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—Mr. MOODY is conducting a religious campaign on a grand scale in Chicago. Sunday before last, it is reported, 68 meetings in different parts of the city were held by his forces. There was an aggregate attendance at the services of 51,400, and in some cases there were hundreds who could not obtain entrance. Quite a number of celebrated preachers, some of whom are from Europe, are engaging with Mr. Moody in these services.

—Our esteemed brethren, the late president of the Convention and the preacher of the Convention sermon, will not, we trust, forget that the Convention in extending votes of thanks to them respectively for the retiring address and the sermon, requested them to place copies of the same in our hands for publication in the columns of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. We shall be happy to give these excellent productions place, as well as the equally excellent paper of Rev. Dr. Hopper presented before the Institute, the publication of which was also requested.

—Just as we go to press, we learn that Rev. S. B. Kempton, of Canard, has resigned the pastorate of the 1st Cornwallis church, of which he has been pastor for nearly 26 years. In these years Bro. Kempton has rendered most faithful and important services to his church and to the denomination. The resignation is to take place October 1st. We are not informed whether Bro. Kempton has accepted a call to another field of labor. He is still comparatively a young man, and with his mature experience and Christian culture, some of the best work of his ministry. It may be hoped, lies in the future.

—The Home Rule bill has passed its third reading in the House of Commons and has been sent up to the House of Lords. It was midnight Friday when the house divided for the vote, which stood 801 for the measure and 897 against it, a majority in its favor of 84. This majority is eight less than that by which the bill passed its second reading. According to a statement made by Mr. Gladstone in moving the third reading of the bill, its discussion by the commons has occupied 83 days; 459 speeches occupying 57 hours have been made for the bill, and 938 speeches occupying 152 hours against it. Just what the lords will do with the measure seems quite uncertain. They may reject it entirely or may pass it with amendments that will destroy its value. What is regarded as certain is that they will not pass the bill in its present form.

—At the world's parliament of religions which is to meet in Chicago Sept. 11, the Baptists of the United States are to be represented among the essayists by Dr. Phillip S. Mosson, of Boston, who will present a paper on "The Argument for Immortality." Dr. C. R. Henderson, of Chicago University, whose paper is on "Individual Efforts at Reform not Sufficient;" President Whitman, of Colby University, who discusses "Interdenominational Comity;" Dr. W. C. Wilkinson, of Chicago University, on "The Attitude of Christianity Towards Other Religions;" President J. G. Schurman, of Cornell, on "Characteristics of the Ultimate Religion;" and Dr. Geo. Dana Boardman, of Philadelphia, on "Christ the Unifier of Mankind." It is worthy of note that two of these essayists, Presidents Schurman, of Cornell, and Whitman, of Colby, belong, by birth, to the Maritime Provinces.

—No one doubts the wisdom of training the young people in benevolence as well as intelligence in regard to all denominational interest, but there are many who think with us that it is unwise that appeals for money should be made directly to the young people's societies. The following extract from the Young People's Union indicates the position of that paper upon this matter and also the position, as the Union understands it, of the Indianapolis Convention: "It was not explicitly stated at the time of the adoption of the resolution on special pleas at Indianapolis, but we believe that the exclusion of all pleas for benevolence from the local Young People's societies as such was legitimately implied in this resolution. Surely the pertinence of such a local application will question. Pastors are everywhere saying: 'Let not the Young People's movement encourage separate giving from the church. Let us work the other way. Train the young people to give as members of the church; give at the time of the church offerings; give not for some missionary or object of their own choosing, but to the great cause in the dignity of their real work.'"

The profound significance of this resolution is summed up in this. It points to the local society as primary a training school and not a collecting agency; it reminds us that the mission of our great conventions is to awaken our enthusiasm and to increase our efficiency in that vastly important training work.

