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MR. PAYZANT'S GENEROUS BEQUEST.

The death of Mr. Godfrey P. Payzant occurred in his home in Windsor, N. S., on Wednesday, July 1st. Mr. Payzant was one of the oldest citizens and one of the most prominent business men of that town. He was president of the Commercial Bank, of Windsor, and was widely known as a man of great shrewdness in business affairs and one who had been remarkably successful in the accumulation of property. He leaves an estate valued at between $600,000, and $700,000, and was accordingly one of the wealthiest men in the province. Mr. Payzant lived in a simple way, always industrious and always practising the virtue of economy. He had no extravagant tastes and his living was not on a more expensive plan than that of many of his less wealthy neighbors. He had reached the very advanced age of 82 years, but up to within a few days of his death was, we believe, in full possession of his faculties and able to give his usual attention to business duties. Though, we believe, not a member of any religious body, Mr. Payzant was a regular attendant upon the services of the Baptist church in Windsor; and it was while returning from the Sunday evening service that he was stricken with the paralysis that in a few days terminated his life. He had always manifested an interest in the work of the denomination, especially perhaps in its educational work, and while he had not given largely to the institutions during his life time, he had rendered assistance at different times by loans. He had also intimated, we have been informed, his intention of making some provision in his will in the interests of the schools. This, it now appears, he has done, and his bequest is a large and generous one. According to intelligence despatched to some of the daily papers, which we presume is correct, Mr. Payzant has remembered Acadia in his will to the amount of $100,000. This is an announcement which will be gladly and gratefully received by the friends of the institution and by the denomination generally. This sum is to be divided into two parts—equal parts, we presume, though it is not stated—one part to be used in making provision for theological instruction at Acadia and the other to form a fund for the assistance of students through the establishment of scholarships. The Ladies' Seminary is also to receive a bequest of $1,000, the interest of which is to be used in the purchase of prizes for the students. These bequests will, of course, be of great value to the institutions and will afford much needed encouragement to those who have the management of our educational work and who have been, of late especially, wrestling with difficulties consequent upon the endeavor to carry on a great educational work with a very inadequate endowment.

Mr. Payzant's will contains other bequests to benevolent objects. The Chester Road church receives $6,000, the church at Three Mile Plain $1,600, the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Board receive $1,000 each. There are also bequests of $200 each to the S. S. libraries of Windsor, Upper Falmouth, Middle Falmouth and Windsor Plains. Besides these there is a bequest of $20,000 to the town of Windsor for founding a hospital, provided an equal sum be raised for the purpose within seven years.

—We are doing our best in the matter of attending and reporting the Associations, but they occur in such a simultaneous fashion this year that it is rather difficult to keep track of them all. Two were held the last week in June, which are reported in this issue. For the report of that held at Doaktown we are indebted to Rev. J. W. Manning. The P. E. Island Association, of which we hope to present a report next week, met last Friday at Alexandria. The present week two others, the N. B. Southern and the N. S. Eastern are to meet. The meeting of the N. B. Eastern will occur on the following week. Thus we have seven Associations in the course of about six weeks. The reporting of these necessarily makes large demands upon our space. Correspondents will make a note of this and understand that we are doing the best for them that circumstances permit. We abridge editorial matter in this issue as much as possible in order to give place to reports of associations and correspondents.

If you can not come to Christ with faith and repentance, come to Christ for faith and repentance, for he can give them to you.

THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

The 46th annual meeting of the N. S. Central Association was held with the church at Gaspereaux, Kings County. This church was organized in 1841. It had been blessed with the ministry of a number of faithful pastors and the labors of some of them have been attended with powerful revivals and large ingatherings. Rev. John Williams is now serving a second term as pastor which indicates a mutual esteem of church and pastor. The church is situated in the midst of the valley so justly famed for its reposeful and picturesque beauty, recalling, travellers say, the scenery of the Rhine. The first session of the association was held on Friday the 26th, at 2 p. m. In the absence of Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Moderator, Rev. W. E. Hall of Halifax, was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. O. Read. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. D. H. Simpson; Clerk, Rev. H. A. Porter; Asst. Clerk, Bro. G. A. McDonald; Treasurer, Bro. Andrew Coldwell. A half hour was spent in reading letters from the churches. The following pastors who have entered the association during the year were formally welcomed by the Moderator: Revs. J. E. Goucher, T. Trotter, A. A. Shaw, and G. A. Lawson. (Rev. D. E. Hatt was welcomed at a subsequent session). Each spoke briefly in reply to the welcome extended.

