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warded. Will not our ministers and
agents assist to secure a large num-
ber of subscribers for the balance of
the year? Many must wish to have
the account of the Convention, and
of the Jubilee Exercises, and will be
glad to get the paper for this, if for
no other reason. Shall we not have
a large increase of subscribers, on
this offer?

MARITIME BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The 43rd annual meeting of the Baptist
Convention of the Maritime Provinces be-
gan at Wolfville on Saturday last, at 10
o'clock. The weather was superb, and the
attendance very large.

President Jones read the scriptures, and
prayer was offered by Dr. McKee.

A number of brethren from abroad were
invited to read, including Revs. A. A.
Campbell, J. B. Best, of Manitoba, and
Dr. McKee, Mr. Hannah, A. Chapman,
W. H. Newcomb, of the United States.

While the nominating committee were
out, Bro. S. McC. Black read the admirable
report on obituaries, found in another
column.

The following are the officers elected for
this year:

H. C. Creed, President.
Rev. J. C. Moore, Vice-President.
J. C. Spence, Secretary.
Prof. Kierstead, Treasurer.

The address of Prof. Jones, the retiring
president, was in harmony with the place
and hour, and was a large foretaste of
the Jubilee. It was a choice in its diction
as its thought.

Bro. Morrow, having referred to the
affection of Bro. and Sister Churchill, a tele-
gram of sympathy was ordered to be sent.

The report of our finance agent was then
received; the total receipts of the year
acknowledged in the statement are over
\$20,000. While less than last year they
are respectable, considering the amount
given to the Jubilee Offering. The report
of the committee, composed of the various
denominational boards, appointed to recom-
mend a scheme for the better working of
our finances was then read. It recommended
that no special collecting agency be con-
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Prof. Kierstead appreciated the dis-
cussing tone of some who had referred
to the mission. The report said that five
had been won to salvation during the year,
and this was as large as the general
average of the churches.

Bro. A. W. Masters, Dr. Bond, and W.
E. Hall urged that the great commission
did not permit us to select the easy places
for our work, and referred to the wonderful
work of conversion of Catholics in Cuba
to-day and in Great Britain in the past,
and exhorted to reliance on God, to whom
all work was alike easy.

At the close of the meeting a strong
resolution of sympathy with Mr. Spurgeon,
in his stand against the new theology, was
passed with enthusiasm.

The Report on Obituaries.

The following is the report on Obituaries,
read by Rev. S. McC. Black, and adopted
without discussion:

No year passes in which death does not
make inroads upon our churches and our
homes. No year passes that we are not
called to bid farewells in which hope and
sadness pathetically mingle to some heavy
headed pilgrims whose work has been ac-
complished and who were waiting expect-
antly for the summons which should call
them away. No year goes by in which sad
breaks are not made in our ranks by the
falling out of some whom death has taken
away in the midst of their years and their
usefulness, and some which does not bring us
each and all nearer to the hour which
shall mark our departure from the present
world and our entrance on the world
new. We feel assured that it is not the
desire of this convention, as it is certainly
not the desire of your committee, to ignore
or hold in little esteem the Christian life
and activity which are manifested in the
private membership of our churches, or to
consider their lives in the aggregate as
less worthy of record than those of the
ministry. For obvious reasons, however, a
full record is impracticable, and as the
ministers in their pastoral relations stand
as in a sense representatives of the
churches, and as their connection with the
churches is of a very intimate and vital
character, the record of their life and labors
may fairly be considered as representing in
a very considerable degree the life and
progress of the churches. There is reason
for devout thanksgiving to God that during
the past year so few brethren have been
made by death in the ranks of our univer-
sity. Especially do we feel that there is
reason for gratitude that some revered and
venerable men who witnessed and assisted
in the founding of our institutions of learn-
ing and the inception and growth of much
of our denominational work, are with us
to rejoice and celebrate this jubilee year,
to rejoice in the fruition of the hopes of
their youth, and with devout and grateful
acknowledgment of the divine goodness to
work what God hath wrought for us
through means of which they themselves
were so unimportant part. Nor can we
find it in our hearts to omit mention of
that much larger number who were their
associates in the thoughts and plans and
labors of a half century ago, and who have
passed on to a larger life and a grander
reward of Christian line and endeavor than
the conditions of this present world afford.
We cannot forbear the hope that in spirit
they are with us still, not indifferent to the
things that move us here, but sharing
intensely in all our best thoughts and aims
and endeavors, rejoicing with us still in all
that works an honest triumph for the
cause of Christ. During the convention
year just closed, there had passed away by
death, four brethren of whom it becomes
our duty to make particular mention. Two
of them belonged to the ranks of the
ordained ministry, and two were laymen.

