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**—The New York Evangelist has a small opinion—a very small opinion indeed—of that class of persons "who wander about from church to church expecting at each sanctuary to be welcomed affluently, shown to the best seats in the synagogues, supplied with easy cushions and tufted footstools and who then go away and write indignant letters to the papers because not given a chromo. It is good to get even such people as these inside a church, but the church would do them much more good if they had souls large enough for the truth to get a grip on."**

**—HARVESTING has been in full swing in Manitoba and other parts of the North-west during the past week. Many carloads of laborers from the eastern provinces have been taken west by the C. P. R., to help to gather the great crop. Light frosts are reported during the week which probably have done some damage in places, but in most parts of the country the wheat was probably too far advanced to be seriously injured. It is stated that the C. P. R. is making the most complete and thorough arrangements for quickly handling the crop and the new wheat will begin to move to market about Sept. 1st.**

**—The reports as to the harvest prospect in Great Britain and Ireland are the reverse of hopeful. Every crop is represented as being far below the average and the results of the season's farming, it is declared, will be worse than those of 1893 which was the worst harvest since 1879. The condition of the British farmer appears to develop from bad to worse. The high rents and the restrictions upon the methods of agriculture by which he is hampered, make it exceedingly difficult for him to contend successfully with foreign competition, and when bad harvests are added to the other adverse circumstances his situation becomes well nigh desperate.**

**—The collision which occurred on the Miramichi river between the steambot Miramichi and a schooner, was due, in the opinion of a coroner's jury, to gross and criminal negligence on the part of the captain of the steamer and of the man who, at the time of the collision, was at the wheel. The results of the disaster were very sad. The jib-boom of the schooner swept the steamer's deck, knocking five young ladies into the river. Three of these were drowned and of the two who were rescued one was seriously injured. It is stated that the mate of the steamer, by permission of Capt. de Grace, had gone ashore, that the captain himself was at supper, having left the steamer in charge of a man named Tait, who evidently was entirely unfit for the duty assigned him, as, according to his own story, he did not see the schooner until the collision occurred. The young ladies who thus met an untimely death were Miss Rhoda Stewart, daughter of Mr. A. Stewart, and Misses Amanda and Maggie Loban, daughters of Mr. John Loban, all of Chatham, and all held in high esteem in the community.**

**—Dr. C. H. Corey's History of Richmond Theological Seminary or Thirty Years Labor in the South, reviewed in these columns some weeks ago, is met with warm commendation from its readers. The Religious Herald, Richmond, Va., says: "We congratulate Dr. Corey on having made so good a book." Zion's Advocate, Portland, Me., says: "No one will take up the book without finding added interest to the cause." The Standard, Chicago, says: "The record is a noble one. The book is fascinating." B. H. Eaton, Esq., Halifax, writes to the author: "I have read it all and been delighted with the interesting story and the way in which it is told." Dr. Silas Alward says: "It proved most interesting reading to me and will doubtless stand as a monument of the noble and self-sacrificing work you have done in the South." Dr. S. F. Smith, of Newton Centre, says: "The picture is admirably drawn; the whole is perfect; and the book is a valuable contribution to the history of this country and especially as a contribution to the literature of the stormy period 1861-65, which is written nowhere else." The book is on sale at H. H. Hall's book store, St. John, and the Tappit Book Room, Halifax.**

**—The Christian Endeavor Union of the Maritime Provinces held its first annual meeting last week in the First Presbyterian church, Truro, beginning on Tuesday the 5th inst. Some 400 delegates were reported to be present at the first meeting. The General Superintendent's report showed that during the past year 84 new Endeavor societies had been enrolled making the whole number 595. Of these Nova Scotia has 381, New Brunswick 109, P. E. I. 62. The total membership is about 37,000. Thirty-five of the societies are juniors.**

**During the past year 2500 Associate members have past into the ranks of the Active membership, showing their determination to live for Christ. Seven thousand dollars have been raised during the year for missionary and other Christian work. The following resolutions were adopted:**

**Resolved,** "That we concur in the unanimous decision of the Dominion hall at Boston that the true interest of the C. E. work in Canada is recommended that a dominion executive be founded, consisting of representatives from every provincial union."

