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Personal.

Rev. J. H. MacDonald of Fredericton is taking his vacation and is availing himself of the opportunity of attending the General Conference for Christian workers now in session at Northfield, Mass.

Rev. H. S. Shaw, pastor of the Hampton Village and Norton churches, is taking a short vacation, and with Mrs. Shaw and family, is visiting friends in Western Cornwallis, N. S.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

The writer some years ago was a guest for a day or two in a family in which there were four boys from eight to twenty years old. The charming thing about the household was the deference the boys showed their mother. When she entered a room, they stepped aside to let her pass in first. In the table conversation she was never interrupted when she was talking, and what she said was treated with respect. The visitor could see that she held unique place in the household. She was mistress, and her boys gave her the deference that they would have conceded to a queen. There was no lack of genial temper and bright sally and rejoinder.

It was evidently a happy household but the note of affection and honor for the mother was unmistakable. The explanation was not difficult to discover, for it needed only slight observation to detect that the attitude of the sons toward their mother was only the reflection of the attitude of their father toward his wife. Her personal authority and precedence in the home was emphasized and enforced by her husband's unflinching courtesy toward her. One could but think how much parents can do, if they are wise, to prevent their children from falling into habits of disregarding their rightful claims to honor, that are such a reproach to many American homes, if husbands and wives honor each other with considerate courtesy.—The Watchman.

ROBINSON CRUSOE.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale has observed a curious feature in "Robinson Crusoe," which he mentions in a preface to a new edition of that book. He says: "Readers who are curious in England history must not fail to observe that Robinson Crusoe was shipwrecked on his island on September 30, 1659. It was in that month that the English Commonwealth ended and Richard Cromwell left the palace at Whitehall. Robinson lived in this island home for twenty-eight years. These twenty-eight years covered the exact period of the second Stuart reign in England. Robinson Crusoe returned to England in June, 1687; the Convention Parliament, which established William III., met in London at the same time. All this could not be an accidental coincidence. It must have meant that the true-born Englishman could not live in England during the years while the Stuarts reigned. Robinson Crusoe was a ruler himself on his own island, and was never the subject of Charles II. or James II."

Do not spoil the chime of this morning's bells by ringing one half a peal! Do not say, "Hold thou me up," and stop there, or add, "But all the same I shall stumble and fall!" Finish the peal with God's own music, the bright words of faith that He puts into your mouth: "Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe!"—Frances Ridley Havergal.

TAKEN AT HIS WORD.

When dealing with servants in heathen lands it is necessary to be very careful in the wording of one's instructions, for they are sometimes taken very literally.

A missionary the other day, voyaging on a river-boat with primitive accommodation, was compelled to use a bucket as a wash-bowl. One morning his boy-servant was bringing the bucket to his master, when he spilled some of it over the latter's feet.

"Why don't you throw it all over me?" said the missionary, irritably.

"Alas!" exclaimed the boy; and promptly did so.

POSSIBILITIES, EVEN IN THE WORST.

Dr. Guthrie, speaking at a Ragged School gathering, followed a speaker who had referred to poor, neglected children as the "scum of society." This roused the indignation of Dr. Guthrie. Taking a clean sheet of newspaper, and holding it up, he said, "Yes, this was the scum of society once, only filthy rags, but they can be cleaned, and made into spotless white paper, on which you may write the name of God."

"Sympathy is born of understanding. If your heart is cold toward any man whom God has made your neighbor, the first duty is to use imagination in order to obtain a true view of that man's necessity. Remember that if you stand where that man stands, you would think as he thinks; and save for some restraining grace of God, would do as he is doing. If you rise out of self, you will enlarge yourself.—Sel.

Travelling Arrangements.

The following Railway and Steamboat lines will carry delegates to the Baptist Convention to be held at St. John, N. B., from 21st to 26th August at one first class fare—full fare to be paid going and return fare on presentation of a certificate of attendance signed by the secretary of the Convention to the ticket agents or purser.