—The report of the doings of Convention has occupied a large amount of space in our columns—too large, some of our readers may think, perhaps. But very many, we believe, will be glad to have as full a report as possible of the work of the various Boards and of the discussions of the different subjects which were considered by the Convention. It will be well to preserve these Convention numbers for reference during the year. The reports of the Committees on Temperance and Sunday Schools will be found on the second page of this issue. That on the state of the denomination will appear later.

The report given in our last issue respecting the discussions had, and action taken, by Convention, looking to changes in our denominational system will have enabled our readers to understand pretty clearly how that matter now stands. We hope and believe that the action taken was, under the circumstances, wise and right. We purpose in our next issue to offer a few remarks in reference to the present denominational situation. In connection with our report of Tuesday afternoon's proceedings it should have been noted that after the report of the committee on Convention matter was adopted, a notice was given by Judge Johnston of a resolution to amend the constitution in accordance with the proposed changes in organization.

—CHURCH socials are no doubt good things, held at proper intervals and under proper conditions. And when we speak of church socials, we do not mean occasions for the display of literary talent or the gathering of church funds, but a meeting principally for social intercourse with the object of promoting mutual acquaintance and Christian fellowship among the members of a church and congregation. There was a pleasant and doubtless profitable gathering of this character at the Leinster street church last Thursday evening. A goodly number were present. Some time was devoted to social intercourse during the first part of the evening. Then, under the felicitous chairmanship of Pastor Baker, the meeting took on a slightly more formal and intellectual character. There were short speeches from Pastors Carey and Gates, in which things humorous and serious were happily blended, and a wholly serious address from Secretary Manning of the Foreign Mission Board, who spoke in connection with that work. Some pieces of music and a recitation or two added to the interest of the meeting, and then there were refreshments and more social intercourse before the friends went home. Such meetings are adapted to do good, we think, and might, with advantage, be held occasionally or at regular intervals in all our churches.

—The result of the popular vote on the Sunday car question in Toronto, held Aug. 26, was adverse to the proposed innovation, and the Queen City for some time longer, at all events, will preserve its quiet Sunday. The Toronto *Guardian* is of the opinion that another attempt to secure the approval of the citizens for Sunday cars will not be made for a good while to come. It holds that in the recent content the advocates of Sunday labor had an unfair advantage, since the vote was taken at an inconvenient time and under circumstances which afforded no protection against unfair and fraudulent voting. The Street Car Company, which is especially interested in having a Sunday car service introduced, did its utmost to secure its object. It is charged that a very great deal of fraud was practiced by the Sunday car party. Hired gangs, it is said, went round voting for the absent and the dead. The proposal was rejected by a majority of about one thousand votes. The figures standing: For Sunday cars, 13,154; against, 14,167.

Enquiry.

1. Do you think it is right to use a house, dedicated to the service of God, for picnics, tea-meetings, magic lantern shows, etc.?

2. What do think of bean-bottle guessing competitions at a church tea-meeting held in a church? These guessing paid, and the one who came nearest the correct number got a prize.

Answers.

1. We do not regard a meeting house or church building as having about it anything so peculiarly sacred that it may not be properly used by the church in carrying forward all its legitimate work. There are obvious reasons why, generally speaking, the audience room of a church is an unsuitable place for tea-meetings and picnics. But if a church is convinced that it is to its own best interests and the glory of God to hold such gatherings, and if the meeting house is the most convenient place for

the purpose, there is, in our view, no moral or religious impropriety in so doing.

2. As to the "bean-bottle" business, it is simply a species of gambling, an insinuating and degrading vice, against which in every form every Christian church and pulpit should bear no uncertain testimony. We hope that all our Baptist churches will be very careful to admit no compromising action in this matter. If the bean-bottle competition is admitted, why not the whole lottery business to the extent that it is employed by the Roman Catholics, cultivating and pandering to the spirit of gambling among the people and so bringing immense sums yearly into the coffers of the church.

From Edmundton, N. W. T.

