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—Mr. Trotter's excellent address, delivered at the meeting of the B. Y. P. Union at Berwick, will be found on the third page of this issue.

—Rev. John Watson, D. D.,—better know as Ian Maclaren, the author of "The Bonny Brier Bush"—arrived in New York on Friday last by S. S. *Germanic*. Dr. Watson is to deliver the Lyman Beecher lectures at Yale this year. It is also stated that he will lecture to popular audiences in several American cities. He expects to go as far west as Chicago and intends to visit Canada before returning home.

—"The practical man," says an exchange, "is often extolled, but as a matter of fact we cannot get on far without the men who see visions and dream dreams. The really successful men in business or professional life combine the qualities of the idealist and the practical man. The man who is only an idealist does not bring things to pass, while the man who is only practical does not see what is to be done."

—The St. John Baptist pastors met in weekly conference on Monday morning as usual. The subject under consideration was the advisability of organising in St. John a Branch Society of the Acadia Alumni. Rev. J. A. Gordon presented a number of reasons for taking the proposed step and the matter was favorably discussed. Pastor Scharman, however, was inclined to believe that the pastors would be going beyond their proper sphere as ministers of the gospel if they charged themselves with such duties as would be involved in this work. The matter was laid over for consideration at another meeting.

The proper relation of the pulpit to politics is a question which naturally at the present time in the United States comes up for incidental discussion in connection with the presidential campaign. The *Boston Herald* is of the opinion that, without passing beyond the proper sphere of the pulpit, clergymen may apply moral principles to the questions of the day when they directly bear upon such questions, but, in going into the details of politics, they should be entirely sure of two things—"first, that they understand the points on which they undertake to enlighten the people; next, that they are able to do this without detracting from the dignity of their sacred office and imparing the reverence felt for it among the people." These are good points, and, so far as the first one is concerned, it would be a public blessing if a great many others as well as clergymen would lay it to heart.

—On the morning of Sept. 22nd, the Royal Russian yacht, having the Czar, the Czarina and their party on board, appeared in the Frith of Forth, where they were met by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, M. de Staal, Russian Ambassador of the Court of St. James, Lord Rosebury and other important personages. The visiting party were given a royal welcome. The utmost precautions were observed for the safety of the royal visitors as their yacht was escorted through the waters of the Frith and amid the multitude of gaily trimmed vessels of all descriptions, with which the harbor was filled. The Czar was attended by a picked force of Russian detectives, and these were supplemented on landing by a squad of the very best Scotland yard detectives who will remain attached to the party of the Czar and Czarina until they leave Great Britain.

PASSING EVENTS.

The St. John exhibition opened on Tuesday of last week. The attendance up to the last of the week had fallen below the number present during the corresponding period last year by several hundreds. This is due probably to the unfavorable weather experienced during a part of last week. With good weather this week, it is expected that the attendance will not fall much, if any, below that of '95, and in that event the exhibition will be a success financially. In general character it is similar to that of last year and probably quite equal to any exhibition that has been held in the city. The exhibits to be seen in the Agricultural Hall and on the grounds are of very interesting character. Some fine stock was shown, though we understand that some of the best herds in the Maritime Provinces were not here. The show of poultry was extensive and excellent. Vegetables and fruit were especially good. In some parts of the country—especially in the Annapolis and Cornwallis valleys of Nova Scotia—the development of fruit culture within the past decade has been remarkable. Less has been done in New Brunswick, but we are much inclined to believe that in some of the inland sections of this province there are large possibilities in this respect yet to be developed. Fruit-growing sections on the Atlantic seaboard have obviously great advantages over the more western portions of the continent in producing fruit for the British market, and as by fast freight lines and cold storage facilities for transportation are increased, the possibilities of an export trade in fruit become more and more extensive. In the main building many of the manufacturing and other industries of the country are attractively represented. We observe too that among the wholesome industries of the country the liquor business, like an evil spirit, appears also. We submit that if this miserable business is to be given place in our exhibitions, it should be made to appear in the light of its true character and results, so that the youth of the country who are having strong drink so attractively placed before their eyes and invited to "*drink whisky*" may also be shown what are the legitimate fruits of whisky making and whisky drinking.

