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—AMHERST is again to the front in the contest for the Banner. A telegram received on Friday by Rev. Dr. Steele from Rev. H. G. Estabrook, who is attending the B. Y. P. U. Convention in Baltimore, announces that the banner for proficiency in Biblical and Historical studies has been won for the third time by the B. Y. P. U. of the Amherst church. In reply to the announcement Amherst telegraphed—"We can do it again."

—THE attention of the churches and of those who expect to come as delegates to the approaching Convention in St. John is called to the notice published elsewhere from the Secretary of the Entertainment Committee. The entertainment of the Convention is not a small undertaking. The committee and those whom they represent desire to do the best possible for the delegates, and the latter on their part, no doubt, by attending to the requests contained in the notice, will do what they can to make the labors of those who provide the entertainment as light and agreeable as possible.

—By reference to our obituary column this week it will be seen that Rev. Robert S. Morton, of Aylesford, N. B., an aged and esteemed minister of our denomination, has recently entered into his rest. Bro. Morton received injuries by an accident many years ago which made him an invalid for the rest of his life. His afflictions have been borne, we believe, with true christian patience and resignation to the divine will, and our aged brother, though unable to preach the gospel from the pulpit as of old, has sought at times by his pen to declare the truth for the benefit of others. We desire to tender our sympathy to the afflicted family, and hope in another issue to present a suitable sketch of Bro. Morton's life and labors.

—THE *Wesleyan* has a change of editors, Rev. Dr. Lathern having retired and Rev. George J. Bond having taken over the onerous and responsible duties of the editorship. During the years of Dr. Lathern's incumbency, the *Wesleyan* has not only fulfilled its mission in standing for the defence of Methodism, but has also been forward in the defence and advocacy of temperance and has given its support to every good public cause. Mr. Bond, who we believe is comparatively a young man, comes with a good introduction, and doubtless the paper and the interests for which it stands will not suffer in his hands. We bid the new editor a cordial welcome to the fraternity and wish him Godspeed in his work.

—A fine illustration of what a little water can do when the natural conditions are favorable and the resulting power is properly harnessed, is found in the falls on the north fork of the San Joaquin river in California. The volume of water at the bottom of the falls, it is said, is only 18 inches in diameter, but the height of the fall is 1,410 feet and the resulting power is sufficient to drive dynamos which will generate electricity for lighting the city of Fresno, 33 miles distant from the falls, and also to run all its factories, mills, printing-presses, street cars, elevators and other machinery, and all this without utilizing more than a fourth of the power which the falls supply.

—THE Antislavery Cause continues to be perplexed by what it regards as the inconsistency of Baptists in upholding the common school system for children and in advocating and providing schools under distinctly religious influences for students of riper years. The latter seems not to understand that with Baptists, as with other Protestant bodies, the influence of a Christian home and parental counsel and control count for a great deal in the training of the child. When the young man or woman goes out from under these salutary influences to pursue a course of study, and at a critical period of life in respect to the formation of intellectual and moral character, the safeguards of wholesome spiritual influences and wise Christian counsel which the Christian College and Seminary aim to provide are in the highest degree important.

—ONE can easily believe that the average and uneducated blood-thirstiness of a certain element of the white population of the Southern States toward negroes suspected of crimes should dispose the African people of those States to listen more favorably to schemes for emigration and foreign colonization. The frequency of lynching in Florida, it is said, threatens to result in a Negro exodus. Reports from the western part of the State indicate that the Liberian movement has assumed large proportions. A man named Warner, a Negro preacher, has been working up the Liberian scheme with much effect,

and his speeches have so aroused the Negroes that in one county 300 heads of families have agreed to take ship for Liberia, and are now disposing of everything they possess. Warner's purpose is to organize the Negroes all over Florida, and as soon as possible to remove from the State. The movement causes alarm and indignation among the white farmers of the State, on account of the agitation which it is causing in the latter market.

