

### Editorial Notes.

—In a note of explanation published in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR last week Mrs. Irene Elder Morton endeavored to explain, in reference to a song entitled "We Too," appreciatively mentioned in the report of the the Alumnae Reunion of Acadia Seminary, that the words only of the song were hers, the music having been furnished by the Groom Music Company of Chicago. Mrs. Morton's intention was defeated by a blunder of the type-setter, but this note, we hope, will make the matter plain.

—Another terrible disaster is reported from the sea. Early in the morning of June 28 the Danish steamship *Norge*, bound for New York with about 700 Danish and Norwegian emigrants on board and a crew of 80 men, ran upon a reef of the Islet of Rockall, 290 miles off the west coast of Scotland. The steamer received such damage, that she soon sank. Six boats loaded with passengers and crew were smashed against the steamer's side and their occupants were drowned. Two boats are said to have got away and one of these having 27 persons on board was picked up by a fishing steamer 24 hours later. It is not known that any others of the nearly 800 persons on board the *Norge* were saved. It is happily rare that such a tragedy is reported in connection with Atlantic travel.

—Rev. W. H. Robinson is at present working in the interests of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR in Nova Scotia. Mr. Robinson is so well and favorably known among our churches that he requires no introduction from us. He has been visiting the eastern part of the Province and we hope he will continue in the work and visit other stations during the summer. Mr. J. G. Sipprell, Acadia 1903, is spending some time in New Brunswick canvassing in the interests of the paper, before entering upon a course of post graduate study. The labors of Mr. Robinson and Mr. Sipprell have resulted already in enlarging our subscription list in several places, and a number of subscribers in arrears have found it convenient to hand them their subscriptions. We hope that the friends of the paper will kindly lend them what assistance they can conveniently, and we need not say that such assistance will be highly appreciated by the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

—Alluding to the disorderly conduct of some militiamen who were passing through St. John en route to the Camp at Sussex on Tuesday afternoon of last week the *Globe* of Wednesday says: "The special train arrived about a quarter to three from Woodstock with about two hundred men. During the hour it remained in the depot the scene is described as a disgraceful one; quite a number of the men were the worse for liquor, and besides being an annoyance to the travelling public, littered the place with broken bottles and cans of food stuff. The officers in charge had little or no control over the men and it is stated were not above going out and drinking with them. The train left quite a number behind, and it was deemed necessary to place four of the most riotous of these in the I. C. R. lock-up. They remained in the 'cooler' till the Halifax train left shortly before midnight when they were permitted to go. The others of the band either went out on the 5:15 train or walked." This it seems to us indicates a condition of affairs which calls loudly for investigation. Surely someone besides the militia men should be responsible for the occurrence of scenes so disgraceful. It is in the interests of their country that our young men leave their homes to spend a time in military drill, and they and their friends have a right to the assurance that while so engaged they shall be free from the annoyance of drunken companions and free also from all unnecessary temptations to evil. Certainly there should be some authority to deal with such a case as that reported by the *Globe* in such a way as to make its repetition very unlikely.

### N. B. Western Baptist Association.

The fifty-fifth annual session of the N. B. Western Baptist Association convened with the Centreville church on Friday morning, June 24. To those who know anything of the unbounded hospitality of this part of the province it is needless to say it was right royally entertained. The village of Centreville is situated in the midst of the most thriving section of upland agricultural country to be found in the Maritime Provinces. It lies midway between the St. John river and the Maine boundary line, while cultivated farms of remarkable fertility extend all the way to Woodstock at a distance of twenty-four miles and ten miles northward to Knoxford. The village itself is progressive and up to date, having adequate fire protection, an electric light system of its own, and among the stores the visitor is surprised to find a large departmental store which would do credit to any of our cities. The church which was organized in 1843 is sharing in the general prosperity. The pastor and family are housed in a new and commodious parsonage and plans are now maturing for the erection of a new church edifice in the near future. The pastor, Rev. B. S. Freeman, has spent three years with the church and has during that time made for himself a large place in the hearts of the people. Revs. George Howard and J. A. Cahill, two former pastors, were among the delegates present.

The association opened with a sermon by Rev. J. D. Wet-

more based on Is. 3:18, Christ the resting place of his people being the leading thought. At the afternoon session the following officers were duly elected:—Moderator, Rev. J. A. Cahill; Clerk, Rev. B. S. Freeman; Ass't Clerk, Frank Rideout, (Lic.); Treas., Dea. E. S. Branscomb.

