousness is the source from whence it flows—from the immediate presence of God Himself. His presence is sufficient to make it delicious to the taste. This figurative language is designed to express all that is included in the term salvation through the blood of the Lamb. The thoughts produced were grand, being original. He endeavored in an off-handed way to make his hearers understand fully that salvation was to all and for all—no distinction, no high fares to pay on that line. He made it emphatic—"whoever will let him take the water of life freely."

Monday afternoon session was spent in reading of letters from the churches, the circular letter and secretary's annual letter, and routine business.

Monday evening session, in spite of rain, was largely attended. The Moderator, Rev. F. R. Langford, gave an interesting outline of the work he was doing on the field at Tracadie, under the supervision of the Home Board. Addresses were also given by Rev. John Smith, Rev. J. E. Jackson, late of Lynn, Mass., but now of Yarmouth, and by Rev. James Gabourel, lately ordained to the work of the ministry. Bro. Gabourel had performed considerable mission work on the home field, and had met with persons who had not for twenty years entered a church; but he could see a remarkable change of late in their lives; they were on the eve of deciding for Christ.

Our highly esteemed friend, Dr. E. M. Saunders, addressed the meeting for half an hour, and kept the audience spell-bound. He expressed the pleasure it gave him in meeting so many of his colored brethren, co-workers in the cause of Christ. The vision is one wherever we meet; we are workers in the one common cause of Christianity, ready to be spent for Christ, and we should feel the great love of giving the good news of salvation to sinners everywhere. No place needed it more than mission fields, both home and foreign, and he hoped that this association would become awakened to the work more in the future than in the past. He spoke of the early work done by Fathers

Manning, Burton, Dimock and Munroe, men who were filled with the Holy Spirit, and of the work they did. They laid the plans of mission work; they were united in heart and work, and the plans laid by them, having been improved by experience and time, have produced wonders in the records of our denomination. He strongly favored the idea of grouping the churches together in the various sections of the province, thereby enabling pastors to do more effective work than at present, and supply churches, many of which are pastorless. He also strongly recommended the training of the children in secular knowledge, whereby they will become acquainted with God's Word in the Sabbath-school, which is the door of entrance to the church of Christ. He further spoke of the great work the Convention was doing in Quebec, the Northwest, Manitoba and on the foreign field. The missionaries we had the pleasure of hearing quite recently, told of their persecutions and privations with which they had to contend. Yet they were willing to toil on for souls for the eternal home, where there were no distinctions, no quarrelling, no feuds, no sorrow nor weeping, for Jesus Himself "would wipe all tears away."

The Doctor's address, although a half-hour long, seemed but five minutes, in consequence of the important truths set forth and the ground covered. He wished the moderator and brethren God-speed. All the addresses were interspersed with good singing.

Tuesday morning's prayer meeting was taken part in by Rev. Mr. Spidle, of New Brunswick; and our genial good friend, Pastor Hall of the Tabernacle, who always has a warm place in the hearts of his colored brethren, was present. He spent all day with us and gave valuable advice, took part in most all the discussions, and strongly supported the grouping of the churches.

Both forenoon and afternoon sessions were spent in the discussion of the best method to adopt in the grouping plan. The evening session was devoted to a mass temperance meeting, and it is hoped that from the able addresses delivered good results will follow.

It is to be regretted that during the year we had but twenty-three baptisms, which were from churches which had pastors, and clearly shows the necessity of churches having pastoral work done effectively. The hand of fellowship was given to Rev. E. Dixon on behalf of the little church on the Guyaboro road, received into the association.

Wednesday forenoon session was spent in hearing reports of the various committees, which were fully discussed. Committee on Missions recommended that a collection be taken for the Convention scheme and be increased to twenty dollars—passed unanimously.

At the afternoon session church discipline was discussed, in which the case of a deacon whose privileges were curtailed for disobedience was brought before the association. After a thorough investigation by the moderator and the delegates of the church affected, its action was fully sustained.

Miss L. Halfkenny, a graduate of Acadia Seminary, being present and expressing a desire to address the session on behalf of the above institution, was permitted by the moderator. She eloquently presented its claims on the association, and told of the good work Acadia was doing for the young ladies, who regarded that institution as second to none in the province. And as the Macedonian cry was "come over and help us," she had come over to this meeting with a hope that the brethren would consider the claims of the institution a just one and help it all they could, and she was safe in saying that the Lord would bless them. She had volunteered to raise a sum of forty dollars for the institution and she felt sure that she would not be disappointed. When a collection was taken and ten dollars were realized for the object, Miss H. returned thanks in admirable terms.