Since last we sent you a note in regard to the good work done on this field, we have had the joy of disturbing the waters of the great Saskatchewan twice in the baptismal rite. Two weeks ago three were baptized, and last Lord's day, 30th inst., four more attended to the initial ordinance. The latter day was typical of a day in western mission work. At 9 a. m. the ordinance of baptism was administered; at 11 a. m. the writer preached in South Edmundton; at 3 p. m. after travelling ten or twelve miles back to the north town, and preaching a third time, gave the hand of fellowship to incoming members, and administered the ordinance of the supper, and then retired to enjoy "sweet rest," very thankful for being permitted to engage in "one more day's work for Jesus."

We are much encouraged in seeing the spiritual temple going up from week to week. There are evident signs of good at all points of the field. Our Sunday-school work is also looking up. Several of the candidates baptized during the last month were from its ranks; and now we are beginning a Sunday-school in South Edmundton with a very encouraging attendance and a lively interest. Some seventeen Baptists live in South Edmundton and vicinity, and a number of adherents, so that not only a preaching station, but also a Sunday-school can well be sustained there; and that without at all marring the interests of the school on the north side of the river, as there are abundance of live workers to man both schools and keep them running.

The temporal temple or church home is also, now in prospect, very near at hand. Last week the contract was given and now the contractor is hard at work laying foundations for the structure, which is expected to be ready for occupancy by the beginning of November. As brick can be had here now very reasonably, and of good quality, we have decided to put up a brick edifice, as being but a very little more costly and much more durable, and safe from the ravages of fire. We expect to have it warmed with a heating furnace and lighted with electricity, as being far better and even cheaper than with stoves and coal-oil, as coal is so cheap and coal-oil so expensive here. We are hoping that the Maritime Provinces' Convention and that of Ontario, will be stimulated by the good example of their younger sister in Manitoba and the North-West, and give liberal help in this undertaking. Come brethren! money spent and work performed now on this great and opening field, will pay in the very near future as well as in the long time to come. Already some of your noble sons and daughters have been helping; but we expect you to do it much more abundantly.

We are looking, watching and waiting for help, but the building is going on, and we are very confident we shall not watch and wait in vain.

St. Martin's Seminary.

Since the calendar was issued an important addition has been made to the teaching staff by the appointment to the directorship of the Musical Department of Fraulein Elizabeth Meyer, of Berlin, who has already won an enviable reputation for herself in Germany, the home of musicians and musical critics. She was for years a pupil of Schwanke's, whose fame is world-wide. As she was one of his favorite pupils, he refers to her in words of warm and hearty endorsement. At the completion of her long and successful course of study, Fraulein Meyer commenced the work of teaching in the city of Berlin. She soon became distinguished as a brilliant pianist, and as a thorough and conscientious teacher.

She has given concerts throughout

Germany and Sweden, and has everywhere met with unqualified commendation. It is only by a special and personal arrangement that Fraulein Meyer has been induced to come to America, and her coming will be an event of no small importance.

The department of which Fraulein Meyer will have charge will be equal to that of any other similar school in the Dominion.

The Department of Expression will be greatly strengthened by the appointment of Miss Belle Joy Butterfield, a graduate of the Boston school of Expression, as associate teacher of Elocution. The work in this department has so enlarged that Professor Robinson found it impossible to carry it forward with the greatest degree of success, unless the teaching staff were so enlarged.

The school opens on the 13th of September, with most hopeful prospects.

Wolville's Prompt Action.

At the regular Conference meeting of the Wolville Church last evening, the members of the "Boards" were referred by several of the members. Before the meeting closed a strong committee was appointed to superintend the raising of funds for denominational work for the year, and the endeavor to raise a considerable sum at an early date, so as to assist the different Boards in their present emergency.

We hope that other Churches are moving in this matter, so that the assistance so much needed may come speedily.