Two years ago this association abandoned the time-honored custom of receiving reports on the different departments of denominational work, but appointed instead a committee to prepare a programme in which the conference idea should largely predominate. The first conference in Systematic Beneficence and was led by Rev. J. H. MacDonald. This conference evoked an animated discussion as to the duty of every church, however poor, having a share in the enterprises of the denomination. Revs. McIntyre, Robinson, Camp, Fash, Hayward and Cahill contributed to the discussion.

Rev. W. H. Smith conducted a conference on the North West Missions in which the need and opportunity of Manitoba and the Territories was particularly emphasized. Rev. W. R. Robinson who recently visited the country ad led much valuable information. Others who participated were Revs. Sterling, Demmings, Fash and Deacon J. T. Clark.

Grande Ligne was the subject of the closing conference of the afternoon, Rev. R. W. Demmings leader. Among those who contributed to the discussion were Revs. Rogers, McIntyre, Fash, MacDonald, Hayward, Rutledge, Freeman and Robinson.

The evening session was devoted to Christian Education. Principal DeWolfe of Acadia Seminary was the first speaker. His theme was "The Ideal of a Christian Education and how Acadia Seminary seeks to realize that ideal." Dr. Wortman spoke for the college, tracing the development of that institution during the sixteen years he has been connected with it as professor of modern languages and also outlining the progress of the present forward movement.

Saturday morning opened with a sermon from Rev. J. C. Blakney on "The Ministry of Reconciliation." II Cor. 5:20. The rest of the session was devoted to Denominational Literature, Rev. W. R. Robinson taking the place of E. M. Sipprell as leader. The deep interest manifested in this subject shows how large a place denominational literature occupies, or shall occupy, in our denominational life. Following were some of the observations made: "Every political party, insurance company and even the liquor trade has an organ to advance its interests." "All our denominational interests need the MESSENGER AND VISITOR and are increased by it." "No paper produces a better news summary than the first page of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR." The gospel is carried as much by the printed message as by the spoken word. It was announced that Rev. W. E. McIntyre is soon to publish a work on Baptist Bibliography. He has now in his catalogue list the names of 4500 Baptist authors.

The clerk presented a digest of church letters, but unfortunately thirty only of the churches had reported, which renders the statistics as they were presented most incomplete, not to say misleading. These churches report a membership of 3414, a net gain of 190 during the year. Number of scholars enrolled in those Sunday schools 1793 with 238 teachers.

At the afternoon session Rev. W. R. Robinson took charge of the afternoon session. A number of interesting and vital subjects were considered by the various speakers in a most practical manner, including interesting of parents, the training of teachers, and a Baptist summer school.

It was something new to have a conference on B. Y. P. U in the Association. Many helpful suggestions were given by different speakers in short and pithy answers to eleven questions presented by Rev. Z. L. Fash. This conference ought to keep in young people's work. It strongly emphasized the need of educational work such as our B. Y. P. U. Course of study is giving.

There was much interest in the tentative bases of union between the Baptists and Free Baptists of these Provinces, presented by Rev. W. E. McIntyre. After discussion the following resolution was heartily and unanimously passed: "This Association learns with satisfaction that the question of union with our Free Baptist brethren is again under consideration, and that a committee was appointed at the Convention in St. John to confer with a committee appointed by the Free Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, looking towards an organic union of the bodies.

We beg, therefore, to place on record our hearty approval of the movement, and pray that in the near future, such union which must mean much to our respective denominations and to our Lord's Kingdom at large, may be speedily consummated.

Further, the Association would recommend the calling of a joint meeting of the two bodies in this Province before the close of the present year, for the further consideration of all matters involved.

The Rev. J. A. Cahill conducted an interesting conference on Temperance. There were many lively remarks by ministers and members. It takes Mr. Cahill to make things warm on this question.

The moderator appointed Mr. Sanson, Rev's W. H. Smith and C. Sterling a Committee on Resolutions; and Rev's J. C. Blakney, N. B. Rogers, and A. A. Rutledge the Nominating Committee.

The Home Mission Report was read by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, and laid over for the further consideration on Monday.