The association closed to meet with the church at Weymouth Falls in Sept. 1892, after the usual votes of thanks to railroads and other highways of travel in giving reduced fares.

F. R. LANGFORD, Moderator,  
P. E. MCKERRON, Secretary.

## W. B. M. U. RECEIPTS.

FROM AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 14.  
Sydney (Mission Band), mite boxes, F. M. \$2. G. L. M. \$2; Fredericton (Mission Circle), one share in building fund, \$10; Weymouth, F. M. \$1; Mill Cove, F. M. \$18.05; Middleton, one share in building fund, \$10; Port Williams, F. M. \$4; Sackville, gift of Miss Louise E. Smith (deceased), F. M., \$100; Little Glace Bay, F. M., \$8.  
MARY SMITH,  
Amherst, N.S. Treas. W. B. M. U.

## W. B. M. U.

NOTE FOR THE YEAR.  
"As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you."—John 20: 21.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER:  
That God will open the hearts of our church members to give liberally to His cause, and especially that those to whom He has entrusted wealth may feel compelled to lay it upon His altar.

## Crossade Day, October 3.

What about it, sisters? Are you preparing for a grand rally in the Master's name? What plans are you making so as to spend the day in the best manner possible to advance the interests of our loved work—the work to which we are called by our Divine Leader, and to which we committed ourselves anew when we placed our names on the roll of membership in our Aid Societies. Let us remember that the day is to be wholly given up to special prayer and effort to enlist those of our sisters who are not already interested, and alas! that there should be any such!

The following plan is suggested as an outline programme of work for the day, subject, of course, to modification or adaptation to the needs of any place: Let a committee be appointed previously who shall divide the church into districts, and appoint sisters whose duty it shall be to visit each woman in the church not already a member of the Aid Society, and as many others as possible: After earnest prayer, let the sisters go out, and in the Master's name lovingly and earnestly place their work before the uninterested, inviting them to a meeting for special prayer in the afternoon. Now let the afternoon meeting be one of earnest pleading with the Lord for His blessing to rest upon this effort, and upon all our work for the coming year. It should inspire us with faith and hope to think of united prayer going up from the Aid Societies all over these three provinces on this afternoon of the 5th of October. After this meeting let the sisters remain together for a social tea in the vestry or some convenient place, and following that, a public meeting by the interests of our work, with such a programme as shall be best suited to each place or society.

Sisters, shall not this be a day when the presence and power of the God of missions shall be felt among us? Let each individual member of each society feel that upon her rests a responsibility that can be discharged by no other; and if she should be among God's shut-in ones, let her pray—pray earnestly, pray unceasingly that this special effort may be crowned with richest results for the Master "whose we are and whom we serve."

To Aid Societies.  
The committee appointed by the W. M. A. Society at Bridgetown Convention, for the purpose of arranging methods to advance the cause of Home Missions, met in the parlor of Mrs. Allison Smith, on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 28. The committee recommend every Aid Society throughout the Maritime Provinces to devote 15 minutes of each monthly meeting particularly to Home Mission work, either by reading two short articles or preparing a brief address on the subject. Each Provincial Secretary will be in a position to provide the secretary of any Aid Society with necessary literature in time for the October meeting.

Your committee further recommend the use of the mite boxes for Home Missions exclusively, depositing therein for every special cause for thanksgiving, any amount from one cent upward, "according as the Lord hath prospered thee"; also, at the end of the quarter, send to Mrs. Smith, of Amherst, the amount collected, and report to Provincial Secretaries how the plan has worked.

During Crossade Day, Oct. 3d, for which further particulars will be published in *Messenger and Visitor*, advocate the Home Mission cause and urge all to attend the public meeting in the evening.  
M. E. HURVY,  
Sec. of H. M. Com.

Literary Notes.  
The September number of *The Cottage Hearth* is full of good things, and among them we notice an unusually good story by Margaret Sidney, the scene being laid in Nantucket—one of the quaintest old places in America. The fourth and last of the series of travel sketches in the heart of England departments are filled with timely hints, and Edith Robinson in "Home Dress-making" tells mothers what the latest things are and how to make them. The September number is excellently illustrated. (W. A. Wilde & Co., Boston, Mass.)

The conversion and apostleship of St. Paul alone, duly considered, is of itself a demonstration sufficient to prove Christianity a divine revelation.—*Lord Lyttleton.*