WITHIN the past week a point of time has been reached making the reign of Victoria the longest in the long succession of British sovereigns. Any official celebration of this notable event is by Her Majesty's desire postponed until 1897, when she will have completed the sixtieth year of her reign. But on the morning of the 23rd the church bells in London and other English cities were rung in honor of the fact that the Queen had exceeded all her predecessors in the length of her reign, the mayor's of the cities sent congratulatory messages to Her Majesty at Balmoral and there have been other popular demonstrations in honor of the event. Naturally the English newspapers make much of the occasion, publishing long articles in review of the events and general progress of the Victorian era and extending editorial congratulations to Her Majesty. June 20, 1837, was the date of Victoria's succession. During those sixty years the British Empire has enjoyed great prosperity, holding a position of growing influence among the nations of the earth. The many millions who have their home and their liberties under the protection of the British flag have many and great blessings for which to thank Heaven, and among the foremost of these is the wise and virtuous Queen who has so long and so graciously presided over the destines of the Empire. May she still live and prosper.

THE advance of the Anglo-Egyptian army up the Nile, has proceeded without encountering any effective opposition from the Dervishes. Dongola has been reached and taken with but very little loss on the part of the English and Egyptian forces. The expedition appears to have been most efficiently organised under the command of General Kitchener, who is winning fame by the success achieved. The forces of the Khalifa are reported to be greatly demoralised. They have been quite unable to withstand the discipline and the artillery of the steadily advancing army and they do not appear to have made the best possible use of the advantages they possessed. By the taking of Dongola large stores of provisions have fallen into the hands of the victorious army. Many hundreds of prisoners have also been taken. Many of the Khalifa's men are deserting to the conquerors, well pleased, apparently, to accept Egyptian rule. Dongola is being strengthened and will be occupied as a centre of operations by an Anglo-Egyptian force. It seems probable that there will be a further advance in the direction of Khartoum, but the intention in respect to that is not yet announced.

P. E. Island Baptist Conference.

P. E. Island Baptist Conference held its quarterly sessions Monday evening and Tuesday, Sept. 14th and 15th, with the brethren at St. Peter's Bay. Monday evening a soul-searching sermon was preached by a Mr. Hilton, a business man from Hartford, Conn., at the close of which, Pastor Corey, the chairman of the conference, led an evangelistic service, when the Master's presence was felt by all present. Tuesday morning a social service was held, efficiently conducted by Pastor Corbett. At the appointed hour Pastor Corey took the chair. After prayer and some preliminary remarks, a list of the delegates was taken. The following churches were represented: Annandale, Dundas, Montagne, Murray River, Charlottetown, North River, Long Creek, Cavendish and Tryon. Bro. McPhee, pastor elect of the West Point church, was heartily welcomed to the conference. The brethren at St. Peter's Bay were invited to a seat in the conference. Pastor D. C. McDonald's letter to the secretary, was read, discussed and disposed of by the following resolution:

"In reply to a communication from Bro. D. G. McDonald, concerning the salary of Bro. McLean, after discussion it was resolved that we consider this to be a matter between Bro. McDonald and the Young Peoples societies, that agreed to assist in this matter."

As a result of the work at Georgstown eight were reported baptised and eight joined on experience. These brethren need a house of worship, but will have to be helped. Cavendish and Tryon reported one each baptised. Conference recommended the Dundas field to the H. M. B. for a grant of $50 for the current year It was decided that the brethren at St. Peter's Bay receive the collections taken during the sessions of the conference towards paying expenses of beautifying their house of worship.

