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Yarmouth and Its Baptist Interests

The editor of this journal had the privilege of visiting Varmouth at the time of the meeting of the Association there a few days ago. Varmouth is one of the most attractive and prosperous towns in the Maritime Provinces. The shipping business which formerly brought so much wealth to Yarmouth has indeed greatly declined, but the results of present enterprise as well as of past prosperity are to be seen on every hand. The town has several factories and these, with the fishing, lumbering and other industries of the County, afford a basis for a considerable volume of trade. Revisiting the town now after several years' absence, one notes not a few improvements. The Grand Hotel, a fine building constructed on an extensive plan for the accommodation of the increasing summer tourist travel, is one of the striking new features. a large number of new residences, all of them comfortable looking and some of them elegant, have been erected. The town has a good water system, gas and electric light systems, and a line of electric cars, connecting Milton and the South End, appeared to give a very satisfactory service. Yarmouth has direct and easy communication with Boston and possesses many characteristics of an American town, but in its climate, its hedges and the rich verdure of its lawns and meadows, it is quite dis-tinctly English. The hawthorn flourishes here as perhaps nowhere else on the continent, and Yarmouth's hedges are the pride of its citizens and the admiration of visitors. Probably, if the matter could be settled by a plebiscite, the fog would be placed under restriction if not absolutely prohibited. Still it must be admitted that the fog has its ns in beauties of lawns and hedges and the general freshness of the landscape. The temperance sentiment has always been pretty strong in Varmouth, but it is safe to say that the town has suffered much less from the fog than from the liquor business

Yarmouth town has three Baptist churches and several others within a radius of a few miles. These churches have as pastors men of experience and recognized ability. Old Zion church in the centre—the church of Father Harris Harding—with a history of more than a century, has Rev. J. H. Poshay for its pastor. Its daughters, one on each side—Milton to the north and the Temple church to the south-now under the care respectively of Pastors J. H. Saunders and W. F. Parker. None of these brethren have spent their strength in vain. Bro. Parker came to his present charge about a year ago. He is highly appreciated by his people and is meeting with encourage ment in his work. Bro. Saunders is a veteran in th Bro. Saunders is a veteran in the service and his praise is in all the churches. He is much beloved in Milton but is closing his labors there. He feels that the time has come when he should seek release from the onerous duties of the pastorate and will soon remove to a place which he has purchased at Ohio, a few miles out of town, and will labor in the gospel according to his strength and as opportunity may offer. We enjoyed the privilege on Sunday evening of worshipping with Pastor Poshay and his people in their new church, church building seems to leave almost nothing to be desired in its line. Mr. Poshay remarks that the only thing about the church that does not please him is the debt, a sentiment which a number of his brother pastors can fully appreciate. The audience room of the church is convenient, well proportioned and very attractive in appearances. The school room, class rooms, parlors, etc., are well arranged and seem to afford every con etc., are well arranged and seem to about very venience for effective work. The pastor has recently welcomed quite a number of new converts. We trust that large blessings may be in store for this historic mother church and all her daughters.

The people of Varmouth know how to extend a gracious bospitality, and delegates to the Association were warm in their praises of the town and its people. It was the writer's lot to be entertained at the pleasant home of Deacon Weimore of the Milton church, who, with his family, showed us no little kindness.

A A A The N. S. Western Association.

The Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association met in its 48th annual session with the Milton church, Yar-mouth, on Saturday, June 18th. The meeting of the Association was preceded by meetings of the Associational B. Y. P. Union, held on Friday afternoon and evening

At the evening meeting a good audience was present, and at both services there was a pleasant interchange of fraternal greetings, and a number of interesting and valuable addresses. It is expected that some report of

these meetings will be furnished to the B. V. P. U. department of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

SATURDAY MORNING.