—JAPANESE evangelists and independence is manifesting itself in religions as well as political matters. Missionary Boards do not find it necessary to urge upon the Japanese the desirability of attaining a position in which they shall be independent of the support which they have received through the Boards. They are indeed in some cases at least willing to go somewhat faster than the missionaries and the Boards would advise in their desire to attain an entirely independent position. It is stated that in some places in which the missionaries of the American Board (Congregationalist) have planted churches, the services of the missionaries have been dispensed with and they have even been turned out of the residences provided for them by the Board. There are rumors of a disposition on the part of the Japanese to apply an eclectic process to christianity, selecting so much of its teaching only as is agreeable to eastern modes of thought. A deputation has been appointed by the American Board to visit Japan and inquire into the matter and report upon the relations of the Board to the Japanese churches. Through the work of this commission more definite information may be expected as to the causes of the present movement of the native christians toward independence of missionary support and control.

—OUR Presbyterian brethren have made a "new departure" in organizing a summer school of Theology which opened in Halifax on the 16th inst., and will continue until the 26th. The following attractive programme is being pursued: "The Covenanting Age"—4 lectures, by Principal Pollock; "Pentateuchal Criticism"—4 lectures, by Dr. Currie; "Methods of Congregational Activity"—1 lecture by Rev. E. D. Millar, Yarmouth; "Revelation"—1 lecture, Rev. Neil McKay, Chatham, N. B.; "Comparative Religion"—3 lectures, by Rev. Principal Grant, Kingston, Ont.; "The Trustworthiness of the historical books of the New Testament"—3 lectures, by Prof. Falconer; "Revelation"—3 lectures by Dr. Gordon.

"The Reading of the Scriptures"—1 lecture, by Rev. J. B. Carruthers, New Glasgow; "Domestic Relations of the Hebrews, and their significance"—3 lectures, by Prof. J. M. McCurdy, of Toronto University; "Science and the Argument from Design"—Prof. J. U. McGregor, of Dalhousie University; "The Church and the Young"—1 lecture, by Rev. A. Rogers, New Glasgow.

Two lectures are given each morning and one each evening, except Wednesday evenings, an opportunity for discussion is given in connection with each lecture or series of lectures. A considerable number of the ministers and professional teachers of the church are attending the school.

—In calling Rev. O. C. S. Wallace to the chancellorship of McMaster University and in prevailing upon him to reconsider and finally to reverse his decision not to accept the call, our brethren in the West have evinced their conviction that, notwithstanding the pretty heavy demands of recent years, the resources of these Maritime provinces for the production of the material of which college presidents are made is not yet exhausted. We do not know whether it would be right to congratulate Mr. Wallace upon the acceptance of this highly honorable and responsible position, seeing that it involves the relinquishment of one at least equally honorable and important in which he has been greatly blessed. We can certainly very cordially congratulate him on the evidence of the high appreciation of his abilities on the part of his brethren in Ontario and Quebec, and, both for his own sake and for the sake of those important educational interests that center in McMaster, we very heartily wish the Chancellor elect the fullest measure of success in the discharge of the new duties which he is about to undertake.

—THE annual convention of the Epworth League of the United States—the Young People's organization in the Methodist Episcopal church—was recently held at Chattanooga, Tenn. About 30,000 delegates were present, and the convention is reported to have been a grand success, not only in numbers, but in enthusiasm and spiritual

power. Young Methodists of the North and of the South united in happy fraternal fellowship. But the colored brother was made to feel that the accident of birth excluded him from a full share in this beautiful christian fellowship. According to a statement made at the C. E. Convention, Boston, by Rev. W. H. Brooks, pastor of one of the largest Negro Baptist churches in Washington, the color line is so strongly drawn by the B. Y. P. U. that Negroes have been officially notified that they are not welcome at B. Y. P. U. meetings. The Watchman notice but discredits this statement and calls upon Dr. Wilkins to explain. "The same paper says that at the great Baptist rally of Christian Endeavor in Boston, Dr. Wayland Hoyt's earnest declaration that the C. E.'s would never draw the color line but would always treat a black man with the same Christian courtesy as a white man, elicited the most enthusiastic response. This is good, but it is more than probable that the response to such a sentiment, if uttered in a gathering of white Baptists in the latitude of Baltimore or Chattanooga, would be much less enthusiastic.