According to motion next conference is to be held at Digg. Dismissed by prayer. Afternoon session opened with a prayer and testimony meeting very profitably led by Pastor McPhee. It was resolved that under the circumstances we consider it a wise step for the brethren at Hazel Brook to organise into a separate church, and that Pastors Spurr and Price communicate this to the brethren at Alexandra and Hazel Brook and instruct them in view of the organization. The finance committee of last year was reappointed for the present year. The following press committee was appointed: Pastors Corey, Robinson and McPhee. On motion the conference adjourned to organise into a council of organization. At the close of the organization in the evening a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the young church at St. Peter's Bay for the kind manner in which the conference was entertained.

David Price, Sec'y.

Church Organization.

At the request of the members of the Dundas and Annandale churches residing at St. Peter's Bay, a council was called Sept. 15th to consider the advisability of organising a church there. The following churches were represented: Charlottetown, Pastor Corey; Cavendish, Pastor Spurr; Tryon, Pastor Price; Long Creek, Bros. Paul McPhee and Bennett Robertson; North River, Pastor Higgins; Murray River, Pastor Tiner; Montague, Bro. Corbett, (Ido.); Dundas, Bro. Wm. McLeod, Bro. Burdette, Mrs. Burdette; Annandale, Pastor Whitman, Bro. John Nichols, Cains Howlet and Miss Pearl Howlet. Rev. J. C. Spurr was chosen Moderator and M. C. Higgins Clerk of the Council. The reasons for the organization of a church at St. Peter's Bay were then stated by Brethren Webster, Hayden and Pratt, and by Pastor Whitman. These being considered sufficiently valid it was resolved that this council deems it advisable to proceed with the organization. An outline of the principles upon which we rest as Baptists was read by Pastor Corey, after which a church of twenty-three members was constituted, to be known hereafter as the St. Peter's Bay Baptist church. Bro. John Webster was chosen deacon and Bro. Charles Pratt as treasurer. Finance committee, Brethren Daniel Doherty, Wm. McLaren, Charles Pratt and Alexander Ladner. In the evening addresses were given on the following subjects: "The church and its foundation," "The church and its nature," "The church and its ordinances," "The church and its officers," "The church and its mission," by Pastors Tiner, Higgins, Spurr, Corey and Corbett respectively; charge to the church, Pastor Price; right hand of fellowship, Pastor Spurr. This church starts out under very favorable circumstances and we trust that continued prosperity may attend this little band of workers in the Master's vineyard.

M. C. Higgins, Clerk.

The African Baptist Association.

The African Baptist Association met at East Preston in its forty-third annual session on Sept. 5, '96. Sixteen churches in the association representing about 650 members. But five reported baptisms; which in the aggregate gave an addition of 75 to the total. This was considered a very fair showing for the year. In the association there are six ordained ministers, and a similar number of licentiates, who supplies pastorless churches. At the election of officers choice was made of Rev. F. E. Langford for Moderator; Rev. J. A. Smith, Assistant; P. E. Mackerrow, Clerk; T. Langford, Assistant; J. G. Cogno, Treasurer. The associational sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Smith on Monday forenoon to a large congregation. The Rev. Abraham Clements of Bridgetown, late of Boston, having returned to his native province, has thrown in his lot with his brethren, and has been appointed to do general missionary work, with what aid can be obtained from the Home Mission Board who have always assisted the association in that direction. We anticipate great things in the near future. Brother Clements is a powerful speaker and has a model manner of imparting information. Clear, and precise, his language is such that the simplest can understand. At no time does he soar so high above the congregation; on the contrary he endeavors to carry his listeners with him from start to finish, that they might be benefitted with the same information, if possible, that he himself possesses. On Monday evening he preached a powerful temperance sermon, treating his subject from the days of Noah to the present generation. He told his hearers, he was at liberty like other men to use his own language, he was here to fear God, and not please man; and though perhaps it was wise at times to cater to the fancy of men, he would lay himself under no restraint in this particular. Intemperance is gaining ground and will continue until we can have Prohibition. He pictured in graphic style the splendour in which the Nabob of the saloon lives, compared with the poor laborer who toils hard all the week, whose family lives in misery, and spends his earnings in the saloon to maintain those bloated faced monsters in human form. He thought it injustice to sit in silence or to be unconcerned about the souls of men while intemperance was making havoc, and carrying with it its tens of thousands into a drunkard's grave. A packed house listened with deathlike silence to this eloquent address and at its close many of both nationalities who are lovers of the ardent confessed that every word spoken was true and sound gospel. The committee on temperance presented the following resolution:

