

Convention.

The eighth annual session of the New Brunswick Baptist Convention will open at Hartland, Carleton County, on Friday, September 13th, at 10 a. m. The Sunday School Convention will hold its sessions on Thursday preceding the regular meeting of the Convention. The Baptist Annuity Association meets with the same body on Saturday at 3 p. m. The churches and the Sabbath Schools are requested to appoint delegates so that a full attendance may be assured.

TRAVELING ARRANGEMENTS

The following arrangements are announced to delegates expecting to attend the convention at Hartland, The Steamer May Queen, the Star Line Steamers, and the Canada Eastern Railway issue free return.

The I. C. R. returns free if more than ten have standard certificates. Delegates coming by this line are advised to purchase at starting point through tickets over both I. C. R. and C. P. R. direct to Hartland. The C. P. R. returns delegates passing over that line at one-third fare, if more than fifty have standard certificates.

If less than fifty, return tickets will be half fare. In all cases delegates are advised to ask for standard certificates when starting.

W. E. M.

Religious News

FLORENCEVILLE, N. B.

Since our last communication we have enjoyed much of the Divine presence. We spent two weeks with Bro.

Miller at River Bank, and baptized seven, one a man over 70 years, another the youngest daughter of our lamented Bro. Young. July 26th we went to the assistance of Bro. E. LeRoy Dakin, at Union Corner Richmond. Bro. Dakin had commenced meetings two weeks before. God's blessing has rested on our united efforts. August 4th we baptized Sister Bell aged 74 years, and on the 18th inst. 11 more. Borden Maxwell, Orren Tracy, Maude McSerlin, Jennie Chase, Jennie Flemming, Jenny Tracy, Mrs. Hattie Eagers, Ruby Gildart, Almada Tracy. At 3 p. m., Bro. Dakin gave the hand of fellowship to Jennie Flemming in the McKenzie Corner church, and in the evening he extended the hand of fellowship to the other ten baptized with sister Annie Turney by letter from the Fredericton church. The meetings continue this week. We expect to baptize again the 25th. Bro. Dakin is held in high esteem by the Richmond people. Bro. A. C. Horseman of the class 1901, is spending his summer partly with the Aberdeen church the balance with us on the Florenceville group that enables me to do some missionary work that is so congenial to me. A. H. HAYWARD.

Mr. E. V. Buchanan, who has supplied 1st and 2nd Grand Lake churches for the summer, closed his labors there on Sabbath, Aug. 25th, and the field is again vacant.

Rev. I. B. Colwell has been supplying for a few weeks at Upper Gagetown. The church has during the last few years lost many of its best members, yet those who remain are anxious to have a pastor and sustain regular services.

In the Ongole mission field, during the week of prayer, the burden of petition was for 1,000 souls converted to Christ. And lately it was reported that 1,016 converted Telegus had been baptized. How long will it take for us to learn the lesson of faith and power?

TOBIQUE VALLEY CHURCH.

Since the ordination service which took place on Aug. 7th, Bro. Martin of Woodstock, has been with me, as a result of a few meetings held by us, three were baptized on Sabbath last (25th), and on Thursday, 29th inst., two more followed their Lord in baptism. Oh, for showers of blessings. Pray for us. PASTOR STIRLING.

The work of grace is still moving on. Aug. 25th, p. 3RD. CANTERBURY BAPTIST CHURCH. m., four happy souls followed their Lord in the or-

dinance of baptism. One sister over 70 years after reading God's word became dissatisfied with the Presbyterian mode of baptism (sprinkling) accepted and followed her Lord in the ordinance as taught by the New Testament—Believers' baptism by immersion. To God be all the glory. C. N. BARTON, Pastor.

MEDUCTIC, Aug. 31st.

CENTREVILLE, N. E.

We came to this field during the last week of June. This is a charming village, free from those tumble-down buildings, which so often mar the appearance of our villages and towns. It is as pretty as paint, trim lawns, shady trees and a tasteful people can make it. The congregations on Sundays are large and appreciative, and the Spirit's power is manifest. On the evening of the 19th inst., being the fifth anniversary of our wedding, the young people of the congregation gathered at the parsonage for a social time together. Before leaving as an expression of goodwill and friendship, they very graciously presented us with a handsome parlor table and a most comfortable wicker-rocker. May God abundantly bless us in our relations together and draw the people to Himself. B. S. FREEMAN.

ST. ANDREWS

We have good reason to believe that the Lord is with us. Our meetings are as well attended as can be reasonably expected. Our social services are often quite refreshing.

We have succeeded in establishing a monthly conference meeting which seems to meet with much favor from a goodly number of our people. The Rev. John Hughes spent a Sunday with us a few weeks ago, preaching two excellent sermons, which were much enjoyed, and much commented on by those who heard him.