—THE town of Truro is blessed in the possession of a park, which may be reached by a very few minutes walk from the railway station, and which possesses features to make it a most attractive place of resort for the people of the town and their visitors. On the invitation of Dr. Walker, the delegates to the B. Y. P. U. Association held in connection with the Eastern Association, with other friends, visited the park on Friday morning, where, besides feasting their eyes upon the beauties of the place, they were regaled with strawberries and cream. A good carriage way leads into the centre of the park which embraces a hundred acres in extent. The land nearest the town is of a flat and basin like formation, with banks on either side which close up and grow steeper as one proceeds, forming a beautiful ravine with steep and wooded sides. At the mouth of the ravine, buildings, tables, seats and all requisites for picnic parties, etc., have been provided. Here, too, is a never-failing spring, giving an abundant supply of the purest of water. Up along the ravine foot-paths and flights of steps have been constructed, with bridges at convenient places, and a little way up one comes to the falls which in the present drought of summer are shrunken to tiny proportions, but which at other times are exceedingly pretty and picturesque. The trees of many varieties growing in their native beauty, give abundance of shade and rustic seats have been provided here and there for those who wish to rest and enjoy at leisure the sylvan beauties of the place. Turronians are justly proud of their park, which already is a charming spot and is capable of being made a very fair land for beauty. Its value cannot fail to be more and more recognized and appreciated as the town shall enlarge.

Sunday School Convention
The Queensbury Parish held its second annual Convention at the F. C. B. church, Bear Island, June 25th, 1895.

Considering the busy time of year and the long distance many delegates had to come, there was quite a number present. President H. M. Clark opened the convention by a few well pleased words. Greetings were extended to all present, both to the visiting friends as well as to delegates. The prayer service was conducted by Rev. E. C. Jenkins, who gave for the key-note for the meeting the word Charity, 1 Cor. 13.

Seven schools in the parish were reported. The reports were cheery and all felt pleased that God's people were so well advanced in their cause. President Clark then gave an address on "How to make our Parish Association more interesting." The address produced a profound impression upon all who heard it; a number of the members also added several ideas. President H. W. Clark and the Secretary-treasurer were again re-elected; George Hagerman elected Vice-president, and Otho Morgan and Geo. Nipp as additional members of Executive committee. Rev. E. C. Jenkins gave a short rehearsal of lessons in next quarter, which was of deep interest.

The evening session opened with a Bible reading. Rev. E. C. Jenkins chose for his subject "the book," and showed very plainly the Divine mission of the Word of God and how it lifts and touches our hearts. "Spiritual power our need and privilege" was spoken on by Mr. W. Miller. The subject was rich in suggestion. Short addresses were also given by Messrs. Geo. Hagerman, Otho Morgan and Geo. Nipp.

An invitation was received to hold the next convention at Springfield Baptist church, in September next.

We have great reason to thank God and take courage, forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forth to those which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

ALICE L. PASTOR, Sec'y.
Upper Queensbury, July 15, '95.

Ontario Letter.
The midsummer time finds us on the "dead level." Those who can afford it are holidaying, and those who cannot get to Boston, or Baltimore, or England, or Muskoka, or some other distant place, are making themselves as comfortable as possible at home. Consequently there is little to report this month so far as the churches are concerned, and as for the "daily papers keep everybody informed."

