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We have thought it well to give up a large amount of space this week to a report of the proceedings of the Educational Institute. This has made it necessary to hold over several communications to another issue.

Information has been received in Boston from Rev. Horatio Morrow, of Tavoy, Burma, that the Karen people of that district are suffering greatly from an invasion of rats, by which their crops of rice are being destroyed. The Karens live in the hill country and cultivate a kind of rice that grows on dry ground. This invasion of the rodents is said to be so important as to threaten a famine in the district and is likely to interfere seriously with the work of the mission. It is a matter of history in this country—that in the eastern part of Nova Scotia and especially P. E. Island—that an invasion of mice is by no means to be laughed at. If rats should invade a country in such numbers as the mice mustered when they made their famous descent upon the green island of the Gulf, it would be as formidable as an invasion of armed men.

"Get your facts before you generalize," is the sentiment and excellent advice of the *Congregationalist* to ministers who feel moved to enter upon a crusade in the interest of municipal reform. It is on this principle that Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, and all others whose efforts in that direction amount to much, have proceeded. The advice has its application in other matters besides municipal reforms. It is a comparatively easy thing to mount a platform and thunder fierce denunciations or utter sweeping charges which the speaker has no means of proving; but such a course does little to help on the cause of any reform, and often results as a serious hindrance. It would be reformers would first get facts by which to substantiate their statements, before they begin to generalize and denounce, much like the "booster" diffusion would be, and the cause of reform would be better served.

After the reading and discussion of Rev. J. H. Saunders' paper on Denominational Work before the Institute at the Thursday morning session, a committee was appointed to consider its suggestions and report thereon. At the Friday afternoon session the committee's report was presented, and was adopted as follows:

Your committee appointed to report on the suggestions in the paper given by Rev. J. H. Saunders, in re denominational work, beg to report as follows: That the financial ability of our people is equal not only to the work already undertaken, but also to meet the constantly increasing demands of that work, and this Institute would earnestly urge upon our churches the necessity of taking immediate steps to bring this matter to the attention of each member of the churches and each friend of the work in our congregations. As to method, we should suggest that each of our pastors be asked to get one or two earnest workers in his church to make a personal canvass, especially among non-contributors, and so far as possible get each individual to give something weekly, monthly or quarterly, as the case may be.

We recommend that such meetings as these be held at different points as frequently as possible.

Church Opening at Windsor Plains.

Last Sunday, the 23rd inst., was a high day for pastor Johnson and the little Baptist Mission church at Windsor Plains, as they were then able to leave their old meeting house, which has long been very uncomfortable, and worship in their new house for the first time. Services were held in the afternoon and evening, in which Rev. F. A. MacEwan, pastor Johnson, brethren A. P. Shand and Noble Crandall and the writer took part.

The house will seat about one hundred and fifty and is very neatly finished, throughout. It is some time since the work was undertaken, and could not have been carried to completion but for the assistance of A. P. Shand, G. P. Pysant and many others, in Windsor.

At the opening service pastor Johnson made reference to the assistance so kindly given and stated that Bro. Shand had superintended the whole matter and borne very much of the burden. The building cost upwards of \$200 which, to us, seemed very cheap for so large a building.

Bro. Noble Crandall, of Windsor, conducts a large Sunday school at the Plains and otherwise assists pastor Johnson.

We rejoice that another little mission church has a comfortable church home.

Needlessly Alarmed.

Mr. Editor.—You have been favoring your readers with communications from good able brethren regarding membership in our B. Y. P. U.'s; but after all are not our brethren needlessly alarmed? Joining any society no matter how close the connection between the society and the church is not joining the church.

Active membership or associate membership in a society accords no privileges whatever so far as the church is concerned. And when I read about a "department" of the church according to any one—either Christian or not—the powers and privileges of church membership, I must confess that I cannot see the point at all. What, pray, has any "department" of the church to do with according privileges and powers when it is a well understood principle with us that the church itself can only accord privileges to its own members? The privileges are all wrong, and the conclusions of course are wrong.