The report on Denominational Literature, prepared by Rev. A. C. Chute, was read by Rev. M. P. Freeman. This very excellent and somewhat extended report will be found on our second page. Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D., gave an address on Our Denominational Paper and Denominational Records, especially commending the Messenger and Visitor to the sympathy and support of the churches. He dwelt upon the great importance of the denominational paper as a unifier and as an advocate of our interests. It was worthy of being appreciated and let us do our best to make it as strong and effective and as widely influential as possible.

The evening service was devoted to the interests of the B. Y. P. U. and a report of the meeting will doubtless appear in our B. Y. P. U. department.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The report on Denominational Literature was taken from the table, and in accordance with the programme an address on The Importance of Maintaining our Denominational Principles was given by Prof. E. W. Sawyer.

Mr. Sawyer said that the Baptist organization was itself the strongest declaration of the importance of the principles for which we stand. Denominationalism is not christianity, but we do not get much christianity apart from denominationalism. The principles which our fathers held when they were weak and despised are just as true and valuable today when we have reached a position of comparative respectability. If we relinquish our hold on our denominational principles we are not true to conscience and to God. If we are not Baptists we should be something else. As for himself he was quite content to be a Baptist. The importance of holding strongly our principles should be impressed on the churches.

The report was spoken to also by W. Chute who declared himself a Baptist and ready to defend Baptist doctrine.

Rev. M. P. Freeman spoke of the great importance of the Messenger and Visitor to the denomination and to the interests which we as a people are endeavoring to promote. He regretted that there were some who did not take and read the paper. He was sure that in this much loss was sustained.

Bro. Isaiah Shaw also spoke warmly in favor of the paper and suggested that some plan might be devised by which a strong effort should be made to place the paper in every Baptist family.

Rev. Isaiah Wallace spoke of the importance of standing firmly by our Baptist principles. He commended the Messenger and Visitor and greatly prized its weekly visits. Mr. Wallace also advocated the carrying on of colportage work which he believed was of very great importance.

Bro. Joseph Walley desired some information in regard to the price of books supplied by the Halifax Book Room.

At this point Miss Newcombe, missionary elect to India, was invited to a seat in the association, and at the invitation of the Moderator came to the platform and said a few words to the meeting.

Mr. G. A. McDonald, manager of the Book Room, Halifax, on invitation addressed the association in the interests of the Book Room and its work. He spoke of the inception of the Book Room, the purpose of its founders, its value to the denomination in supplying S. School and other literature. He has published the Canadian Hymnal which has met with great favor, also valuable record books. The destruction of the A. B. Publication Establishment by fire in February last had caused the Book Room embarrassment. Books received from English houses require much examination and sifting. He solicited the aid of the churches in this matter and advised that they appoint suitable persons to whom books might be for examination. One difficulty was that the Sunday Schools would not take the more solid class of books. Excellent libraries had been sent to schools and at once returned. Mr. McDonald spoke of the importance of colportage work and the Book Room would be glad to promote it if the funds were supplied. The Book Room was content with a very moderate profit on the works supplied, but some parties were willing to supply certain Sunday School books without profit for the sake of getting trade in other lines.

S. McC. Black by invitation of the Moderator spoke in the interests of the paper and asked for the prayers and sympathies of the brethren in his difficult and responsible duties as editor.