A. COBURN,
Treasurer for N. S.
Wolville, N. S., Sept. 1st, 1898.

W. B. M. U.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR:
"Lord what wilt Thou have me to do."

WHAT YOU HOPE TO BE:
That the influence of our annual gathering may be felt in every A.M. Society and Mission Band during the coming year, and that this letter work may be done.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.
(Continued.)
DORRILL.

Mrs. Churchill's school has been marked by an increased success and popularity in the town. The number registered varies from 60 to 95. By the aid of prizes, held as an inducement for regular attendance, examination day showed the average attendance was fair. Ten pupils applied for examination, and all succeeded except one, who failed in arithmetic. Of these five were Christians and four were Hindus. Mrs. Churchill and her Bible women have been working among the women of the town and nearer villages to some extent, but declining health compelled her to remove to the hills, during the hot season, with the hope of gaining the necessary strength by the time of re-opening school.

VIZIANAGRAM.

In October last Miss MacNiel, by the advice of her medical adviser, removed to the station. In addition to her study of the language, she and her Bible women are sustaining the school, and work among the women. Early in the hot season Miss MacNiel was obliged to seek the invigorating air of the Hill country, trusting the regained strength would be sufficient for the calls upon her energy.

PALCONDA.

Owing to the protracted illness of Mrs. Bars, this field is without a missionary, except the small amount of native preaching it receives. The field is large, and is of especial interest. May the Lord of the vineyard open the way for giving these people the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother and sister Bars have the deepest sympathy of the Union. While we cannot understand why the Lord is thus leading them, we are assured He will guide them into plain paths, and they shall see His ways are above our ways, and His thoughts above our thoughts.

PARLA KIMEDY.

opened in January last, contains a mine for investment. Mrs. Higgins conducts a school of 47 pupils, 17 of whom are boarders. This work, with her family cares, so fully occupies her time, there is nothing being done for the thousands of women and children in the town.

In Mr. Higgins' appeal for two young lady missionaries, he says, "Kimedy, poor, dark, benighted, idolatry-cursed Kimedy! When will the morning break and the sun of righteousness arise upon her? Must these mothers, daughters, and sisters drop into the bottomless pit, with not even an effort on our part to save them? Shall they clutch in the darkness for a hand of mercy, and perish forever because we were too selfish to save them?"

REINFORCEMENT.
Last August Miss Martha Clarke, of

Bay View, P. E. I., applied to the Executive Board as a candidate for the foreign field. It being inconvenient for Miss Clarke to meet with the Executive, her Secretary, by the instruction of the Foreign Mission Board, wrote her, advising a course of study at the Missionary training school in Chicago. To this she concurred, and has completed the first year. At the end of the next year she expects to meet the Board, and will then be officially appointed on the missionary staff. During her sojourn in Chicago she has been engaged in a German mission school with marked success. Doubtless this experience with a foreign speaking people will be a benefit to our sister in her future work.

We deeply regret Bro. Higgins' appeal has not been met. From the large number of young ladies who have graduated from Acadia and St. Martin's Seminaries surely there are some whose training at these schools, in addition to an experience gained by active Christian work and Bible study, qualify them for responding to that appeal to-day. We are looking for them, praying that the Spirit may so impress some of these highly gifted young sisters, that they may clearly hear the call from Telugu land, "Come this way to help us."

S. HOME MISSIONS.—We pledged ourselves to aid

REGINA AND EDMONTON to the extent of \$300 respectively. Of this amount only \$450 has been paid. Rev. J. H. King resigned the pastorate in July, and the vacancy has been filled by Rev. F. W. Auvaiche, a returned missionary of the Ontario and Quebec Board. This little church, organized two years ago, regard the W. B. M. U. as their mother. Through our efforts they were encouraged to open the field, and to us they yet look for help until our child is able to stand alone.

In February Rev. H. G. Mellick visited Edmundton and organized a church. The grant made by the Union last year enabled them to secure the services of Rev. A. McDonald as pastor. The reports from these two fields show the value of our investment. In due time we expect a rich harvest.