But if we were to follow out legitimately these false conclusions, why our Sabbath-schools would be closed to all save members of Baptist churches. So with our other services, including even our preaching services. If what is so eloquently called "Mongrel Membership" in our societies ever could mean "mongrel membership" in our churches, then, of course, the obligation would hold good. But such not being the case, let us "gather them in"—that is to the societies—so that by the blessing of God they may learn of our doctrines, history and aims; so that upon their conversion to God they may follow the Saviour in His own ordinances, and then as baptized brethren in Jesus Christ they may have the rights and privileges which can only be accorded to those who are members of His church. Are not simply members of any society only connected therewith or under its jurisdiction? The church is one thing, the society quite another, and let us be careful to distinguish between things which differ so materially.

Yours truly,
A. H. LAVERS.

S. S. Catechism.

For some time past I have believed that a S. S. Catechism was a necessity, and its importance grows on me as the years go by. What are some of the results, in practical Bible knowledge, in an ordinary class, in one of our ordinary Sunday-schools? When you see young men and women who have passed the primary and intermediate grades, looking in the Pentateuch for one of the minor prophets, and among the gospels for some of Paul's sayings, you have a sample of results of the ordinary work in our Sunday-schools. Don't laugh at it, for it is too true. I have watched it with a degree of sadness hard to be borne, not only in my own school but in others.

In our Sunday-school Convention I have said more than once that the members of the primary class should know the names of the books of the Bible and be able to find chapter and verse in either Old or New Testaments before graduating from that class. There is neither test, order nor demand made in the majority of our Sunday-schools, and results are patent. When would a class be graded in one of our day schools conducted after the model of one of our ordinary Sunday-school classes?

In such a course of Bible study, as we have hinted at for the primary class, the teacher would lay a foundation for a life-long study of the Bible, for which the scholar would bless her name and memory; for it would be worth, a thousand times told, all the ditties and stories the most fertile brain could produce. I am glad the Maritime Convention has given some attention to this matter of Catechism in the Sunday-school.

I have before me a sample copy of the Catechism recommended by the convention, and on page twelve in the theory—though in a much better form—that I have advocated for the primary classes. It is put under the title, "Books of the Bible." I have suffered much in days gone by for the knowledge given on this page, and if many of my brethren would frankly acknowledge they would say the same. There are few Bible students to-day who can name, in an orderly manner, the books of both Old and New Testaments. Come! How many are there? The Catechism recommended was prepared by the Rev. John A. Broadus, D. D., and in my humble opinion it is

well and suitably arranged for use in our Sunday-schools. I hope some of our enthusiastic S. S. workers will give us, in the *Messenger* and *Visitor*, some of their best thoughts on this most important subject—Catechism in the S. S. G. R. WHITE, Yarmouth, N. S.

Foreign Missions.

Come Over and Help Us.

Nearly 2,000,000 precious souls in India are dependent upon the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces for a knowledge of the way of life. They are hastening on to death—and they are going out into darkness that is eternal. Is that any concern of yours, my brother, my sister? These are men, women and children with souls and hearts, joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, sickness and pain like ourselves; but unlike ourselves, they have no ray of light to cheer the gloom of their dismal future. They are among those for whom He refers when He says to you: "Go ye therefore and make disciples in all nations." Yes, the Lord Jesus has laid it upon us in no uncertain way, and we have accepted the commission and pledged ourselves in a most public way to give to those people the Bread of Life. They are our neighbors—wounded and sick; in unto death—shall we, Levite and Priest like, pass by on the other side, or shall we be the "good Samaritan"?

They are our brothers, and they are in need—in great need—so great that it is hard to describe. And shall we let them go down to death and not put forth the helping hand? They will soon be beyond the reach of help. Hundreds are daily crossing that river of death, whence there is no return, and for the great multitude the glad tidings must soon or never come. They are ignorant of God and a Redeemer—they are spiritually blind and utterly unable to extricate themselves from the pit of heathenism. All the education, civilization and charity of the Christian world cannot lift them out of this condition. The Gospel, and the Gospel alone, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, can bring deliverance. While there are other missionaries laboring among the 18,000,000 of Telugus, there are no Protestant missionaries giving the Gospel to the 1,700,000 precious souls entrusted to the care of the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces. We have five mission families and three single ladies at work among these peoples. But one family and one single lady are now recruits, who take the places of the family and the lady who have been compelled to leave the field. This is no advance, brethren. We can scarcely be said to be holding our own, for the new recruits are not able to do aggressive work, and will not be for at least two years. But our brethren and sisters in India have gone forth in the name of Him who has sent us all with His message of salvation to lost men and women. They are doing what He has commanded all His disciples to do—proclaiming to the lost repentance and forgiveness of sins through faith in Him and relying upon His promise of the Holy Spirit to renew their hearts and guide them into the truth. If the people in these provinces need the faithful preaching of the gospel, those in India need it ever so much more. We all know enough to save our. They know nothing. Shall we have all and keep it to ourselves, or shall we share our knowledge with others less favored? Which is most in harmony with the mind of Christ?