Rev. T. Trotter, said perhaps we were in danger of thinking of immersion and close communion as the great distinctive Baptist doctrines, but there were other Baptist doctrines which deserved greater emphasis. Liberty of Conscience, the Separation of Church and State were grand principles which we still need to contend for. There are many people who do not believe in this latter doctrine. There is also the doctrine of individualism—the relation of the individual to God which gives emphasis to our doctrine of baptism and church membership. Mr. Trotter spoke of the paper in terms of high appreciation. There is nothing, he said, which as a unifier is so important to the denomination as the paper. No one more needs the prayers and sympathies of his brethren than the editor.

The last half hour of the session was devoted to a consecration service led by Rev. A. Cohoon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Prof. E. W. Sawyer called attention to the question in the church letter forms which asks—What have you found especially helpful in your church work? In some letters it was not answered and in the rest there was a variety of answers which indicated a vagueness of idea respecting it. Could anybody tell why it was there? Nobody seemed to know exactly for what purpose the question had been placed there, but it was said it must be there for some wise purpose.

The report on Education was presented by Rev. W. N. Hutchins.

This report stated consisely the facts in connection with the work of the year in the institutions. It recommended the raising of an endowment for a chair in Bible Study. The resignation of President Sawyer was referred to as a matter of regret, and high appreciation was expressed for the services he had rendered to the College. The holding of Educational meetings in important centres was also recommended.

In accordance with the programme for the afternoon a number of addresses were delivered on the subject of Education. Mr. Trotter the first speaker spoke of the vast importance of education, both intellectual and spiritual. These should go hand in hand from the beginning. The secular education afforded in the public schools must be supplemented by religious training in the home and in the church. Mr. Trotter proceeded to speak particularly of the Ladies' Seminary. He alluded in the very highest terms to Miss True, the Principal, and expressed the utmost confidence in the Seminary as a school in which the most healthful influences both intellectual and spiritual were to be found. He had had the pleasure of baptizing seven of the young ladies attending the institution and was therefore in a position to know much about the religious life of the school. There was one thing to be said against the Seminary, it was not full, and it was a shame that such a school should not be patronized to the fullest extent possible by the denomination. Mr. Trotter also spoke of the Academy and the important work that it is doing. During the 68 years of the academy's history, 4,000 students have passed through its classes. Think of the influences that have gone out from the school with these men. In promoting our educational work the emphasis should be put on the Academic end, increase the numbers in that school and the college classes would be enlarged. Improve the Academy and the standard of the College would be raised. It is the Academy that opens the way for many a man to the ministry. It was the duty of the denomination to sustain these institutions and to understand that God would hold them responsible for this. We want more students in the Academy as well as in the Seminary. Every pastor and every earnest member should be a recruiting sergeant to gather in students for these schools. There must be more money for the schools if they are to prosper as they should. And there needs to be earnest faithful prayer for the schools.

Prof. E. W. Sawyer spoke on the subject of Acadia College. Why, Mr. Sawyer asked, should the Baptists support the institution at Wolfville? 1. Because they are ours and we are under the same obligation to sustain them that a parent is to care for his child. 2. Because of the purpose of their establishment, which was, in the words of one of their founders, the late Dr. Crawley, "to train men for God and the Gospel." This is a sacred trust handed down to us from our fathers. The duty of the denomination toward the institutions involves caring for them as the parent cares for the child, and a generous financial support. The college does not receive that attention that it should from the denomination. It is not known and cared for as it should be. Either we must support these institutions or the education which is being done by them will pass from under christian auspices to be carried on by secular institutions.

Dr. D. F. Higgins spoke briefly, alluding especially to the religious interest of the schools and asking for the prayers of the people on behalf of the institutions, that spiritual blessings may rest upon them.

Dr. Jones spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation of the addresses which had been made.

S. McC. Black alluded to the reference made in the report to the retirement of President Sawyer, and expressed his high appreciation of the invaluable services which Dr. Sawyer has rendered to the Acadia and the cause of education. He spoke also of the importance of informing and interesting our people in respect to our educational work.

J. W. Barss, Esq., at the invitation of the Moderator came to the platform and spoke briefly and in a very interesting manner on the subject before the body, referring especially to the history of the institutions and to the fact that they were the property of the people.