REV. SAMUEL BERRY

He died on the 30th day of August, 1887, in
the 69th year of his age. He was born at
Jacksonville, Caroline Co., N. B., Dec. 1,
1818. At the age of 36 years he became
the subject of strong religious convictions,
experienced a remarkable conversion and
was brought with great joy into the fellow-
ship with God, with Christ. He was
baptized by the Rev. Thomas Todd and
became a member of the Jacksonville
church. At once he felt himself impelled
to seek the salvation of others and began
first to his own kindred and then to a
larger circle to declare the divine truth
which had become so vitally precious to
himself. At the beginning of Bro. Berry's
ministry we are told that he had a deep
sense of his insufficiency for the work. He
felt himself to be a man slow of speech.
But a necessity seemed to be laid upon
him to preach the gospel, and his many
Christian character, fortified by a burning
zeal for Christ and a passion for the souls
of men, gave him acceptance with those
among whom he labored, and made his
ministry in the best sense successful. We
are informed that he witnessed mighty
displays of God's saving grace and power
at Howard Settlement, Hainesville, Queens-
bury, Bloomfield, Totterville, Avondale,
Woodstock, Springfield, Prince William,
Gagetown, Kewick, South Richmond,
and many other places throughout his
native province. His soul was chiefly of
an evangelistic character. He was accom-
panied to live and work upon his farm
until he felt that God had given him a
message to save people, and then he would
drop everything to go and fulfil what he
felt assured was the Lord's commission.
Almost invariably we are told conversions
resulted from these visits and evangelistic
labors. He was for a time, however,

pastor of the church at Howard Settlement,
where he was ordained to the gospel
ministry in 1872. He was also the pastor
of the churches at Arthurville and Forest
Glen, where revivals and ingatherings
were among the results of his ministry.

For more than two years Bro. Berry had
been laid aside by sickness from the work
he loved. But the assurance of his
Savior's presence banished all gloom
from his sick room. His confidence in
God continued strong and unwavering to
the end, stimulating the faith of those
who visited him during his illness.
Frequently he spoke of his undying in-
terest in the cause of Christ and dwelt
with strong assurance on the love and
mercy of his God. He had a desire to
depart and to be with Christ. His death
seemed a peaceful falling asleep in Jesus.

REV. HENRY EAGLES

He died at Bonora, Guysboro county, N. S.,
July 27th, 1888, in the 75th year of his age.

Bro. Eagles was born at Gaspereaux,
N. S., where he was converted at an early
age, and baptized and received into the
fellowship of the 1st Horton church, by
Rev. T. S. Harding. After a time he felt
himself called of God to preach the gospel,
but was held back by a sense of unworthi-
ness for the work, endeavoring to serve his
Lord in a less public capacity. At length
he felt himself thrust into the work and
was ordained to the work of the ministry
at Kempt, Hants co., becoming the pastor
of that church in 1842. The divine bless-
ing rested upon his labors in this field and
the church was strengthened. In the year
1849 he visited Bonora, baptized a number
of converts and organized the 2nd St.
Mary's church, with a membership of 21.
The next year, in response to the call of
the brethren in that place he returned to
Bonora, and there he continued to reside
during the remainder of his life.