McMaster University has found a champion in Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, M. A., pastor of the Bloor St. church, Toronto. Mr. Wallace is a Canadian, of Nova Scotia birth. He was educated partially in Massachusetts, but took his University course at Acadia, and theology at New Centre, Mass. Six years ago Mr. Wallace came to Bloor St., Toronto from Lynn, Mass; and since his coming the church prospered in every way, until in some respects it is second to no Baptist church in Ontario. As might be expected, the church vigorously opposed the Board of governors in their endeavor to secure Mr. Wallace for the Chancellorship; and Mr. Wallace himself was much troubled to decide between them. The result has been that duty seemed to point in the direction of the college and he made the announcement a couple of weeks since from the Bloor St. pulpit. He will continue in the pastorate until the opening of the college in October. The Professorship of Homiletics goes with the chancellorship.

MOULTON COLLEGE
is the ladies department of McMaster University. The late principal, Miss Alice Fitch did excellent service during her brief term of office, and the college closed a most successful year in June. To the regret of everybody Miss Fitch resigned and pressed her resignation. Her successor will be Miss Adelaide Dickson, M. A., a graduate of the University of Syracuse, N. Y.

The missionaries go to the Telegrams this fall. They are B. Stillwell, R. and H. C. Priest, B. A. They are both graduates of McMaster University in Arts, and have both taken part of the theological course. It was not their intention to go to Lytle, but they have completed theological studies, but the need of the field, owing to the illness and absence of three men and their wives, is peculiarly urgent; and these brethren have resolved to go at once. On Tuesday, July 10, a council met in the Sheridan Ave. church, Toronto, to examine these two candidates. In the evening an audience that completely overflowed a large College St. church witnessed their examination. Mr. Stillwell is a brother of Principal Stillwell, of Samuloceta, and Mr. Priest is a brother of Miss Priest, of Tuni, who went to India two years ago. Principal Stillwell, who is highly respected, presented the two young men as to the work they are about undertaking.

ONTARIO.
Rev. Elmore Harris has resigned at Walmer Road, Toronto. Six years ago Mr. Harris left the Bloor St. church to open a new cause at Walmer Road, then a growing section of the city. In this he was aided by his father and brother who were wealthy manufacturers and who have since died. Sooner than could have been possible without this help, there has been erected the largest Baptist edifice in Toronto, and it is practically paid for. There has also been gathered a membership of 500, and a congregation of 1200 or 1500. There has been organized in connection with the church, a Bible Training School, which is succeeding beyond expectation. Mr. Harris has spent most of last winter in California, but finds his health an equal to the strain of the pastorate.

Port Hope, July 13, '95. P. K. D.

PERSONAL.
Rev. J. D. Freeman, who is having a short vacation, spent a part of last week in this city and vicinity, exchanging on Lord's day with pastor Corey, of Fairville. This week Bro. Freeman goes by steamer to Boston, being engaged to preach next Sunday in the Baptist church in Malden.

Rev. M. F. Freeman having removed from Wolfville to Billtown, N. S., desires correspondents to note the change in his address. If we are correctly informed, Bro. Freeman has undertaken the pastoral care of Billtown church. This is an important field with plenty of work to tax the energies of a younger man. May the church and the pastor be abundantly blessed.

We learn that Rev. J. E. Goucher has resigned the pastoral charge of the Milton, Yarmouth, church, the resignation to take effect in September. Bro. Goucher is one of our veteran pastors whose ministry has been largely blessed to the churches he has served. He is in a position now to give to the church which shall secure him as pastor the ripe fruit of his mature thought and experience.

The editor had the privilege, while in Truro in attendance upon the association recently held there, of visiting our aged and esteemed father in the ministry—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock. Father Dimock retains his erectness of figure and moves and speaks with an alertness and vivacity of manner which make it difficult to believe that he has seen more than four score years. Between the late Dr. McCulloch and Mr. Dimock there existed a warm friendship and the death of his friend (which at the time of which we write had just occurred) was sadly felt by him. Father Dimock has a pleasant home with his son, Mr. W. D. Dimock, M. P., and his daughters affectionately minister to the wants of his declining years.