Rev. Isaiah Wallace said the meeting recalled the educational meetings of the old days. He recalled also revival seasons which the college had experienced.

Rev. A. Martell who was one of the earliest students at Acadia spoke of his early experience in his efforts to obtain an education and his debt to the Wolfville institutions.

Rev. Wm. E. Hall expressed his gratitude to the college and his interests in it. He desired that the professors might visit the churches more frequently in the interests of the college.

Rev. Dr. Kempton said that our talk on this subject was not wasted. We need to talk over these matters, to agitate and to give information in regard to this subject. He had a jealous love for these institutions. There is much need of greater effort being put forth to interest our people in our educational work.

SATURDAY EVENING.

This session was devoted principally to the interest of Temperance. The report on this subject was presented by the Moderator, Rev. D. H. Simpson. It expressed regret that apparently no very marked progress had been made in promoting temperance reform during the past year. The Plebiscite taken the previous year seemed to indicate a strong conviction of the people in favor of prohibition, but that conviction, if real, did not appear to be as active as could be desired. There was encouragement, however, especially on account of the temperance instruction being given in the public schools, the credit for which belonged largely to the W. C. T. U. The hope for the cause was in the churches and in the homes. Cider and tobacco should be banished from christian homes. The cider drinking habit led to much evil and war to be strongly condemned. There should be more temperance instruction in the Sunday schools. The total abstinence pledge should be in church covenants. The pulpit should make its influence more strongly felt in the promotion of temperance. Mr. Simpson supported the report in an earnest and strong speech. Excellent addresses on the subject were delivered by Revs. R. E. Gullison and D. E. Hatt.

SUNDAY MORNING.

An early morning prayer meeting was conducted by Bro. G. A. McDonald. Nearly all present took part, and it was a time of spiritual refreshing. A service at nine o'clock was conducted by Rev. G. A. Weathers.

At the 11 o'clock service the Associational sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Goucher, of Halifax. The text of the discourse was 1 Cor. 15-58, "Be ye steadfast, immovable, etc." The preacher alluded to the tendency at the present to question or deny the Divinity of Christ, and to cast doubt upon His atonement and resurrection and the authority of the Word of God. He urged fidelity to all the fundamental doctrines of the Scriptures. The admonition of the apostle was one that should be emphasized and carefully heeded. The reward of those who maintained their steadfastness was great and sure. The sermon was heard with great attention and appreciation by the large congregation. At the

AFTERNOON SESSION

the report on Sunday schools was presented by Bro. G. A. McDonald, who also conducted the services of the afternoon. Addresses were delivered by Rev. E. O. Read, Bro. G. A. McDonald and Bro. W. J. Gates. Mr. Read spoke on the importance of the Bible study in the school. He alluded to the Home Department as one means of holding the boys in the Sunday school. He urged upon parents and children the great importance of studying the Word of God. Bro. G. A. McDonald gave an address on Mission work, its importance and how to present it in Sunday schools so as to be of great interest to the young. Bro. Gates spoke on Temperance in the Sunday schools, urging the adoption of the triple pledge and the use of the temperance lessons found in the International series. Other brethren took part in this interesting service. The services of

SUNDAY EVENING

was devoted to the cause of Missions. Interesting addresses on the subject of Home Missions were given by Revs. A. Martell and J. E. Goucher. The claims of the Northwest work were presented by Rev. Isaiah Wallace. The Foreign work was presented by Rev. W. V. Higgins, recently returned from India. Mrs. Higgins also spoke of her experience in India and her hope of being able to return to resume service there. Rev. R. E. Gullison and Mrs. Gullison spoke of the leadings of Providence in regard to their future life. They were ready to go this fall to the foreign field if the way should be opened. Miss Newcombe, missionary elect, expressed her gratitude that her duty in reference to Foreign Mission service had been so clearly revealed to her, that her heart longed for the work to which she had been led to give herself.

Revs. A. Martell and G. Weathers invoked the divine blessing on the work of missions. Excellent music was rendered at the services of the day by the choir.

(To be concluded in next issue)

Halifax Notes.