Last Sunday evening, a male quartette composed of young men from St. Stephen and Calais, sang a few pieces of music in a delightful manner. Besides singing as a quartette, they assisted our choir throughout the service. It is doubtful if there was any better music in any church in the province than we enjoyed on Sunday evening.

The Rev. Mr. White of Maine street, St. John, made a short but very friendly call at the parsonage during his visit to the town.

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CALVIN CURRIE.

The Lord is favoring Zion, MEDUCTIC, N. B. Sunday, Aug. 18th, three happy souls, two brethren and one sister were baptized and united in fellowship with the 3rd Canterbury church. God is still calling. Sinners are trembling. Brethren pray for us. C. N. BARTON, Pastor.

As a result of two weeks special services seven happy believers in Christ were on

Sunday, Aug. 25th, baptized into the membership of the Rothersey Baptist church. During the summer months the undersigned has been preaching at Rothersey every Sunday afternoon. The Baptist interest at Rothersey has to a large extent been kept alive through the earnest labors of our esteemed brother, Rev. J. W. Keirstead.

PERRY J. STACKHOUSE.

OAK BAY, CHARLOTTE CO.

We were permitted again through the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father to baptize one sister of this place, our beloved deacon's daughter, Juna Doten. Our sister Doten is one of our choicest young ladies and a true Christian and is a grand helper. Our church is doing nicely, congregations are fine and prayer meetings good as can be expected. Our Sabbath school is improving all the time I think. A few weeks ago we collected means enough to purchase a very fine library for the school, which has helped the Sabbath school much. The books are good indeed. There is a good interest manifested in the work of our Sabbath school and I am glad to see it.

H. D. WORDEN.

August 22nd.

If men could but see the dire consequences of the evil things they do they would probably try to avoid the consequences while doing the evil things.

Quarterly Meeting.

The York and Sunbury Quarterly meeting convened with the Macnaquack church, Aug. 16th. Rev. J. M. McDonald preached the opening sermon. It was a strong discourse and highly appreciated by a large congregation. Saturday morning the business meeting took place, Pastor Howard presiding. The conference meeting in the afternoon in charge of Bro. Manzer, was a season of refreshing from the Lord. The missionary meeting on Saturday evening was well attended, and a stirring address delivered by Bro. Archibald. Sunday came in clear and cool, and the people from all the region round about were early afoot. At 9.30 a. m., the Sabbath school met and listened to addresses from visiting brethren. At the morning service Bro. Archibald again filled the pulpit, and preached a thoughtful, earnest sermon in reference to the "great commission." The announcement that Mrs. Archibald would speak in the afternoon brought a vast crowd together, and for more than one hour our sister held them spellbound. That address must do much for missions in this section of country. A rousing gospel sermon from Bro. Sables in the evening followed by an evangelistic meeting led by Pastor Howard, closed one of the best Quarterly meetings ever held in this county. We were all sorry that Bro. Robinson was unable to be present. Earnest prayer was made that he might be spared. I am glad to say that he is slowly improving. The time and place for the next Quarterly meeting was left in the hands of a committee, and will be announced in due time. GEO. HOWARD.

Notice.

The Albert County Quarterly Meeting will convene with the church at Waterside, on the first Tuesday in Sept., at 2 o'clock. The Westmorland County Quarterly is expected to meet with us on that occasion and as there are matters of importance coming up we would urge the churches to send a full delegation. We would also remind the churches that this will be our annual meeting when the officers for another year will be elected.

F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y-Treas.

On Advertising Sermon Topics.

WITHIN the last twenty-five years the practice of advertising the topics of sermons in the Saturday papers has grown up, and now prevails extensively. Probably there is a good deal to be said in favor of this practice, or it would not be so generally followed. There are certainly some things to be said against it.

An examination of these announcements, week after week, gives the impression that the ministers seek to put their subjects in a striking and catchy phrase, in order to arouse enough curiosity to lead people to come to hear the discourse. It occurs to us that curiosity might be as effectively aroused if a man who was known always to have something to say were never to announce in advance the topic of his discourse. But the effect of the announcement of a quasi-sensational topic must always be had upon the preacher, and upon those who are led by it to come to his church. In the preacher's mind it creates the consciousness that his first duty is to get and to hold an audience; and in the hearer's mind it lowers the pulpit to the level of the lecture, the success of which is measured by the box-office receipts.

In addition to this, a congregation that is built up by such methods is a rope of sand. When the preacher has an unattractive topic, people do not go to hear him, and when he announces no topic they assume that he has nothing of special interest to say. How much better is it for a minister to create the impression in the community that he will always have a thoughtful message from the Word of God to give to his congregation! Then people go to church not to hear a certain subject discussed, but in a frame to listen to any message that may seem to the minister most opportune. In the long run, we doubt if, in a congregation of three or four hundred, on the average, ten persons are drawn to attend church