**2nd. Resolved further,** "That if the dominion executive so decide, the convention agree that the year 1897 be a suitable time and Ottawa a suitable place for the first dominion convention."

The following resolution was moved by Prof. Andrews of Mount Allison: "Whereas, Christ will never be King of this world till He is King of politics; and whereas, during the next few months the Canadian people will be interested in political questions; Let it be resolved, that we recommend the dominion executive of C. E. to set themselves to organize a campaign of education on good citizenship along C. E. lines, and that Endeavorers engage in this enterprise every newspaper, religious or secular, which will open its columns for good citizenship discussion; and every preacher who, like an old-time prophet, will hear and witness against national evils and exhort his people to faithfulness in public duty; and every C. E. society which will set to work a "good citizenship committee."

We presume this latter resolution was adopted, though whether it was so or not the report before us does not say.

**Shelburne Co. Quarterly Meeting.**

The regular session of this organization was held with the church at Wood's Harbor, Aug. 13th, 14th and 15th. Eleven of our thirteen churches were represented; seven clergymen were present, and a number of distinguished lay-workers from other localities. The meetings began on Tuesday evening with an earnest sermon by pastor D. E. Hatt, which was followed by a social meeting of special power and heartiness, conducted by Bro. Atwood, of Mass. Wednesday forenoon, the entire time was devoted to a prayer meeting and a meeting, led by Deacon Charles Hardy. A very large number took part, and the mighty spirit of the Lord was present in a way that touched every heart. In the afternoon the young people had their home, with president Sawyer of the county Union in the chair. After a warm social meeting the reports were handed in from eight Unions indicating a state of vigorous activity. Irad Hardy, Lio, then gave us an excellent essay on "Theological Education." The meeting was followed by remarks by pastors D. E. Hatt, I. W. Carpenter, A. F. Browne, Wm. Miller, and Wm. Halliday. The last part of the afternoon was devoted to Sunday schools, papers of very high character were presented by Misses Mary Nickerson and sister Lyons, while Bro. Austin F. Bill gave an address of a most humorous and at the same time logical character. The meeting closed with a fine speech by Rev. D. E. Hatt. Thus far the congregation has been very large, but Wednesday evening every inch of available space was occupied, and numbers did not obtain admission. The quarterly sermon was preached by pastor Browne, of Lockeport. County missionary Hardy led the evangelistic service, which proved to be a meeting of great power and blessing. Thursday morning was devoted to reports from the churches and other business. Fifteen have been baptized during the quarter, and in other respects every report was of encouraging import. Resolutions were passed indorsing two of our pastors who think of leaving the county. Pastor N. B. Dunn, who was elected vice-president, and chairman and convener of the executive committee. In the afternoon the Aid societies held a most remarkable meeting. It was led Mrs. Wm Swanson. After reports from societies, sister Lyons, who has recently returned from China, gave an address on "Foreign missions." This meeting the wife of a sea captain, and her interest in missions is only that which should be cherished by any Christian. It was unanimously considered the very best on the subject that has been heard in this part of the country. It will be printed in pamphlet form and distributed among the churches. Deacon Strong conducted the "experience meeting." From the first moment the congregation seemed to be fairly on fire with heavenly enthusiasm. But after 130 had spoken, and while the meeting was still in full vigor, it became necessary to close, that we might prepare for the evening. For the last gathering the Free Baptists kindly offered their spacious sanctuary which was filled to overflowing. Irad Hardy, Lio, spoke of his work at Green Harbor, which has already been reported in the MESSENGER and VISITOR, and which is still going on. Pastor D. E. Hatt, reviewed the work of the Grande Ligne mission and pastor Carpenter gave some very timely advice on ministerial education. The last number on the programme was a farewell meeting conducted by pastor C. I. McLane. This was one of the seasons which cannot be described. How many took part or what was said no one could tell. But of this we are certain, it was an hour in the vestibule of glory, as many as 14 were on their feet at once, and the sanctuary was filled with an inspiration of intense spiritual quality. Nine young ladies were converted in this meeting. The November meetings will be held at Lewis Head. The collections for denominational work amounted to twenty five dollars.