Whereas, We are cognigant of the destruction fraught on the human family by the use of strong drink, supported by the strong arm of high license,

Resolved, That this association fall in line with other religious assemblies in condemning a traffic which has for its aim the relentless hostility to the church of God, making candidates for the inebriates home, hoodwinking the young into the ranks of the social club, where the social glass is administered until the vicious habit has become incontrollable.

Resolved further, That we shall use every effort to espouse the cause of prohibition wherever the same shall come within our reach, so that the evil monster might be driven from our homes and country.

A grand missionary meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The business of the association was brought to a close on Wednesday noon; the intervening time was spent in the hearing of reports and discussing them. The association was visited by Dr. Kempton and Bro. Baker of the Dartmouth church, Pastor Lawson of the West End church, and Bro. B. H. Eaton, Q. C., of the First church S. G. Road. Stirring addresses were delivered by these brethren in commendation of our labors in the cause. A collection was taken at the missionary meeting and ten dollars realised and forwarded to Bro. Cohoon. The association meets with the church in Bridgetown in '97.

F. R. Langford, Moderator,
P. E. Mackerrow, Clerk.

The Telugu Baptist Publication Society

For many years the need of a healthy Christian literature for the Telugus has been felt. At a meeting in Nellore in 1878, concented action was taken by the American and Canadian Missions, but the strain of the great revival was upon the few overworked missionaries, and nothing was done. At the Quinquennial Meeting of both Missions at Cocanada in 1890-91, Dr. Boggs read a very valuable paper on the subject. But only in January 1896 did this Publication Society come into being.

In the early days of our Mission few of the christians could read and fewer still could understand books of devotion, commentaries, history, biography, &c., for this reason we had little need of them; but now things have been materially altered. In the Baptist Missions along this coast there are 50,536 church members; in village and other schools there are 13,641 boys and girls learning to read; there are over 10,000 children and young people in Sunday schools; and in our College and two Seminaries there are 546 students studying for different positions in life. Even granting that most of those in village and Sunday schools are the same we have no less than 15,000 persons under instruction. Thus a great reading community is being formed. It has been stated, and we believe with truth, that in the Ongole region christian readers outnumber all others combined. But what are these people to read? We are creating a thirst for knowledge, what are we doing to satisfy it? We are creating a want, a legitimate one, but what about the supply? It is neither kind nor wise to leave the people in this state. These regenerated and educated Parias are rapidly rising in the scale of being, and are profoundly influencing the classes, socially, above them. In many districts there is no preaching so powerful upon the caste people as the changed lives of the once despised Paria.

What have these people to read? Before me lies a catalogue of Telugu literature. There are 221 names on the list. Of these one-half are evangelistic tracts or hand-bills for distribution among the heathen; more than half of the remainder are leaflets and Sunday school requisites for children. Thirty-eight only are called books, and of these twelve are hymn books.

There are a few other books published, but they are largely school books, either secular or theological.

We need more books of devotion—books to feed the soul, and to enlarge the mental and moral horizon of the people. We need biographical sketches of God's worthies from the Apostolic Age down; a new edition of the 11th chapter of Hebrews. We also greatly require semi-christian books on food, clothing, debt, honesty, sanitation, social purity, marriage, training of children and hosts of other subjects too many for enumeration here.

To meet this great need the Missionary Union supplies and partially equips one Foreign missionary and one native assistant. These are overwhelmed with work. During the last three years, besides partially revising and seeing through the press 10,000 copies of the Telugu New Testament, and 25,000 copies of the Gospels and the Acts, they have written or translated sixteen books, tracts or sermons, and have issued over 80,000 copies, aggregating 1,277,000 pages of matter.