The Rev. A. C. Chute goes west to enjoy his vacation. He left at Austen and in many parts of Chicago where he spent a half score of years, as he must leave in all places where he makes his home, a host of ardent friends. They desire to see him, and he desires to see them. If, for the four weeks of his holidays, Mr. Chute escapes unhurt by the warmth of friendship and the hotness of the Chicago weather, it will be a matter of thankfulness for all his friends in this cool climate. He gave his prayer-meeting last evening a farewell address to last over his holidays, in which he exhorted the people to be even more faithful when he was away than when he was at home, in attending the public services.

The Rev. G. A. Lawson goes to New Brunswick for a few weeks rest. His health has somewhat improved of late. Dr. Kempton took his holidays in the early spring and so he works on in his Dartmouth field, cool and cheery, while others are blistered with inland heat.

The Tabernacle has not yet arranged the time for their pastor's holidays, after his year of hard and successful work. His church has been much prospered during the year. The pastor's health has kept up wonderfully, all things being considered.

Rev. J. E. Goucher will circulate for rest between Halifax and his home in Digby. Some outside help for the pulpit will be secured. Mr. Goucher has not distinguished himself through life by taking frequent or long vacations. He is a work-all-the-time pastor.

Rev. W. V. Higgins and wife visited Halifax of late. Mr. Higgins addressed a sociable in the North church, preached on Sunday morning last for Rev. A. C. Chute, and for the Rev. J. E. Goucher in the evening. He is well received in Halifax. His gifts are of the higher order, and his missionary zeal is of the apostolic type.

The Rev. Asaph Whitman has been ill from over-work at his home in Sackville, but he is recovering. His large field needs a man with unlimited physical strength, and a large share of all other graces.

The Rev. M. W. Brown swings round and round St. Margaret's Bay in his circuit of forty miles, visits and preaches incessantly, and looks as cheerful as a girl, and as ruddy as a boy and as strong as the best of men. Last year was a poor year for the fisherman around the beautiful St. Margaret's Bay, and the people do not feel able to give their pastor an assistant this summer. He, therefore, does all the work himself. Who ever heard of M. W. Brown taking a yearly holiday of four weeks? He should be compelled to do it! Personal liberty has its limits.

The Presbyterian Ladies' College held its closing exercises yesterday. Miss Kerr the Principal goes to Scotland for her holidays. Five young ladies graduated. The attendance during the year was 372 in all. The teaching staff numbers 23. In the College 133 pupils had been enrolled during the session, and 310 in the conservatory of music. By the will of the late Mrs. Keith, the College received $2,000 toward founding a chair of modern languages.

The Nova Scotia Methodist conference assembled on Tuesday the 23rd, the memorable day of the election, in Grafton Street church. The Rev. James Strothard, president of last year, was in the chair. The Rev. John Johnson, of Newport was elected president, and the Rev. D. W. Johnson, secretary. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist conference of Canada, was present and addressed the delegates at the opening session. The city pulpits—that is all that are accessible—will be filled by Methodist preachers, next Sunday.

A nautical fair is about to open in the rink, the proceeds of which are to go to the Sailor's Home in the city.

Reporter.

The International Missionary Union.

REPORTED BY REV. H. F. LAFLAMME.