### Ontario Letter.

The Midsummer, like everything else, draws to an end. Teachers, students and other people are one by one returning from their summer sojournings. Those of us who have had no sojourn, but have abided "by the staff," welcome these wanderers back to their places and their duties, and wonder sometimes whether the absentee is any better prepared for work than the stay at home.

THIS CRIP REPORTS are just being eagerly read. In Ontario the harvest has been about the average, grain yields well, fruit not so well. The dry weeks were hard on these, but the abundant rains of the past month, and they brought the root crops on, and they promise generally. Manitoba harvests are about better than usual. The grain is about half harvested at this date and as there has been no frost this summer, the "paths drop fatness" and the people rejoice. Thanksgiving ought to be gladly kept by us this year, as every year.

ANOTHER REPORT eagerly expected, has just come to hand. In the first weeks of July, the candidates for Teacher's certificates and for matriculation into the Provincial University write at the various centres. The papers are then forwarded to Toronto and read by committee made up of High School teachers and University examiners. This year the certificate candidates numbered 7,900, and the matriculants were 1100, giving each one five interested friends, there would be a total of 54,900 eyes watching the result of these examinations. The severity with which the papers are read is evident from the fact that only about 40 per cent pass each year. "There is no royal road to learning" in this land. A Canadian student always wins his standing by hard study and severe examinations.

**THE TAX EXEMPTION QUESTION.**

assumes a new phase. The Jarvis Street Baptist church in Toronto, the largest church in our body in Canada, has for a long time been paying taxes voluntarily into the city treasury. The city is now threatening with an injunction if any more tax money is accepted from that church, on the ground that the taking of such money is illegal.

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What is that a new society, in these days? Yes—the Baptist Bicycle Brigade. It belongs to Toronto and is composed of members of the various Baptist congregations. The first assembly met on the street, at the Jarvis St. church one day, when a run was made through Rosedale and back to 438 Sherbourne St. to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barker. Here a bicycle meeting was held, a constitution adopted and officers elected, two of whom were ladies. How they organized without Chancellor Wallace and Dr. Thomas, is a question; but these brethren will return from their vacation.

**THE PAN AMERICANS.**

have come and gone, after conducting a miniature Parliament of Religions for several days. The Congress was distinguished mainly for failure of speakers and lack of hearers. As one of the city papers expressed it, the congress "did not breathe." Here a magnificent excitement was that of Dean Harris, a priest well and favorably known in this Province. It was his opportunity to show the best side of Catholic missions, and he certainly "bought up the opportunity." In the course of his paper he loftily informed the people that any attempt to evangelize the Catholics of Quebec would fall until the missionaries of the Roman clergy. A few days later a Presbyterian pastor gave in the Toronto Globe an account of the educational standing of the college graduates employed by the French Evangelization Society. London with a list of the university standings of the teachers and pastors and other workers in the Grande Ligne mission school and stations. If "his reverence" does not understand our mission work better, it will not be for lack of information.

**CHIEF.**

Rev. J. F. Barker, after a busy pastorate of several years in Ingersoll, goes to Victoria Ave, Hamilton.

Rev. T. S. Johnson, of Brantford First, resigns.

Rev. J. H. Best comes back to Ontario from Westminster, British Columbia, and settles with the Adelaide St. church in London.

Rev. D. M. Milbell, M. A., goes from London to a second pastorate at St. George.

The following clipping from the Toronto Globe of Aug. 1st, will show considerable activity for the midsummer.