But we must have more help, or the present staff will inevitably break down. To assist in this work the Telugu Publication Society has been formed. It can at best only help. The income is only about Rs. 60 or less than $20 per month. Neither is there much room for increase. Most of the missionaries and their wives are members, and there can be no large giving expected from the Telugu churches for sometime yet. We look to the Home Land for substantial donations. The Boards we represent will help as they can, but we must have other help. We appeal, in the name of our blessed Lord, and the needy Telugus, to private individuals, to churches and to our Young People's Societies. Some day soon, if the Lord will, we will ask for another Foreign missionary, but at present we only ask for $250 a year, for another assistant and a clerk, and $1,000 a year for printing—only $1,250 a year.

In addition to the work enumerated above two Telugu and one English Periodical are issued from our office. Several translations of good books and some of Spurgeon's sermons are ready for the press and are only waiting for money. Fifteen dollars will print three thousand copies of one of Spurgeon's soul-winning sermons. Who stands ready to pay for putting some of Dr. Gordon's books into Telugu? How much we could do for christian and heathen alike if we only had the means to do so.

Send your gifts through the Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Union, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., U. S. A., or to the undersigned.

At the request of the Board of Managers.

John MacLaurin,
Spencer Road, Bangalore, South India.

W. B. M. U.

Motto for the Year:
"We are laborers together with God"

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Prayer Topic for October.

For our missionaries elect, that the words they have spoken may greatly increase the interest in missions, that they may have a prosperous journey and the presence of the Lord abiding with them as they enter upon their life work.

Notice—Crusade Day.

Thursday, October 15th, has been appointed for Crusade Day. Prayer in our homes in the morning; visiting the women of our church in the afternoon; members of our W. M. A. S., who from sickness or other causes do not attend the monthly meeting, and securing new members. A public missionary meeting in the evening. Wherever this day has been faithfully observed a blessing has followed. Will all our societies arrange to observe Crusade Day this year? Surely we have abundant cause for thanksgiving and praise.

Mission House, Faria Kimedi,

Dear Sisters in Christ,—As the Lord Himself assured Moses of His presence when He said, "Certainly I will be with thee" so we know He is with His children when they are met together in His name to plan ways and means for the extension of the great work that has been entrusted to those who have been redeemed. My prayer is that the meetings that you are now holding at Berwick may be fraught with much blessing and that you may realize the personal presence of the Holy Spirit while there, and carry back to your societies words that will encourage those who have not been able to attend. Dear sisters it is ours to go prayerfully forward claiming His promise; Christ has said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name He will give it to you." Do we believe this promise? If so let us claim it as ours and not only ask but expect great things this coming year. Many feel that they can do but little; the Lord has blessed the small things in the past and will do so again if it is all we can do, and done in His name. As I look around, I long to bring before your eyes the work which you are doing through your representatives. When coming from the station a short time ago, I passed through many villages; the people seemed almost numberless as they crowded around the Jinricksha. How my heart ached for them in their darkness and superstition, and I wished that I could stop there and tell them of the Saviour who died that all might live. At one village—you would call it such in America for it was composed of a few dirty little mud huts—I counted thirty little children as they swarmed down the path, naked and dirty. The striking contrast between these children and the village children came to me and also the question, why this difference? We do not need to go far to find the answer. Christ can change not only the hearts but also the lives of these people. The children of India are deprived of the right which is theirs and which will be theirs when the great commission is fulfilled. Within five minutes walk of the Mission House there is a street or rather a little group of tents, that to my mind is beyond description. Children of all ages, sizes and dispositions flock around, some with faces so old and careworn that you would almost call them little old people; poor old women to best this they can hardly walk; women quarreling, baby's crying, and men and women smoking. As I looked at these people I did thank the Lord that I was brought up in a christian country and that some of the discontented people of this world would feel that they had much to be thankful for, if they could visit an outcast village. After the Bible women had finished speaking I asked them some questions to see how much of the truth they had grasped; they know so little of love or kindness that it is hard for them to understand what the love of God is. Before closing, I must thank the P. E. Island sisters for the honor they have conferred upon me by making me a life member of the Union. I would like to write a letter to each Aid Society but cannot do so, so please accept the wish for the act, also my sincere appreciation of your remembrance. Our motto has been this year, "We are workers together with God"—with Him there is no failure. Let us press on. Sincerely yours,

Aug. 21st, '96. M. Clark.