Owing to the lack of advantages in early
life, Bro. Eagles was unable to secure that
thorough preparation for the work of the
ministry which he himself desired, but he
became by the grace of God and through
the study of the divine word, like many
another under similar circumstances, a
useful and efficient minister of Christ.
Gracious revivals came as he labored as
tokens of the divine approval to encourage
and strengthen him in his work, especially
one at Port Hillford in 1860, during which
he baptized and received into the church
some 80 converts. Though unable on ac-
count of failing health for some years past
to engage in pastoral work, he was accom-
panied while his strength permitted to
preach to the people of his old charge.
His death was peaceful, and the people
with whom he had lived and labored for
nearly forty years gathered in large num-
bers at his funeral to pay the last tribute
of respect to one who had won so large a
place in their affections.

Bro. Eagles is spoken of as a man who
was respected and loved by all who knew
him. His Christian character was strongly
marked. He was loyal to Christ; he loved
truth and holiness. His life was an epistle
seen and read of all; some faults and
blemishes, common to all, no doubt ad-
hered to him, but we are told that he was
a man who conscientiously sought in all
things to do his duty, and this seems to us
the highest praise. His views in regard to
Christian doctrine and ordinances were
decided, but he did not lack a generous
charity toward those who differed with
him. He appreciated piety wherever it
might appear, and recognized as his brethren
in Christ all who gave evidence of a
change of heart. He was eminently a man
of prayer, of humble, earnest, constant,
believing communion with God, and lived
in the light of His countenance.

MR. FRANK M. KELLEY

He died at his father's residence, Collins,
Kings Co., N. B., on the 27th of January
at the age of 29 years. Bro. Kelly com-
pleted a course of study at Acadia college,
and was graduated in the class of '84.
Three years later he took the M. A. degree.
After graduating he was for two years
principal of the Sanbury Co. Academy,
N. B., and afterwards for a time a teacher
in Horton Academy, but finding himself
strongly drawn towards the ministry he
relinquished the work in which he was
successfully engaged that he might go and
preach. With this end in view he received
a license to preach from the Dorchester
church of which he was a member.

Soon however, it became apparent to his
friends that his life was not to be pro-
longed in this work. He became a victim
of a disease which hurried him away. Bro.
Kelly was a young man of excellent
promise. His mind was marked by a full-
ness of calibre and an admirable equipoise
of faculties, his character disclosed sterling
traits. He won the profound respect
and in many cases the sincere love of
those who knew him. His career as a
student and also as a teacher, was a most
successful one. Shortly after the end of his
life he died reached Wolfville a memorial
service was held in which the students in
a series of resolutions evinced the high
regard in which they held the departed.
These resolutions bear testimony to the
unassuming genuineness of his life, his
honorable and exemplary deportment as
a student and a Christian, the noble un-
selfishness of his aims, and the exalting
influence of his character. The president
of the college in a highly appreciative
address made mention of the traits in Mr.
Kelly's character which had most im-
pressed him. He spoke of his faithful-
ness as shown in the performance of all
the daily tasks and duties of a student's
life, of the just balance, power and

maturity of his mind, his pleasure in his
study, his love and larger yearning for truth,
his critical attitude toward forms, his
unwillingness to be imposed upon by any
falsehood in the name of truth, but his
joy in it and loyalty to it when once as-
sured that truth had been found. He had
his agonies of thought as every Christian
student in these days is likely to have, but
in spite of all doubts and difficulties the
true under current of his soul moved in
prayerful harmony with the revealed will
of God and he laid hold with a strong grasp
of faith upon the great realities. We
cannot but regret the departure
of one who, though young, had already ac-
quired to a character so admirable in
sterling qualities and its completeness and
whose future seemed so excellent in its
promise. But it is truly said the value of
a life depends less on the length than on
its quality. It may not require fifty years
of manhood in which to learn the lesson
which our Lord would teach us here and
bear our testimony to the truth. Those
who are not slow of heart to learn may be
more quickly reach that maturity of spiri-
tual character which shall fit them for pro-
motion to a larger and a more exalted
service.

MR. RANDALL ILLERY

He died at his father's residence, Berwick,
Kings Co., N. S., on the 20th May, 1888,
at the age of 25 years. He was converted
during a period of study at Horton Acad-
emy, and was baptized and received into
the fellowship of Wolfville church.