N. B. Home Missions.
We have received up to date nearly 800 for the prosecution of this work. Several of the churches, however, have as yet made no response, and we desire to call their attention to the work done. There are now eight mission fields receiving assistance from the Board of the New Brunswick Convention, and in each of these good and faithful work has been expended. Many more of these destitute sections still remain uncared for, not so much because of lack of laborers as of means to support them.

There is just now room for another missionary on the Tobique, others still at Grand Falls and St. Francis, at Harcourt Station, Kent Co., at Richibucto, and various places in Westmorland, Charlotte, King and Sunbury Counties. We could expend wisely double the means at our disposal and still be under the true needs of the case.

The Board has also in its employ two general missionaries, Revs. J. W. S. Young and S. D. Ervine, both of whom go from place to place to visit where the destitution seems greatest.

Brother Ervine is at present in the lower Miramichi, and purposes soon coming into Kent county. Bro. Young is at the mouth of Tobique and hopes ere long to revisit Charlotte and York.

We trust that these brethren, whose gifts eminently qualify them for the general work, will receive a welcome in the various localities they may visit and that much good may be accomplished through their labors. Bro. Young reports 115 baptisms during his eight months work in connection with the Board, besides upwards of 40 others baptized by pastors with whom he has labored.

Bro. Ervine, although hitherto a pastor, has been for the last two years almost constantly in evangelistic service, partly on his own field and partly assisting others. He has baptized over 100 candidates in various places during this time, and he goes forth to this new service with the prayers of his brethren accompanying him. He may see even greater blessings attending his labors.

Now we ask our churches all to lend a hand. Quite a large number have responded, but we feel it is a work in which all should have a part. Let each church measure their responsibility and help accordingly. All contributions intended for this use should be sent to Bro. J. S. Titus, Treasurer, St. Martins.

W. E. McINTYRE, Sec'y.

Acadia Seminary.
The teaching staff of Acadia Seminary is now complete. The following shows the names and principal subjects assigned them:

Adelaide F. True, M. A., Principal Latin, History of Art.

Adella G. Jackson, B. A., Science, Mathematics.

Winifred G. Crowell, English, History.

Elizabeth B. Higgins, French and German.

Bertha J. Burnett, Elocution.

R. Kilnor Upham, Drawing and Painting.

Garric O'Key (Academy of Music, London), Director of Piano.

Alice V. Anderson, (Boston Conservatory), Piano.

Bertha L. Barker, Violin.

Ronald Walthor, Violin.

Jessie S. Walker, Stenography and Typewriting.

Mina A. Read, Physical Culture.

The testimonials of all the new members are such as to give the committee the assurance that they are well qualified for the places to which they have been appointed. The efficiency of the others is already well known to the pupils and patrons of the school.

Instruction in certain branches will also be given by a highly practical lawyer and some of the professors.

The prospect for a large attendance is encouraging. Those desiring to secure rooms should apply at once.

A. CONNOR, Sec'y, Ex-Com.
Wolfville, July 17.

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

NOTE FOR THE YEAR.
"Be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded."

FRATERNAL TOPIC FOR JULY.
For Mr. and Mrs. Young, that they may have physical health and be enabled speedily to acquire the language.

For our Home Mission work and workers, that not one waste place may be found in all these Provinces, and that a great harvest may rest upon the graduates who have gone out to preach on our Home Mission fields.

In a letter received this morning from Mrs. Churchill, Bobbitt, she says: "We have had a little breathing spell beside the sea, and I cannot tell you how I enjoyed the cool sea breeze. For three days we spent with the missionaries in Conference at Bimilpatam. I would like to have remained a week or two but Mr. Churchill is building a chapel and wages must not be paid in these times of strict economy without supervision, so as soon as our work was done we returned home. One hundred and four miles we travelled, not in a nice cushioned car, but in a swaying, jolting jinricksha, in less than a week. The roads are very bad, much broken up by the ceaseless travel of heavy carts, hundreds of these, drawn by buffaloes and bullocks we pass on our journey, the drivers asleep and the animals determined to keep the middle of the road so that it was difficult to pass. It was a very tiresome journey, when quitting at the different places for a change of