Petitcodiac, N. B.

On July 22nd, Mrs. M. S. Cox, Provincial Secretary for the W. M. A. S., visited us for the purpose of organizing an Aid Society in connection with the Petitcodiac Baptist churches, on the first Saturday in August. After the regular monthly conference we held our first meeting when we were gratified to enroll a membership of thirteen. Since we are but now in our infancy in this work we desire the prayers of our older sisters, that we may grow in knowledge and have the true missionary spirit.

Mrs. M. A. Freeze.

Greenville, N. S.

The W. M. A. Society of this place held its annual meeting in the Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon, June 17th, President in the chair. After devotional exercises, minutes of last meeting and business of the society transacted, interesting papers were read by sisters Atkinson and Alice Purdy, and other missionary songs were sung; and we are glad to report a very successful meeting in every respect. Our hearts are deeply moved when we read of the world's great need and see the little we are doing to bring about the world's salvation. We have nineteen members; average attendance nine.

Fredericton, N. B.

When it was known that our missionaries elect, also Mr. Higgins, expected to arrive in Fredericton on the 18th and hold a public evening meeting, our Aid Society arranged for an afternoon meeting. We invited the sisters from adjacent churches to be present, a few of whom responded. The church parlor, which was decorated for the occasion, was filled. Mrs. Estey, Vice President, presided over the meeting with great acceptance. She read Mark 6: 31-44 with appropriate and forcible remarks. Encouraging reports from secretary and treasurer of Fredericton society were given, also a brief account of the Mission Band by one of its members. Miss Harrison referred in her address to the opening hymn, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," and to the scripture lesson as having greatly influenced her to give herself to Foreign Mission work. Miss Newcomb dwelt upon the necessity and power of prayer. Both addresses were earnest and touching and impressed all with the sincerity and devotion of these sisters. Mrs. F. D. Davidson, of Gibson, referred to her knowledge of and fondness for Miss Harrison as a child, and of the deep interest she would always feel in her and her work. Mrs. Gooderham and Mrs Strong, of Toronto, president and secretary of Dominion Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, being in the city, were present by invitation, and gave earnest addresses, at the close of which "Blest be the tie" was sung. Several fervent prayers were offered during the meeting. A solo by a member of our society and duet by two little Mission Band girls added to the enjoyment. It was a season of great interest and we trust will result in increased activity in, and devotion to Mission work. We felt it to be a great privilege to have with us our dear sisters, Newcomb and Harrison, and to assure them personally of our hearty sympathy with them and their work, and our prayers for their safety and success. After a thoroughly social hour had been enjoyed all sat down to tea furnished by the "Aid," and served by lady members of the B. Y. P. U. This increased the sociability if possible, as teas are apt to do. It is not my province to report the deeply interesting meeting held in the evening in the audience room, as it was not under the direction of our society.

Sept. 22. R. A. Phillips, Sec'y.

The Methodist Women's Missionary Society of New Brunswick and P. E. Island held their annual Convention in St. John, 22nd of Sept. to the 24th. The meetings were all of a highly interesting character—about 100 delegates present. Miss Robertson, returned missionary from Japan, gave a most interesting address, also Mrs. Gooderham, General President, and Mrs. Strong, General Secretary, from Ontario. Reports gave 1,538 members. Receipts for the year $5,108.29, about $2,000 of this from Mission Bands, $600 from mite boxes and $600 collections at public meetings. Our Methodist sisters, only organized eleven years, are doing a grand and aggressive work, showing their wisdom by paying special attention to Mission Band work. May God continue to bless them.