A Baptist chapel will be dedicated at Blue Mountain, near Collingwood, on the 11th of August, and it is expected that some distinguished divines from Toronto will be present and take part in the ceremonies. A Baptist church was organized at Watford on Friday last by Mr. A. R. Park of McMaster College, who was that the prospect for a strong church are exceedingly bright. Another strong church was organized at Sprucefield in the Muskoka district on the 18th inst. by Rev. J. B. Kennedy, Secretary Home Mission Board. At Queenston on Wednesday last Mr. John Adams, a graduate of McMaster University, was ordained by Rev. Dr. Goodspeed, who also preached the sermon in connection with the occasion.

Rev. James McEwen leaves Van Rensselaer for "Boston" on Monday.

Rev. J. Donovan of Wrenville, is visiting his sons in Toronto, and preaching four Sundays at Walmer Road and Jarvis St.

### Acadia College and the New England Baptist Ministry.

DEAR EDITOR.—I send you an extract from an address on "The Sunday School and the Ministry," by Frank W. Peavey, of Newton Highlands, Mass., delivered before the Boston Baptist Social Union in Boston, that I think is worthy of a place in the columns of the MESSENGER and VISITOR. Mr. Peavey is a layman who for many years has been an efficient Sunday school superintendent, and an earnest advocate of educational and Christian work.

I secured this extract for our paper because I believe it expresses the views of a large and increasing number of the leading Baptists in this country respecting the worthiness and work of Acadia College. It may be that it will serve as a word of encouragement to our honored and faithful professors; and at the same time prove an incentive to the Baptist of the Maritime Provinces to notify and support, as never before, the "Child of Providence." W. M. SMALLMAN.

Mr. Peavey says: "It may be questioned where our trained Baptist ministers come from? That question, it is not easy to answer with exactness, but there is an interesting line of thought in the suggestion that possibly many more than we are aware of come to us from beyond the borders of our own country. There is a hint in the following: The three Universities from which our Seminary at Newton Centre has received the largest number of graduates are Brown, Colby, and Acadia. Up to 1886 Newton had graduated 980 students. Of these 251, or 25 per cent, came from Brown; 135, or 14 per cent, from Colby; 93, or 9 per cent, from Acadia. But how is it since? In the five years previous to this (1895) Newton received 390 students. Of these Colby gave 35, or 9.4 per cent.; Brown 67, or 15.4 per cent.; Acadia 58, or 15.7 per cent.; the highest number. So that Brown drops ten per cent., Colby drops five per cent., while Acadia rises ten per cent., sending in the five years referred to six more men to Newton than in all the previous years since Acadia was instituted. Now to these six include the scores who go to Rochester, Morgan Park and elsewhere from Acadia. The truth is that this denomination owes an unpaid and almost unpayable debt to the Baptist churches of Nova Scotia and the other provinces, and especially to Acadia College for supplying some of the brightest minds that adorn the ministry. Besides which she has given Chas. H. Corey to Richmond, Harvard her senior Professor of History, Prof. Hart to Vancouver, President Sherman to Cornell, Acadia gave Colby's Professor of Science, and President Whitman, born in Nova Scotia, came of a family whose culture and mental power can be attributed in a good measure to the influence of Acadia.

For many years Acadia has been doing a great work for New England, indirectly by spreading intelligence and integrity among our provincial constituency, and directly by sending forth a continuous supply of preachers of high quality who have done much to steady our religious life in these times of flux and ebb. Nor can I leave this topic, even though it may seem a digression, without referring to the fact, hard and sad to admit, that Acadia is poor financially and owing to this very migration to New England, is growing poorer. Today one of her professors who could have a chair in a leading University in this country, but who refuses to leave Acadia in her condition, is giving the college for \$60,000 a year, and the President, I am told, receives the magnificent sum of \$150,000 a year, a large share of which is remitted forthwith.