coolies, Mr. C. would stretch himself on a pile of matting by the roadside and I on the seat of the jinricksha would get a change of position. At one place we had to wait half an hour. We spread our travelling rug on the ground, put down our cushions, took our dinner which we brought with us, then lay down and tried to take a nap. Sometimes the coolies run well, then you get a little breeze, other times they just move and then it is misery to sit in the heat for the next 8 or 9 miles until we get a change. When they run well we always reward them with a present above their wages; but when they do not run at all they clamor just as loudly; their presence usually get it, because they have carriage and will not let the new car start until they do get it. You can hardly imagine the difference between the sweltering heat of Bobbitt over 100° and the delightful cool breeze at Bimil. Here, even at night we cannot rest for the extreme heat. Mr. C. has got up sometimes half a dozen times at night and sprinkled the bed, floor and walls with water until they were quite wet, then lay down on the damp bed with the punkah going you may get a little sleep. But I am so glad I am here and the Lord is keeping us in health for which we praise Him, and giving us opportunities to work for Him, besides building this chapel for His glory. We pray that He may fill it with converted Tuluvas who will render unto Him spiritual worship. I want to tell you of the many young men attending the Rajah's high school who come to the mission house to read the Scriptures with me and pray for the Spirit's power to change their hearts. I look upon it as the work of the Lord and feel much encouraged. One of my Zenanna women too kneels and prays with us after the lesson is over.

My school has just opened after the holidays. It is hard, constant work, keeping the girls in school; but when we hear new voices in our school prayer-meeting our hearts are encouraged. "A little lamb" will not the good Shepherd look after and care for them, even if they are removed from our school and influence? I can trust Him and He will not fail me or them.

This morning after prayer two Brahmin boys, in their teens, came to see me. I took the Bible and we read Mark 16, had a nice talk about it and then we three knelt down and prayed. Before they got away three Tuluva young men came. I asked them why they came? They replied, "To see you and to pray." They asked many questions, such as, "if they could not believe in their hearts and not join the christians." I referred them to Christ's own words about convincing Him, and said, "I had sowing in tears will soon bring forth a reaping time of joy. Let us work on, pray on, hope on. He is faithful who has promised."

Miss Clark has also been enjoying the conference at Bimil and the cool refreshing breezes. She is with Miss Wright at Archibald just now. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald have gone to the hills for July 15th, in Vaughan's Hall. The meeting was led by Miss Margaret Cox. Scripture reading 2 Kings 11: 1-9.

Address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. S. Titus, deputy Sec'y. Cox.

A short devotional service at the opening which all enjoyed.

Address by Mrs. R. Sanford. Then followed reports from Societies.

Carleton-Aid Society in a healthy condition. Amount contributed for past year \$117. F. M., \$8.11. H. M.: Portage is Prairie \$2.50.

Hampton-Society does not meet regularly; but they collect their money and send it.

St. John, Leinster street, report regular meeting's, dues promptly paid, membership 30; but few attend the monthly meetings.

Bullis Creek—15 members, beside paying their dollar per member, have undertaken the support of a girl in India who is studying for a Bible woman.

St. Martin's—25 members, money raised \$29.67, meetings regularly sustained.

Addresses were given by Rev. Wm. Greig (Methodist), Rev. Mr. Molligan (Presbyterian) and we trust an abiding impression was left on the hearts of all present that will send them forth to work more diligently and faithfully for the Master in the year to come.

Mrs. A. W. Fowkes.

Sec of St. Martin's, W. M. A. S.

We feel like saying: "Where are the nine?" Only five Societies to report at the N. B. Southern Association. If delegates could not be present, all societies should send a written report to show their interest. We shall hope for better things next year.

Will the sisters please send money for the *Tidings*. The sum is small, but each one should see that this matter is attended to. The treasurer closes her books the 1st of July and before that time wishes all money sent to her so that we may close the year free of debt and praise God from whom all blessings flow, from hearts filled with gratitude.