Clifton Springs is the Mecca of American Foreign Missionaries, either retired from active service or at home on furlough. These wend their way thither with eager haste to spend the third week in June of each year in mutual conference, spiritual fellowship and to help spread the fire of missionary zeal in christian hearts at home and on the wide field abroad. The Union was born in 1884 at Niagara Falls, Canada; spent an itinerant infancy wandering from place to place in annual session till it found a permanent home seven years ago in the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs. The Union now comprises 669 members, of whom 45 have gone home. If Dr. J. T. Gracey, a retired Indian missionary and now one of the editors of the "Missionary Review of the World", residing at Rochester, and the Rev. W. H. Belden, who hold the chief affairs, the former, the genial, patient, humorous and masterful president, the latter the laborious secretary, are the parents of the Union, who brought it into being and cared for and developed it into the important body it now is, then Dr. and Mrs. Foster, the founders of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, have a very grandfatherly interest in its up-bringing. Every year the spacious Sanitarium, a magnificent five storey building with a frontage of 244 feet and as great a depth, the annex quite as commodious, the extensive park of 50 acres, and the 400 acre farm attached are thrown open to the free entertainment of the Union. All the medical benefits of a staff of eight physicians, (two of whom are ladies), of the healing waters of the sulphur springs and of the strengthening baths, some 50 in kind, are thrown open to the free use of the missionary guests. During 46 years Dr. Foster has developed this institution as his work in Christ, turning back into it for its improvement and extension the princely sum of $600,000, offering its benefits at reduced rates or in gratuitous service to all preachers, teachers, missionaries and christian workers, and contributing last year alone the generous sum of $31,000 in helping on the kingdom of Christ by "repairing God's broken down workmen." Arrangements are being perfected by which the beneficent and peculiar work of the Sanitarium will be perpetuated in feeding it over to the leading evangelical missionary societies of the United States.

The meeting of the Union were held in the tabernacle, with a seating capacity of 650. The evening attractions filled the house. The recognition service of the first night brought responses from about 70 missionaries who rose in turn, giving their name, society, field, years of service and some prominent fact in their mission work. All wore badges with the name of the country of their adoption. After the recognition service the missionaries assumed acquaintance without formal introductions. The ends of the earth were met together in that marvellous polyglot assemblage. The interchange of experience, the discussions of methods, the comparison of policy and the recital of triumphs took place in the friendliest and most cordial spirit. In the midst of seeming chaos there was a definite plan which threw the program into three divisions. These were the meetings for devotion, deliberation and discription.

In the devotional meetings with which each days sessions were opened the Bible readings of Mrs. Capron, a retired veteran of 30 years service in India, were sweet with the perfume of a deep spiritual experience in the christian life. She so opened the Bible that learned men, profound in the mysteries of theology, were delighted with the truths presented and insisted repeatedly on hearing the Word expounded by her. There was a peculiar definiteness in the prayers. "Oceanic prayers," asking everything and expecting nothing were deprecated. The petitioners prayed as though accustomed to travel frequently the way to the throne of Grace.

Mr. David McConaughy, the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in India, struck a sympathetic chord in relating his struggle through years for the power of the Holy Spirit. The desire was first kindled strongly at Northfield Bible School in '89, but not till last year was that desire in any fulness qualified. He confessed that he had mistakenly longed for the Spirit's power and not for the Spirit himself. He gave it as his solemn conviction that the Spirit of power came only unto the Christ-like heart. The prayers of the venerable Dr. G. W. Wood, for 48 years a missionary in Turkey, were models of simple language, child-like trustfulness and direct approach. One closed with these words, "And in thine own time when thou hast done with us here on earth grant us a *peaceful* and *painless* dismission from this present life and take us to be with thee in that blessed life of joy it is our privilege to look forward to." Many a tear-laden prayer went up for the prosecuted Armenians and the relentless rulers.

The subjects which provoked warmest discussion were "The rights of missionaries in relation to home and foreign governments," and "The Home aspect of foreign mission work" The former has assumed great prominence owing to the recent Chinese massacres and the determined purpose of the Sultan of Turkey to exterminate the Armenians and expel all christian missionaries. The discussion culminated in strong resolutions, calling on all missionaries everywhere to live in obedience to the powers that be, to demand the same rights and protection in foreign lands as are accorded to others of their own race engaged in secular callings and to remember that God is over all, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The pitiable squabbling of the three great Protestant powers over minor matters, and their consequent indifference in the face of Turkish outrages on helpless christians came in for unstinted condemnation by the indignant missionaries.

The present cry in the home land for retrenchment in the work abroad, presumably because of the hard times, was designated as a difficulty in which the hard times were insignificant in comparison with the "hard hearts." Student volunteers whom the Boards refused to send forth because of deficits in funds, were urged to bore a hole in the Boards, do anything, only get out in the awful need.

The descriptive meetings presented mission work all over the world by dif-