Early in his Christian life he felt a desire
to devote himself to the work of the gospel
ministry and was licensed to preach by the
Berwick church, to which his membership
had been transferred. To regain health
that he might preach the gospel of Christ
was also the great desire of his heart dur-
ing the last years of his life while struggling
with disease. For some reason, however,
this early purpose seems to have been for a
time relinquished. He left his native
province and went to the United States,
where he was stricken down by a sickness
from which he never fully recovered.

After his return to his native home, ten
years ago, his Christian life and character
exhibited a gradual but very marked de-
velopment. From this time onward he
had much to contend with from physical
weakness and suffering, and notwithstanding
a brave struggle for life, in which he
hoped against hope that health would be
restored that he might devote the full
energies of his manhood to the service of
God, the forces of life slowly and gradually
ebbed away, until at last the summons
came which called him home.

Outside a comparatively small circle,
Brother Illery was not known, but within
that circle he was greatly esteemed and
loved. To those who knew him best his
life will always remain as a sacred
memory. But it will be much more than
that, for "being dead he speaketh." To
those who knew him well his life stands
forth, for confidence in God, for faithfulness
and courage in the discharge of duty,
for humility and patience and hope under
great trials. He loved his Savior and
desired to honor him. He loved his
fellow men and wished to do them good.
If he might not do a great work, he was
not withheld from doing whatever humble
duty lay within his power. If he might
not preach the gospel to large assemblies
and exercise to the full powers of a
vigorous manhood, he would visit and
sympathize with the sick, help the
mourner and especially give to his pastor
the fullest sympathy and support. He
was deeply interested in Sunday schools,
and so far as strength permitted he engaged
in that work.

These things he did, living a life of faith
and submission to the divine will. He
learned obedience through suffering. The
discipline of life wrought its gracious
work upon him. God's peace dwelt in his
heart. He gave the word of an honest man's
witness to the truth. Take it for all in all
his life appears to us one of the most
eloquent testimonies to the truth as it is
in Jesus that we have known. And in spite
of all its pain and disappointment, and what
to a faithless vision might seem its futility,
we cannot but believe that this is the kind
of life worth living.

Ottawa Correspondence.

It is now a good while since my last
notes for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR
were written. Other correspondents re-
ferred in your columns to the ingathering
in which we greatly rejoiced in the early
spring months. Our brother Grav's visit
is lovingly remembered. Not too much
has been said of his superior qualifications
for evangelistic work, and of the solid
foundations of truth on which he builds.
The work is proving itself, as the months
go by, to be a genuine work of God. The
congregations and the attendance at
prayer-meetings have never been so
good during the summer months as
this summer. Notwithstanding the fact
that quite a number of families are out of
town, the attendance at all the services
has kept up remarkably well. A second
church was organized, a few days ago, in
the western part of the city. It is the out-
growth of a mission started about eighteen
months ago. It is in the centre of a fine
field for evangelistic work.

The Rev. P. H. McEwen, who has been
serving in the capacity of a general
missionary in the Ottawa Valley for
several months past, has accepted a call to
the pastorate of the church in Paisley, and
has just gone West to enter upon the work.

We in the East very much regret his
departure. He enjoyed the respect and
confidence of the people in very high
degree, and was much honored of God in
the work. For a few weeks before leaving
he was engaged in special services in
Buckingham and Storefield, aided by the
students on these fields. In each place
there was quite a number of conversions.
In the work throughout the Ottawa
Valley there is the pulsation of stronger
life than has been before known. I was
surprised to learn a few days ago that one
of the small village churches in extending
a call to its pastor offered a salary of eight
hundred dollars. This is a strong indica-
tion that the people have heart in the
work. In a few weeks the students who
are doing efficient service on many of these
fields will be returning to college. It is
hoped that pastors can be secured for, at
least, some of the churches they have been
supplying during the summer months.

