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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1887.

A. A. SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Missionary Union of the Baptists of the United States is making a vigorous effort to introduce the weekly offering in connection with their work.

Led on by Dr. Ashmore, the home secretary, himself a returned missionary, it has been determined to make a general effort to introduce the weekly offering plan.

The district secretaries have been instructed to do their best to call the attention of pastors and churches to this vital matter, by correspondence and otherwise.

MISSIONARY UNION.

"LAY-BY" ENVELOPE.

Quarter ending.....1887 Because in this way, and by all uniting in the same thing, we can raise the largest possible amount.

SOMETHING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This plan is a very simple one, and we prophesy that through it a large increase will come to the funds of the Union.

We are profoundly impressed with the belief that, as our Conventions and Associations, we are not practical enough.

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WELCOME MEETING.

The Foreign Mission Board gave a welcome meeting to Bro. Hutchinson, on the evening of Wednesday last, in German street church, St. John.

COLLEGIAND POPULAR EDUCATION.

The growth of popular education within recent years is, no doubt, considerable; but the increased interest of very many in the higher branches is still more noteworthy.

In this movement the colleges are often found leading. Noted professors and thinkers are called to the platform and address the many in plain, forcible, weighty words.

The ideals and methods of Baptist educational work are strongly in the direction here indicated. We are glad to observe that Acadia continues her interest in general education.

In connection with this subject, it is a matter of regret to us that no provision is made at our annual gatherings in convention or associations for theological or literary lectures.

THE WEEK.

The Cabinet have been in prolonged consultation over the question of proclaiming the Irish Land League under the provisions of the Crimes Act.

The Peers have amended the Land Bill and made the revision of the rents to be based upon the difference of prices in 1887 compared with those of '81 to '85.

The election in the Northwick division of Cheshire has just been held, and has thrown the Conservatives and Unionists into what is well signified a panic.

The government declares that England has never consented to the French occupation of the New Hebrides. It seems that France has occupied them to have an offset to the occupation of Egypt by Great Britain.

England was compelled to interfere in the affairs of Egypt because of internal trouble which threatened to overthrow the state of things ratified by the powers.

The government has refused to guarantee a loan to assist emigration to the colonies and also to subsidize the Canadian Pacific mail route for the present year.

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In response to a call from the Jacksonville Baptist Church a council convened in its house of worship Aug. 9th, to consider the propriety of ordaining Lic. George R. White, A. B., to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

In accordance with the unanimous vote of the council the ordination took place in the evening, at 7.30 o'clock, as follows: Invocation, Pastor Mayo, of Hodgdon, Me.

Eight churches were represented in the council, which was composed of eight members and twelve laymen. JOSEPH WEBB, Sec'y.

To and From the Convention.

Concessions in travelling fares to delegates and others bona fide attending the Baptist Convention at Charlottetown.

1. Intercolonial Railway.—(Limited to 27th August.) Purchasers of full first class tickets going will receive return tickets free, either at Pt. du Chene or at Pictou Landing on presenting to ticket agent certificates of attendance.

2. Windsor and Annapolis Railway, &c. 2nd, 10.30 a. m. to organize under the plan suggested by the Central Association; Rev. H. Foshey, chairman.

3. Western Counties Railway.—(Limited to 26th August.) Purchasers of first class tickets going, will receive return tickets for one third fare, on presenting to station agent certificates of attendance.

4. Fishwick's line of steamers.—(Limited to 26th August.) Purchasers of tickets by this line, going, will be returned free on production of certificates of attendance.

5. Railway from Parroboro.—(Limited to 27th August.) Ticket holders will be returned free on production of certificates of attendance, which must be stamped at Spring Hill Junction.

6. Bras D'or Steamship Company, C. B.—(Limited to 27th August.) Purchasers of tickets by this line will be returned free on production of certificates of attendance.

7. St. Martins and Upham, Elgin, Patit codiac and Havelock railways will return free those who have paid one full first class fare in going on presentation of certificate of attendance.

8. Union Line steamers, St. John River, will return free those having paid one fare in going on presentation of certificate of attendance, naming the steamer on which they travelled.

9. Bay steamer "Secret" Annapolis, Digby and St. John.—Excursion tickets will be issued, good from August 16 to 27. Purchasers of tickets must be identified by a certificate from pastor or church of intention to attend Convention.

10. New Brunswick Railway.—Excursion ticket for one first class fare will be sold on Aug. 16, 19 and 20, good to return Aug. 27, from the following stations: Westfield, Westford, Hoyt, Fredericton Junction, Fredericton, Harvey, McAdam Junction, St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Canterbury, Benton, Woodstock, Andover, Grand Falls, St. Leonard and Edmonston.

11. New Brunswick and P. E. Island Railway.—One full fare in going—return free on presentation of certificate of attendance.

12. P. E. Island Steamers.—Point Du Chene to Summerside, daily, Tuesday excepted.

13. Albert Railway.—One full fare to Sallisbury. Return free on presentation of certificate of attendance.

Excursion tickets may be purchased on one first class fare, and good to return from Aug. 17 to 27.

Purchasers must present papers on boats certificate for their church of intention to attend the sessions of Conventions.

P. E. Island Railway.—Summerside to Charlottetown. Return tickets at one first class fare from Summerside to Charlottetown issued Aug. 17, 18 and 19, and good to return Aug. 27.

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Convention Funds Received.

Table listing various churches and their contributions to the convention funds, including J. W. Johnson, Windsor Plains, \$2.00; Acadia, 20.00; Deerfield, 20.00; Westport, 26.00; North Temple, Ohio, 42.50; etc.

Union Baptist Seminary.

Table listing names and amounts received in response to special appeal, including 'A Friend', Manager of the Seminary, \$1.00; St. John's Baptist Church, \$1.00; etc.

Literary Notes.

The Wide Awake for August is unusually full of that varied and interesting reading for children and youth for which this excellent magazine is so celebrated.

The Pulpit Treasury for August is a short number. The frontispiece is a portrait of President Dwight, of Yale University.