The Grand Ligne Mission has a large hold in the affections of our people. Its interest has been advocated at all our public gatherings, and we rejoice that the time has come when so many in the Maritime provinces do not require a special appeal for its support. They know its history and give intelligently, believing it is the work of the Lord. But of the pledged \$400, only one half of the amount has been paid.

MARITIME PROVINCES.
While our sympathies reach from east to west, there is no disposition to overlook the needs of our beloved Maritime provinces. We rejoice in being able to strengthen the weak hands, and thus initiate our dear Lord in giving the gospel to the poor of our home land; but of the pledged \$1,000 only \$500 has been met.

THE TREASURY.
during the year, has given us much anxiety. At the close of the third quarter the outlook was most distressing. Every available effort was put forth by the Board to place the needs and their consequences before the entire Union.

The Treasurer's report shows the total contributions amount to \$7,394.13, being \$1,905.37 less than the pledged amount. This shrinkage is due largely to the fact that much of the funds from Sabbath Schools and Mission Bands have been sent through other channels, which makes us feel more comfortable than if the Societies had failed in their benevolence. By a mutual understanding between the Foreign Mission Board and the Executive of the W. B. M. U. two or three years ago, it was considered advisable for the sisters to care for and foster the Mission Bands. As their interest in Mr. Morse and his work has been known by his letters to the boys and girls, and as they are so eager to unite in his support, we hope all our denominational treasurers will concur in this, so as not to check or diminish the interest. We deeply deplore the deficit in the Home Mission contributions. Unless there is a rallying to cover this emergency, our efforts in this department must be seriously affected.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUNDS.

Twenty names have been added to the number this year, as follows: Nova Scotia 13; New Brunswick 5; P. E. Island 2.

THE OUTLOOK.

is as bright as faith and works can insure. We have a growing enterprise. Many of our young women are coming to the front, and are showing forth their love for the cause by an active service; and their consecrated enthusiasm is having its due effect upon the work. The children in mostly all our Sabbath schools are receiving an intelligent train-

ing in mission work, which will fit them for future usefulness.

The missionary enterprise is becoming more familiar in our homes. The names of our missionaries and their stations are becoming household words, and this knowledge is having its due influence in the churches. Already the reflex benefit is experienced by those actively engaged. If each sister whose name is on the church record could only realize the full meaning of "It is more blessed to give than to receive," the gifts of silver and gold, with hearts of loving service would soon be placed upon the altar; and as the eyes of the Master rest upon the well-filled treasury, it could truly be said of us, "Sheth had done what she could."

A. C. MARTELL,
Cor. Sec'y W. B. M. U.
Fairville, St. John, Aug. 1898.

W. B. M. U. RECEIPTS.

Monies received by the treasurer of the W. B. M. U. from Aug. 9th to Aug. 31st: Lockport, P. M., \$5; North Sydney, P. M., \$6.25; H. M., \$6.25; Dorchester, P. M., \$4.25; Dorchester S. S., F. M., \$7.75; Sydney, F. M., \$10; Lunenburg, Mission Band, F. M., \$13; Centerville, F. M., \$8; H. M., \$5; Roway, F. M., \$1.25; Second Springfield Mission Band, F. M., \$5; Second Johnston, P. M., \$15.50; Annual collection, \$14.75; Five Islands and Lower Economy, H. M., \$5; Lockhartville, F. M., \$11; Seale River, F. M., \$7.50; H. M., \$2.70; Charles A. White, Mrs. A. White, Cal., in memory of his daughter Eva, F. M., \$3; Arundel, F. M., \$12; Holland Harbor, L. L. F., F. M., \$4; Coll. at St. George, F. M., \$10.00; Mrs. V. Morrell, Hampton Station, P. M., \$1.

Receipts for Denominational Work.