On Saturday morning, after a half bour spent in devotional services, led by Rev. G. C. Crabbe, the Association was called to order for the transaction of business. In the temporary absence of the moderator, Rev. H. N. Parry, Rev. Dr. Morse was called to the chair, and in the absence of Rev. F. E. Bishop, clerk of the Association, Rev. W. L. Archibald was appointed secretary. In a short time Mr. Parry arrived and took the chair. The balloting for presiding officer resulted in the choice Rev. J. W. Brown, of Nictaux, as moderator, Rev. W. L. Archibald, of Milton, Queens, was appointed clerk, Rev Lew. F. Wallace, assistant clerk, and Deacon E. W.

The pastors who have come into the Association during the year, Revs. G. W. Schurman, of Bear River, L. F. Wallace of Lawrencetown, W. F. Parker of the Temple church, Yarmouth, and Mr. Gordon Baker, Lic., of Sable River, were welcomed in a few fitting and tender words by Rev. Dr. Morse. To this welcome these brethren replied briefly and appropriately. The remainder of the morning session was occupied with the reading of letters. At the close of the session, Rev. J. H. Saunders, pastor of the church, took occasion to extend to the delegates, a hearty welcome to the church and the hospitality of its

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After a devotional service, the afternoon session of the Association opened at two o'clock. One hour was occupied in the reading of letters from the churches. The report on Education being called for was presented by Rev. J. H. Foshay.

The report alluded to the need now fully recognized by

Baptists, of an educated ministry, and an educated peo-ple. The purpose of the fathers of the denomination to meet these needs has been amply justified, and the aspirations and aims of the fathers have been inherited by their children. Brief reference was made to the history of our educational work, showing the relationship between the college and the people. The college belongs to the churches, it is under their control. In the crises through which the college has passed, the people have responded nobly to its appeals, and in answer to the appeal now being made to raise a forward movement fund, there was hope that there would be a like generous re-The report praised the work of President Trotter in connection with the proposed advance, and commended the forward movement to the sympathy of the churches. Appreciative reference was also made to the prosperous educational year just closed, and to the place now given to Bible study in the curriculum of the

The report was discussed in earnest speeches, by Prof. Tufts, Revs. B. H. Thomas, G. C. Crabbe, Josiah Webb, G. J. C. White, J. W. Tingley, C. P. Wilson, H. N. Parry, W. F. Parker, P. R. Foster, C. E. Pineo, Bro. S. Spurr, and Des. Morse. The speakers generally expressed a lively appreciation of the educational work of the denomination, and a deep interest in the success of the present effort to free the institutions from debt and secure a substantial increase of the endowment. Prof. Tufts gave some valuable information, as to the progress of the work connected with the Forward Movement. was shown that it was necessary to secure pledges, at least five thousand dollars in excess of the sum that it was intended to raise, since it was to be expected that, for one reason and another, a certain percentage of the amount pledged would not be paid. Plans are being matured by which the territory embraced in the Western Association, will be thoroughly canvassed in the interest of the Forward Movement.

SATURDAY EVENING.

as devoted to a platform discussion of the the subject of education. The house was comfortably filled. The speakers were Prof. Tufts of the college, Revs. Dr. Morse and S. McC. Black,

Prof. Tufts gave an excellent address, dealing first with his subject historically, and speaking of the development of our educational work, since its beginning in founding of Horton Academy, now about seventy years ago. The ideals of the fathers of the denomination in respect to the college, had been large and wise, and there had been no departure from those ideals. They had placed the government of the institutions in the hands of the people, it had remained in their control, and all its work was open to public inspection. The people had loved the college, and in critical times in its history they had shown their love by coming generously to its aid. There had been a valuable accumulation of property, in land, buildings and

The institutions had passed through some trying experiences, and some things that had seemed to be misfortunes had proved blessings in disguise. Prof. Tufts spoke further of the reputation which the college had gained in the later years of its history. Twenty-five

years ago Acadia College was practically unknown beyond ur own borders. Now its work has obtained recognition, and its graduates are received without mination, into the Senior Class of Harvard University and similar recognition is accorded by the other leading Universities of the United States.