We have enjoyed a great treat this week
in the visit of Rev. J. Hudson Taylor.
founder of the China Inland Mission. He
is accompanied by his son, Dr. Howard
Taylor, who is shortly to go to China as a
medical missionary, and by Mr. Reginald
Radcliffe and Mr. George Studd. We
have had two evening meetings. At the
first Mr. Hudson Taylor gave an account
of the origin and work of the China
Inland Mission. One is not long in Mr.
Taylor's company without feeling that he
is a man who walks with God. In his
address he dwelt at some length on the
matter of a full consecration. Such words
when backed by such a life carry con-
viction. The growth of the mission has
been phenomenal, even in this age of
missions. Begun in 1865, it has now
about three hundred missionaries in the
field. In one year it sent out a hundred
new missionaries. It never lacks for
means to carry on its work, and never
sinks any one but God for the means. It
has never even taken a collection. Mr.
Taylor related facts of most interesting
character, showing how God had heard
prayer not only for means to carry on the
work, but in the conversion of souls on the
field. He speaks in an easy flowing
conversational style. There is not the
slightest attempt at rhetorical or oratorical
effect. What he has to say he says in
simple language and in an unassuming man-
ner. In person he is considerably below the
average in height, and is of typical Eng-
lish build and appearance. In conversa-
tion he is genial, and full of the sweet
Spirit of the gospel. In the few words he
soon spoke at the close of the meeting, he
quite won all hearts by his Christian
manliness.

The second evening was occupied by
addresses from Mr. Radcliffe and
Mr. George Studd. The former, a solicitor of
Liverpool, has been giving time and talents
to active Christian work for some years.
He is well known in this capacity in the
west end of London, and throughout
England and Scotland. He has labored
also on the Continent, in Switzerland,
France, Norway, Sweden, Russia and
other countries. In Russia especially his
work was much blessed. It is a delightful
thing to find a Christian lawyer giving
himself with his whole soul to aggressive
work for Christ and humanity. Mr.
Studd is one of the three brothers famous
on the cricket field in England four or
five years ago. His brother Charles was
one of the mission band from Cambridge
to China three years ago. He with Mr.
Stanley Smith were wonderfully blessed in
their work in the British Universities
before going to China. One of the other
brothers visited America two years ago,
and is now engaged in work in the East
End of London. The one who is now
here has recently returned from a visit to
his brother in China. He has given him-
self up for mission work, but whether in
India or China has not yet been deter-
mined.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.

Obituary.

CHURCHILL.

I have been for some time past intend-
ing to write a letter for the MESSENGER AND
VISITOR. If I had done so a few days ago
I should not have had to write the sad
news I send to day. We have just buried
this morning, the body of our darling boy
George. I hardly know how to write of it,
the blow has come so suddenly and unex-
pectedly.

He had come through this very trying
hot season nicely, and lately seemed so
well and happy. Wednesday evening he
was especially so, playing with his dog
and tricycle on which he went to meet his
mamma as she came from her work in town.

Thursday morning he awoke about 6
o'clock and seemed as bright and well as
ever. He wanted to get right up and get
dressed, so as to be ahead of me. But he
lay down again for a while and soon com-
plained of being cold, and took a chill
which acted about half an hour. Then a
terrible fever set in, and soon after a
convulsion. He slept nearly all day, the
fever continuing in spite of all we could do.
At one time it rose to almost 107°. Toward
night he became delirious and continued so
nearly all night, sleeping but little.

Yesterday morning he had slight
convulsions again, and gradually sank, and
died at 1.30. I had to hurry away to get
a coffin made and a grave dug, and the
morning we laid him beside his brother
Willie. And so the light has gone out of
our home, and it seems so dark and lonely
and silent, with so little feet running
about, no happy, childish laugh or eager

questions to listen to. It is almost too
much to bear, and I hardly dare allow my-
self to dwell upon our loss. He was five
years, seven months and twelve days old.

The Lord has stricken us sorely and we
find it hard not to question why and where-
fore. Those two little graves, how much
they suggest. Two bright noble boys
sleep there. George, while not quite so
forward as Willie, has been lately develop-
ing into a fine boy and there seemed much
of promise in his future. But that future
is sealed up from our sight.