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Purchase your ticket through to St. John, N. B., at the starting station whenever possible so as to avoid procuring more than one certificate and re-ticketing at Junction stations.

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H. E. GROSS,
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FISH CROQUETTES.

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Notices.

There will be, (D. V.) a meeting of the Board of Governors, of Acadia University, in the vestry of the Leinster street Baptist church, St. John, on Thursday the 20th inst., at 8 p. m. It is very desirable that there be a full meeting of the Board.

S. B. KEMPTON, Sec'y.

Dartmouth, August 1st.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Co., Ltd., will be held in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR ROOMS, 85 Germain street, on August 22nd, at 9 a. m. The Directors will meet on Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the same place.

The Shelburne County Baptist Quarterly Meeting will hold its next session with the church at Woods Harbour on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11th and 12th.

E. P. COLDWELL, Sec'y.

The Baptist Institute will meet on Friday, August 21st, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the Leinster Street church, St. John. Programme will be published later.

D. H. SIMPSON, Sec'y.

CONVENTION NOTICE.

After many unsuccessful endeavors on the part of the locating committee, occupying several months, a place has at last been secured for this year's meeting of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

The place is Leinster Street Church, St. John N. B. The time is August 22-25 commencing on Saturday 22nd, at 10 o'clock a. m. The churches in St. John have jointly appointed a general committee to arrange for the Convention, and have not undertaken to provide free entertainment as heretofore. No one church, however, is responsible for a departure from the practice of offering free entertainment to the ministers and delegates attending Convention. This change has been brought about by circumstances.

Circulars and blanks for credentials have been mailed to clerks or pastors of churches as soon as practicable. My address for the present is Wolfville, New Brunswick, N. S.

HERBERT C. CREED,
Sec'y of Convention.

I wish to say that the Rev. W. Andrew White a recent graduate of Acadia College, has been engaged by the Home Mission Board to labor for one year among the African churches of Nova Scotia. He has been at work but a few weeks, and already rich blessing has attended his efforts to win souls to Christ. We bespeak for Bro. White a very hearty welcome by the people to whom he goes. He is worthy of the fullest confidence of all. We are sure that all our pastors wherever possible, will render to Bro. White all the help and encouragement they can in his work. Pastors living near the communities where Bro. White is to labor, can do very much to encourage him in his work by welcoming him to their homes, and in various other ways. We think he has been sent to us for this special work. Let us do all possible to assist him.

E. J. GRANT, Sec'y H. M. B.

Yielding to the urgent appeal from the officers of the Maritime Convention to the St. John churches, that a place of meeting for the approaching Convention be provided in St. John, Leinster Street church has offered the use of their building to Convention for that purpose. This action has met with the approval of a general committee from all the city churches, who will co-operate in locating delegates. While no free entertainment has been asked or offered, under the circumstances, doubtless many will esteem it a privilege to entertain friends who will attend the meetings as delegates. The committee will be pleased to notify all such delegates as far as possible, of such invitations, but will not assume the responsibility of providing free entertainment to any. A list of hotels, boarding houses and homes willing to entertain for pay, with rates, location etc., will be prepared by the committee, who will furnish all information relative, thereto on application. Any delegates desirous of being located by the committee will please apply by letter personally on or before August 10th.

On behalf of the Committee,

K. G. HALEY, Chairman.

St. John N. B. July 18th, 1903.

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A PUZZLE TABLE.

(From the Smart Set.)

An American heiress was wooed by a foreign prince, who urgently besought her to become his wife. In order to test the sincerity of his love, she asked: "Will you still marry me if I give away all my money for charity and become as poor as yourself?"

The prince considered a while, and then responded: "Yes provided you will still marry me if I renounce my title and become a plain republican person like yourself."

Query—Did she agree to his proposition?

POOR EXCUSES.

Teacher—"Tommy, next time you are late bring an excuse from your father."

Tommy—"Who? Father? Why, he ain't no good at excuses. Ma always finds him out."—The Lyre.