The New England Alumni, under the direction of Rev. Ralph Hunt, of Jamaica Plain, and Rev. C. A. Eaton, of Natick, has undertaken to raise a fund for the support of Acadia, the fund to be held and administered in Boston. Acadia's appeals should not go unheeded or unheeded. No Baptist school today can be local. Each belongs to a larger and we have no piece of denominational property on this Continent more valuable to us in proportion to its equipment than Acadia. Surely for what she has done and for what she promises under more favorable conditions to continue to do, Acadia should occupy a warm place in the Baptist heart.

### Ordination.

At the request of the Maitland and Walton churches, Hants Co. N. S., a council was called to consider the advisability of setting apart to the work of the Christian ministry the pastor Bro. Fred. E. Roop. On the 14th the council met with the churches at Noel. The following churches responded by representatives, Kempt, Newport, Ramdon, Windsor, Walton and Maitland. Rev. G. A. Weathers was called to the chair and a secretary appointed, after which the list of delegates was read. Rev. Wm. Reese was requested to lead in examining the candidate. Bro. Roop then related his Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of Christian doctrine. After the Bro. had been questioned by different members of the council Bro. Roop by request retired, it was moved by Rev. Wm. Reese and seconded by Bro. Joseph Masters that the council recommend the church to proceed with the ordination. The motion was carried unanimously. In the evening the following programme was carried out: Reading of opening hymn by Rev. Wm. Reese, reading of scripture by Bro. Beason, prayer by Bro. N. Crandall, sermon by Rev. G. A. Weathers from 2 Tim. 4:2; ordination prayer and hand of fellowship Rev. Wm. Reese; charge to candidate, Bro. W. B. Beason; charge to church, Bro. Noble Crandall; benediction, Rev. F. E. Roop.

W. BRADSHAW, Sec.

### Literary Note.

Japan, the Great Britain of the Orient, has a large place in the pages of *The Missionary Herald*. Dr. George William Knox, recently of Tokyo, contributes an up-to-date article, "The year 1895 in Japan," on the present conditions of affairs in the Sunnisi Kingdom; Rev. James I. Sawyer writes from personal observation and study concerning "Japan's Debt to Christianity," and the fields of survey contains many statistics and items of interest concerning the rise and progress of Christianity in Japan and Korea. There are also several excellent illustrations from photographs showing the manners and customs of the people and the results of Missionary work. The call to work in Korea so closely connected with Japan, geographically and historically, is presented forcibly by Dr. C. C. Vinson of Seoul. This issue contains three unusually powerful and interesting articles on "Medical Missions," one showing the scriptural example and warrant for them, another their practical results, and their desirability, especially with the need and outcome of this work among the women of heathen lands.

Other articles of interest in the same issue are on the "New program of Missions" by the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Gleason, and the "Work in India," by the late Dr. J. I. Phillips of Calcutta.

The International and other departments are quite up to their usual high standard of interest and helpfulness.

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### W. B. M. U.

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John West, N. B.

**MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.**

"Be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded."

**PRAYER TOPIC FOR AUGUST.**

For our annual gathering, the blessing of God may rest upon each meeting and wisdom from on high give that we plan wisely to extend His Kingdom.

### New Brunswick Baptist Convention.

**TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.**

The following Railway and Steamboat lines will carry delegates to the New Brunswick Baptist Convention to be held at Harvey Albert Co. 14th to 17th of September, at one first class fare—local fare to be paid going and returning free on presentation of a certificate of attendance, signed by the secretary, to the ticket agent or Purser; Central, Railway, N. B. and P. E. I. Railway, Salisbury and Harvey Railway, Elgin and Havelock Railway and Star Line. The Canada Eastern Railway will issue return tickets from 12th to 14th, certificates of attendance to be presented to the conductor on your return. The International Railway, Canadian Pacific Railway and Shore-Line Railway will issue return tickets to delegates at the starting station, which must be filled in by the ticket agent delegate and secretary to present to the ticket agent for a ticket to return. The Shore Line will accept delegates free. If Fifty standard certificates are used the Canadian Pacific Railway will return tickets at one third the usual fare. All lines good until 20th of Sept.