Continuing Prof. Tufts spoke of the present co of the schools at Wolfville, their character and equip-ments. The number of students in the college last year was 141, and there is a good prospect that next year, institutions will be well supplied with students. aims of the institutions were discussed. The student on coming to Wolfville without definite purpose in view was advised, if not prepared for college, to take such a course of study in the Academy as would fit him to enter College, then the College would develop his powers, so that if he afterwards wished to take a Univers he was fitted to do so, and the great schools of the continent were opened to him. Discussing the outlook Prof. Tufts spoke of the blessings which had come to the College through its able presidents, alluding especially to the services of Dr. Cramp and Dr. Sawyer, and to Dr.

Prof. Tufts spoke of the blessings which had come to the College through its able presidents, alluding especially to the services of Dr. Cramp and Dr. Sawyer, and to Dr. Trotter, as a man eminently qualified at the present juncture, to undertake the work of the presidency with success. It was shown that with the steadily enlarging scope of our educational work, there is a corresponding need for funds. The contributions of the churches to the College work had not been so large as had been expected, and the secumulated deficits have made the Forward Movement a necessity. Some help was coming to the College from abroad, and it might be hoped that, as the name and the work of Acadia become more widely known, a still larger measure of help would be extended. Mr. Black spoke of Education in its threefold character as a development of the physical, intellectual and spiritual powers of man, and the immense value of Acadia to the denomination, in the way of meeting these educational needs, and thus developing power for the largest and most important service.

Dr. J. C. Morse was the third speaker, and was heard, as he always is, with great interest. He dealt with the subject in a reutiniscent vein, speaking of his acquaintance with the fathers of the denomination, of the training which he had received in the providence of God, his lifelong desirejfor the advantages which a college training can give, his appreciation of the higher education, his strong interest in the College and the allied institutions at Wolfville. Dr. Morse expressed the hope that President Trotter, or some representative of the College would not fail to visit Digby Neck in the interest of the Forward Movement fund.

On Sunday the Baptist pulpits in Yarmouth and vicinity, and those of some of the other denominations as well, were supplied by ministers in attendance upon the Association. Dr. Morse preached in the Milton church at eleven, speaking from 2 Peter 1: 19. He dwelt upon the grand doctrines of grace, which the sure word of prophecy sets forth.

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, we are glad to learn, find themselves much improved in health, but the malariof the Indian climate still lingers in their systems, coming, in Mrs. Churchill's case especially, quite frequent attacks of fever.

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The Associational sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Brown, of Nictaux, Moderator of the Association. The text was Phil. 1: 27, "That ye stand fast in one spirit with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel." The subject presented was The Unity of Believers in Christ. This unity was shown to be one of spirit, "in one spirit." The union of each individual believer is primarily with Christ rather than with the church. Christ is the head and the bond of fellowship between all true believers. Estranged brethren are best brought into harmony by aubmission to their common. Lord. In nature there are principles which find various expression, so, in harmony with this Christian principle of unity of Spirit, there are various manifestations of Christian life and work. There is unity of purpose as well as of spirit. In order to have peace and harmony there must be unity, and peace and harmony are necessary to health. And these are necessary to united and effective effort. If any part of the body is out of harmony with the controlling mind, its unity is broken and the efficiency, so far forth, impaired. So in the church a lack of harmony between the members and of healthy relation to the directing Head must result in paralysis and failure. This indicates the grand cause of weakness and inefficiency in the churches. It is all important for the church and for the individual Christian to keep in relations of love and obedience 10 God. Disobediences causes paralysis. Those who refuse to obey the voice of God when it is heard will by and by fail to distinguish that voice from others.

This important subject was presented in an interesting manner and with much ability. It was wholesome doctrine which could not but by helpful to those who had ears to heer.

The Croular Letter was read by its writer, Rev. H. A. Giffin, of Weymouth. The subject was, "A fully Consecuted Church-membership the Greatest Need of the

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