We often pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest—men and women called of God, ready for service or sacrifice; ready to deny themselves of many of the comforts of a Christian land and to give themselves to a work that taxes the energies and talents of the strongest and most gifted among His people, so much so that time without number they are led to cry out in their stress, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The cry for help comes to us with an earnestness and force that it cannot be ignored. We cannot mistake its meaning. Help is needed, imperatively needed, and needed now. Your sympathy, your prayers and your money! Pastors and brethren, men and women of Israel, help! Hear the cry from multitudes, "Come over and help us!"

Yours in the work,
J. W. MANNING.

Queens County Quarterly Meeting.

The Queens county quarterly meeting took place on the 21st inst., with the 2nd Grand Lane Baptist church, in the absence of the moderator, Bro. W. M. McVicar was appointed pro tem. Ministers in attendance as follows: Revs. J. Coombes, J. W. Manning, H. D. Worden, Bro. H. A. Stewart and G. T. Shaw. First session at 9:30 o'clock was occupied by receiving and discussing reports on the state of S. S. work in the county. In the evening address on S. S. Work were given by Bro. Coombes, Worden, Shaw, Barton, Manning, Irvine, Shaw, and a session—Devotional services 9:30 till 10:15 o'clock, after which the regular business of the quarterly was taken up. At 9:30 p. m. a most excellent Christian conference was led by the moderator. In the evening a public meeting in the interest of temperance was held. This subject was discussed by Bro. H. A. Stewart, Rev. H. D. Worden, Bro. W. M. Cummings, Peter Barton, A. T. Stewart and Bro. J. W. Manning. An excellent reading was given by Bro. G. M. Barton.

Sunday, a. m., the quarterly sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Manning, text Gen. 7: 1-7, which was a clear, impressive and helpful exposition of God's truths.

The p. m. session was under the auspices of the W. M. A. S. Sisters A. J. and F. F. McLean presiding. A Bible reading on Christian giving by Mrs. M. S. Coar. Addresses by Bro. H. A. Stewart and Rev. J. W. Manning. In the evening Rev. H. D. Worden preached a short sermon, text, Gen. 1: 4, after which a social service was participated in by a large number. At the session S. S. work was brought very prominently before the people, and our churches were urged to keep their schools running during the whole year. Brethren were appointed to prepare papers to be read at our next session as follows: Bro. W. M. Manning on General S. S. Work; Bro. Peter Barton on The Relation of the S. S. to Temperance; Bro. G. W. Barton on The Relation of the S. S. to missions. A resolution was also passed recommending our churches to raise contributions for foreign missions over and above what is being done through the W. M. A. S.

The next session is to be held on the 22nd Friday in March at 2:30 o'clock at Belyes Cove. Rev. E. Hopper was appointed to preach the quarterly sermon. Rev. H. D. Worden to be his alternate. Collections taken \$20.48—for F. M. \$14.48; for H. M. and S. B. S. \$6.00. S. D. Ervine.

More Gifts to Ministers, Widows and Children.

Have received nearly \$100 of the \$600 needed. Thanks for what has come. There is more to follow. Remember the sick and infirm ministers, widows and children.

A friend, Berwick, \$3; another friend, Berwick, \$2; Forest Glen church, per Mr. Henry Fletcher, \$5; Mrs. S. A. Webb \$1; Mira church, per Rev. E. A. McPhee, \$3.10; Hampton church, per Mr. Isaiah Brown, \$2.81; Gosben church, per Mr. John R. Sutherland, \$5; DeBert River, per Rev. T. A. Blackadar, \$3.17; Oak Bay church, per Mr. J. B. Skinner, \$1.50; Lodge Dufferin church, per Rev. I. R. Skinner, \$1.50. Total \$23.58.