The Rev. A. H. Hayward offered prayer on open-

ing the evening session. The weather was warm and sultry and rain threatening, but there was a large congregation. The clerk and assistant clerk were appointed a committee on credentials. The Rev. W. R. Robinson extended an invitation from the Gibson church for the association to meet with them next year. It was heartily accepted.

Rev. C. Currie read the Scriptures and offered prayer. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. H. G. Corey, our returned missionary, who gave a most instructive and interesting address. Mr. Corey knows how to tell the people just what they want to know.

The Rev. W. E. McIntyre gave one of his best addresses upon the Home Mission work. It was practical, plain and pointed.

Sunday was a great day. The weather was threatening but somewhat cleared before meeting time. The Rev. G. Howard led the prayer service. It was a good preparation for the service following. The church was filled to overflowing when the time came for the associational sermon. A number were turned away. The Rev. W. R. Robinson was the preacher. His text was Col. 3: 11, and he gave a most timely and acceptable sermon. As the association has requested its publication further comment is unnecessary. It will speak for itself.

Sunday afternoon the meeting was in the interests of the Sunday school. Addresses were given by Rev's Z. L. Fash, H. G. Corey and W. R. Robinson. The speakers adapted themselves to the children present and in so doing adapted themselves to all. This session was pronounced a splendid one.

In the evening the church was again filled to hear the Rev. George Howard. The preacher gave one of his characteristic sermons from Matt. 27:36. It was an original and helpful discourse and was most attentively listened to by all. There was an evangelistic service following which appropriately closed a grand day.

Monday morning Bro. Johnson (colored) led the devotional service.

The Rev. H. G. Corey conducted an instructive conference in "Foreign Missions." The presence of Bro. Corey was much appreciated and his influence will be far reaching.

The clerk presented the bills for the year. They were ordered paid, the treasurer reported the receipts to be \$37.32. After expenses the balance was ordered to be paid into the Denominational Treasury.

The Committee for nominations reported: For committee of Arrangements, Rev's W. R. Robinson, J. H. McDonald, G. Howard, and Deacons H. P. Lint and H. C. Creed. For members of Home Missions Board to retire 1907, Rev's G. T. Miller, W. R. Robinson, Z. L. Fash. To take the place of Rev. C. N. Barton no longer eligible to membership in Board, and Rev. N. B. Rogers, resigned, Rev. B. S. Freeman and Deacon J. Clark.

The communication from the Treas. of the N. B. Baptist Sunday School Convention was read and referred to the Committee on resolutions.

The Rev. W. E. McIntyre read the report on Obituaries and a very tender time was experienced as the deaths of Ex. Moderator, Deacon Messer Hall, Rev's J. Coombs, W. D. Manzer and S. D. Irvine were referred to by different brethren. It was one of the sacred times of the Association.

The Rev. W. E. McIntyre then conducted a conference on Home Missions. The better grouping of the fields was discussed. By vote of the Association the names of the extinct churches, Maple Ridge, Northampton, and Hainsville were dropped.

The Home Mission report was adopted. The usual resolutions were passed, thanking the pastor and people for their hospitable entertainment. It was no formal thing. Neither were the other resolutions to Rev. H. G. Corey, our returned missionary, and Rev. W. E. McIntyre, our Home Mission Sec'y, and Prof. Wortman and Principal DeWolfe of Acadia.

Other resolutions of importance were:—

1. Resolved that this association approves of the establishment and work of the New Brunswick Baptist Sunday School convention. Further resolved that the pastors and Sunday School superintendents present to their schools the ideals of this convention, soliciting the five cent per capita tax for the support of a Field Secretary.

2. That the different ministers of the Association preach a sermon yearly on Denominational literature. Further resolved that they hold before their congregations the great importance of giving support to Home and Foreign Mission work.

3. Resolved that this association reaffirms its historic position as to the authority of God's Word, and its inspired character, and that all candidates seeking entrance to the Christian ministry be carefully examined as to their acceptance of the articles of faith adopted by us.

The thanks of the association were very fittingly tendered the Moderator Rev. J. A. Cahill, and to the clerks.

The association adjourned to meet at Gibson next year.

There were many excellent things said. Some of the members are noted for original and quaint sayings. There was harmony and good will. Everybody was delighted with the country and the people who entertained. The meetings were of a rich character. The printed programme promised a treat and no one was disappointed. The Western association is progressive and alive.