From Aug. 1st to 31st: Rev. J. Williams, Weymouth, \$1; Fifth Cornwallis church, \$7; Mrs. Geo. L. Johnson and family, Wolville, \$5; First Horton Church, \$73.35; Springfield, \$8.44; Springfield, \$5; Lawrenceton and Valley West, \$2; Fowlsie, \$2.10; Primary class, Antigonish S. S., \$6; Sydney church, \$19.50; North Sydney, \$59.75; Apple River, \$15; Lunenburg, \$18.00; First Baptist church, Halifax, \$26.70; Grand Mrs. A. G. G. Bill-ton, \$12; River John, \$3; Cambridge, \$5; Daypring, \$13.11; Bridgewater, B. Y. P. U., \$2.30; Pleasantville, B. Y. P. U., \$3.51; Daypring, B. Y. P. U., \$2.00; Third Horton church, \$5.50; Rawdon, \$3; First Baptist church, Halifax, \$54.70; Parker's Cove church, \$5; Litchfield, \$1.03; Amherst church, \$36.72; Amherst church, B. S., \$30; Amherst church, Seale Branch, \$9.86; Amherst church, B. Y. P. U., \$2; Mrs. A. Wilson, Amherst, \$1; J. W. Bars, Esq., Wolville, \$50; Upper Wilmet church, Prince Albert Section, \$30; Melville Section, \$8; Evergreen Section, \$7.54; River Hebert, \$40; Lockport, \$20.25; West Onslow, \$6; Acadia church, Little River section, \$2.40; Capt. D. A. Saunders, Ohio, \$10; Milton church, Y. S., \$2; Hillsburg, \$12; Dartmouth, \$22.90; North Temple, Ohio, \$1; Milton, Queens Co., \$7; West Brook, \$6; E. E. Bancroft, Roundhill, \$5; Second St. Margaret's Bay, \$6.50; Hillgrove, \$5; C. H. Harrington, Esq., Sydney, \$100; Lockhartville, W. M. A. Society, \$3.50; Hammond's Plains, \$8.83; Edgar D. Shand, Windsor, \$70; West Idore church, \$4.80; Greenville church, A. I., \$1; Weymouth, African, \$1.25; Digby, African, \$1.25;—\$854.55.

Most of the above was intended for last year but came in too late. This we regret, as in consequence some churches appear blank that would otherwise not appear so in the general report. We hope that any treasurer or others having money in hand for denominational work will forward the same at once as all the boards are in need of funds.

A. COBURN,
Treas. for Nova Scotia.
Wolville, Aug. 8, 1898.

Subscriptions Paid E. H. Saunders for Manual Training School.

Saul Mosher, Esq., Halifax, \$10; Wm. Davies, Esq., \$2; J. L. Archibald, Esq., \$1; Alderman Dennis, \$10; a friend, \$50; Dr. Cameron, \$20; H. E. Grant, Esq., \$5; James McPherson, Esq., \$25—total, \$123.

E. M. SAUNDERS,
Chairman M. T. C.

P. S.—I have sent to-day two checks to Dr. Sawyer of one hundred dollars each, one from Hon. W. J. Stairs and the other from Mrs. D. McN. Parker, to help pay off the deficit of \$8,000 on the current expenses of Acadia College. So far as I know these are the first subscriptions for liquidating this debt. Neither Mr. Stairs or Mrs. Parker had as Baptists; yet they are both friends of the college. Mr. Stairs will give \$20 a year for five years to keep deficit from coming into existence. Mrs. Parker will very likely do the same, although she said nothing about it. Would it not be well to begin at once to send contributions to Dr. Sawyer for the \$8,000, and to Rev. A. Coburn and Rev. J. W. Manning for the deficits to the home and foreign missions. If each one would do something the whole might be raised without trouble. Here are two friends outside the denomination, belonging to two other religious bodies, who have set us a good example. Let us follow it.

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