Received up to date \$38.16 of the \$600 needed. E. M. SAUNDERS, Sec.-Treas.

NOTICES.

The next session of the Albert County quarterly meeting will be held with the First Coverdale church, at Turtle Creek, on the second Tuesday in January, at 2 p. m. One whole session is to be given to Sabbath school work. Bro. J. B. O'Leary is to prepare programme for this session. Rev. S. H. Cornwell will preach quarterly sermon. Let all come who can. Come to do faithful work in the Lord's cause. I. B. COLWELL, Sec.

Acadia Seminary.

The executive committee of Acadia Seminary have made suitable arrangements to carry on the various departments of the Seminary for the coming Term in a satisfactory manner. The Term will open on the 9th January. Correspondence relating to the care of the young ladies may be addressed to Miss Winnifred G. Crowell, Wolfville, N. S. Checks and money orders may be made payable to Everett W. Sawyer, Treasurer.

Take Notice.

The undersigned desires to obtain, for the library of the First Baptist church, Halifax, minutes of the Eastern Baptist Association of New Brunswick for the following years: 1850, 1853, 1856, 1876 and 1878. Will those who have old associational minutes, they are not anxious to retain, kindly look them over, and if any of the above are found, please forward them to Rev. O. Chute, First Baptist church, Halifax, N. S.

The Digby County quarterly meeting will hold its next session at Smith's Cove, Jan. 15th and 16th. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. B. N. Nobles, on Tuesday evening, Wednesday will be given to reports from the churches and business. Will the chairmen of the different committees please attend to their several duties. Wednesday evening, from 7 o'clock until 8, will be given to the young people for the purpose of considering the matter of organizing a County B. Y. P. U. Will the pastors and deacons please bring this fact to the notice of the young people, and get each Young People's Society—or where there is no society, the church—to appoint two of its young people as delegates.

Literary Notes.

An Illustrated Frontispiece is one of the features of the *Missionary Review of the World* for January. This frontispiece represents the Hindu Idol, Ganapati, worshipped in many parts of India to-day, and it is accompanied by a description of its origin, character, and worship. A large part of the magazine is in this month devoted to a masterly survey of the "World's Outlook in 1895," prepared by the editor-in-chief and consisting largely of statements of the condition and progress of affairs, political and religious, in various parts of the world, contributed by such representative men as Dr. Geo. W. Knox; of Japan; Dr. J. Morray Mitchell, of France; Rev. Josiah Tyler, of Africa; Rev. William Ashmore, of India; Rev. W. G. D. Blyden, of West Africa; W. B. Boggs, of India. Besides the reports on these countries, there are others on Arabia, Persia, Thibet, Corea, Germany, Burma, Turkey, and South America.

Ministry and scholarly articles on "The World's Population, Races, Languages, and Religions" also appear in this number in the pen of Prof. A. H. Keane, of England. The statistical tables of the various missionary societies of the United States and Canada added to the already mentioned features make this issue of the *Review* invaluable to all students of missions and the world's progress. The prospectus for the year 1895 promises interesting and valuable features for the coming months with such improvements and additions, as experience may show to be advisable. The *Review* increases in interest and value yearly, and is indispensable for a knowledge of missions at home and abroad. Departments: I. Literature of Missions; II. International Department; III. Monthly Field of Survey; IV. Editorial Department; V. General Intelligence Department. Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnell Co., 39 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

The Springfield Republican.

New England people, whether they live in the land of their birth, or in other parts of the world, are apt to know the value of a good newspaper. The *Springfield Republican* is recognized as a superior newspaper, one of the leaders of the American press. It has been in successful operation for over 70 years, but it is thoroughly progressive and modern.

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I wish through the columns of the *Messenger and Visitor* to express my gratefulness to the church and congregation at West Jeddore for their valuable donation, consisting of an overcoat and a pair of overshoots for myself, also a beautiful winter acquiescence and pair of overshoots for Mrs. S. Many other expressions of kindness we received from time to time from our beloved people. These tokens of esteem gladden our hearts and encourage us in the work. May our God abundantly bless the donors, both spiritually and temporally, in the desire of their pastor's heart. L. J. SAUNDERS-WHITE, West Jeddore, Dec. 30, '94.

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