I find it harder to give him up than
Willie. And yet I have half expected this
ever since we decided to bring him back
with us, and have never laid any plans for
his future. But O, if I could only have had
some forewarning that the end was coming
so soon. How many little things I might
have done for him, that now I would give
the world to have done. Though some-
what lonely for him here at times, he has
had a happy life with us, and he has made
our home so bright and happy, that it has
not been nearly so hard to bear the separa-
tion from Beulah. But now we must
take up our daily work again and go on as
best we may. If we can only see that the
Lord's work here is to be advanced by his
sorrow, it will not be so hard to bear. To
human wisdom it looks as if it would
only hinder his work and be another ob-
stacle in our way. But God lives and
reigns, and works out His purposes by
means we know not.

But I have written more than I intended,
and must close. I do not need to ask for
the sympathy of our people at home, as I
feel sure we shall have it. Last Sunday I
baptized one of our boarding girls, and
George was so happy as he went with us
to the tank.

Dear little fellow, he was so anxious that
the people about us should all become
Christians, and I had sometimes hoped he
would be spared to take up and carry on
my work here.

G. CHURCHILL.

Bethel, July 7th, 1888.

WELTON.

Our hearts are full of sorrow over the
death of our dear boy, Horatio Hackett,
which took place last week in Brookville,
N. Y., after an illness of only five days.
His disease was dysentery, and though
everything was done that affection or skill
could suggest—no fewer than five eminent
physicians being in attendance on him—he
yet gradually sank till the afternoon of
the 10th when he gratefully passed away.
His mother and I were at his bedside dur-
ing the last twenty-four hours of his life,
and it was especially comforting in the
bright prospect of having to part with him,
to listen to his expressions of love to Christ
and to know that he was trusting in him.
He was thoroughly conscious and rational
to the last, and left with us messages for
other members of the family and for his
particular friends.

After finishing his medical studies, for
which an excellent foundation was laid in
his course at Acadia and in his two suc-
cessive years at Harvard, he was admitted
as the result of a competitive examina-
tion to the position of Household Physician
for one year in St. Mary's Hospital, Brook-
lyn. At the time of his death he had been
engaged only a few months in the regular
practice of his profession, but it was long
enough to inspire the belief that a brilliant
professional career was before him.

Those whom he had been instrumental in
restoring to health were among the many
who came to mingle their tears with ours
over his removal. He was fascinated with
the study of medicine, and he loved his
profession because, as he told a friend a
few days before his death, it enabled him
in a direct way to copy the life of the
Savior in healing and comforting.

Pardon might reasonably be hoped for the
exaggerations of parental love; but it is no
exaggeration to say that his was a pure,
unselfish, beautiful spirit. Why this tender
light should have been kindled in our
home, and after a beautiful raising of thirty
years be suddenly extinguished, we know
not; but He knows, whose wisdom makes
no mistakes and whose love can never be
unkind. Clouds and darkness impenetrable
to human vision may envelop his
throne, still it is the habitation of righte-
ousness.

Henceforth both this world and the next
must be to us different from what they
were. A new meaning now belongs to the
depreciation that some things are temporal
and unseen things eternal. The restored
Lazarus did not relate his experience in the
spirit world; each individual must learn
these for himself. Yet the border-
land between this world and the next
has been traversed both ways by the
Lord Jesus. He conquered death on his
own domain, and believers need not fear
to follow him through the resurrection-
portal to the throne, whither in him-
self he has carried our glorified humanity,
and whence he will come to change the
body of our humiliation that it may be
made like the body of his glory. He has
the keys of hades—the invisible world,
and of death—the gateway thereto; he is
therefore sovereign Lord over this world
in which we live and over that into which
we shall die. We shall see our dear boy
no more on earth, but we shall meet him
where the Christian friendships of earth
will be re-encountered and never more
interrupted by death—where sin and the
consequences of sin will never be known,
and all tears wiped away.

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and sympathy they have so kindly shown