J. J. WALLACE, Chair. Com. Arrang. Aug. 22nd, 1896. Moncton, N. B.

### Provincial Secretary's Report.

Nova Scotia reports work in healthy condition. Number of new Aid societies and Mission Bands organized, and larger amount of money raised than any year previous. New Brunswick—Work had not been prosecuted with its usual vigor, but a most efficient worker has been found in Mrs. Cox, Prov. Sec'y.

P. E. I.—Owing to Miss Davies' illness report was read by Miss Clarke, which showed their most prosperous year's work.

After singing and prayer Home Mission report was read by Mrs. D. G. McDonald, Halifax. The importance of doing more for Grande Ligne Mission was emphasized. Report of "Bureau of Literature," read by the secretary of the department, showed a growing interest. Motion passed that Prov. Sec'y order leaflets for free distribution and that leaflets should not be sent out on approval. Photos were shown for approval. Those not being sold to be placed in "Bureau." "Tidings" was fully discussed. Motion passed that it be enlarged; arrangements to be left in the hands of the Publishing Com. also that Mr. Claude Black's tender be received, both for "Tidings" and reports. Miss Johnston spoke in the interest of "Link" orders to be sent direct to Mrs. Newman, 116 Yorkville Ave, Toronto, Ont. Manning requested that friends of Missionaries send items of intelligence from private letters to editors of column in "Messenger and Visitor." "Tidings" and "Link." On motion Miss Johnston was appointed Maritime correspondent for "Link." Singing and adjournment.

Friday afternoon—2.30 praise meeting, led by Mrs. Cox. At 3 o'clock Pres. took the chair. Devotional exercises, minutes read and received. Address of welcome was given by Mrs. Bowman, which contained many kind and inspiring words. Response by Mrs. Randolph, Fredericton, in which she spoke hopefully of the work, and proved her interest by a gift of \$50.00, as a thank offering.

President's address.—"A brief review of our work for the past twenty five years." An inspiring address, at the close of which the motto for the coming year was given, "We are laborers together with Him." After singing and prayer, "Greetings" from our Ontario brethren were tendered by Mrs. P. R. Foster, who has returned to the Maritime Provinces. Miss Palmer gave a few words of welcome and sympathy from Anicholites here in N. B. and P. E. I. Miss Alice Hill read a paper on "The Progress of Woman's Work in Missions throughout the world during the past twenty five years." Missionary Aid Societies of St. John represented by Mrs. Alford, presented the W. B. M. U. with a framed portrait of Mrs. Armstrong nee Miss Norris. Report of Nominating Com. submitted. Officers remaining the same as last year with the exception of the Sec'y, Mrs. M. Everett, of St. John, who resigned. Resolutions for the coming year read. Following amounts voted: Foreign—Missions \$7,000, Maritime Missions \$500, North West Mission \$600, Indian work \$100, Grande Ligne Mission, \$200, \$200 to this to go towards Mr. Grenier's salary. After devotional exercises, adjournment.

Saturday morning—9.30 praise meeting, led by Mrs. Smith. At 10 business resumed. Pres. in chair. Devotional exercises, minutes read and approved. Roll called to which about one hundred responded. The following committees were then appointed: Home Missions, Miss Johnston, Mrs. D. G. McDonald, Mrs. Hall and Miss Hume; Publishing Com., Mrs. G. B. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Christie, Miss Black, Mrs. G. O. Gates and Prov. Sec'y. On motion, resolved that on sending Home Mission money to Mrs. Smith, the N. B. Aid societies be particular to say to which convention they wish the money sent. A letter was then read from one of our sisters, representing the Union with a framed picture of Father Harding, to be sold for benefit of Home Missions, which was gratefully received. Resolutions were then brought in by committee which were read and adopted. These are to be published in the annual report. After prayer, verbal reports from about twenty-five delegates, representing Aid Societies and Mission Bands in the three provinces, were given. Zoology. Adjournment.

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