

Lord. Were we willing to sacrifice, suffer and die for Him as He did for us, the heathen would not be left to perish while we are at ease. Do we realize what is meant by denying ourselves and taking up our cross? It means more than to do some irksome tasks; it means that we are to be crucified, if need be, for our Lord and his cause, as He was for us. There are encouragements in the work. There are 3,000,000 young men in India who are throwing off the shackles of false faith. This is a crisis time for India. Shall these young men be infidels or Christians. It is for us to do our best to seize the opportunity afforded.

There are three motives why we should engage in this work. For our own sakes, young men cannot afford to do less than the most, and the best opportunity for work is among the heathen. For the sake of the heathen, who are ready to plunge down into eternal night; for God's sake, He tells us to help save them for His glory sake, He has given His Son for us. We should do this for Him. May God grant that all may consecrate body, soul, means, everything to Him. Pray for more laborers. Pastors, work up your churches, lay your hands on earnest young men and direct them to this work. Sabbath school superintendents, train up your scholars with a view to this work. All, do what you can, and then when this life is ended, and you enter the presence of the dear Lord who has died for us, it will be an eternal satisfaction that you have added to his joy. Our dear young brother spoke from a heart full and running over with love to Christ and the perishing, and the attention was still and profound. If possible the intense interest was deepened when Mrs. Higgins and Miss Fitch arose in succession and spoke words too earnest to be anything but simple and quiet.

Mrs. Higgins, in looking back upon her past, could see the leading of God's hand up to this work. There are so many at home and so few abroad to tell of the Saviour and his love. Yet the soul of the heathen is as precious to Him as is ours to us. She wanted to have the joy of having saved heathens come to her by and by, and tell her she was the means of bringing them to Christ and heaven. Would not those they were about to leave behind help them always with their prayers.

Miss Fitch had been much impressed with the words, "The King's business requires haste." How great the responsibility, if we withhold the gospel, when each tick of the watch is the eternal death knell of a heathen soul! Less than a year ago, she did not want to go to the heathen. There was a fierce struggle against the thought. After a time she became willing to do anything for her Saviour, and then all sense of sacrifice disappeared. She felt that nothing she could do for Him was anything compared with what he had done for her. The promise of God to be with her and uphold her with the right hand of His righteousness was very sweet and sustaining. Many of the young were deeply impressed with the claims of the heathen. She believed we should soon see the thirty required to make up our part of the number asked for by the appeal offer themselves were we ready to send them. The Lord is ready to bless us when we are ready for the blessing. Let us not forget the first great command "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," nor the second "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Bro. Gates spoke as the representative of the Foreign Mission Board. He referred to the difficulties of the Board in the past and their joy in the present, from their having these missionaries. They had also had encouragement from obtaining a valuable property in India by the manifest help of God. He welcomed the missionaries to the service of our mission. He thanked God they were our own missionaries; their trials and joys will be ours. The first Wednesday of every month the Board will be in session praying for them, and devising means for their support, and God helping us, they shall never want while we can find means for you, and while we have this great denomination behind us, you—addressing the missionaries—will find us friends, and ready to sympathize with you and to help you in every way. You are in the line of the work of Paul and Barnabas, of the great missionaries and the workers for Christ everywhere. He asked the congregation to pray for those who now go forth and for those now on the field. He asked the members of the congregation to pledge themselves to pray for them at nine on Saturday evening, the hour of Sabbath morning in India. (Large numbers arose in response to this request.) But there are more needed. Are there not some present who feel moved to go to India when the time shall come? Two young women arose, daughters of ministers. People are willing to have their children given up to favorable work. But it is the greatest honor that can come to them to send their children to the heathen.

Bro. Howard Barnes arose and said he hoped some day to devote himself to foreign mission work.

At this stage, Bro. F. D. Crawley, pastor of the Fredericton church, came forward and spoke on behalf of the

church entertaining the Convention. He told of how glad they were to have had Convention with them, and that the obligation to the Northwest mission was to be met. As an expression of their thanksgiving, the Fredericton church would add \$500 to its contribution to Convention Fund.

The entertainment of the Convention is no small matter, and a church might be excused, at the close of the work and trouble entailed, to draw a long breath of relief. It was no wonder therefore, the announcement that the Fredericton church considered itself favored by Convention meeting with it, and were ready to make a thank-offering because of the privilege they had had, was greeted with applause.

The report of the Convention committee appointed on union with the F. C. Baptists, reported, recommending that, as the F. C. Baptists are not yet prepared to adopt the Basis of Union, we leave the matter of union in abeyance; but that a standing committee be appointed to confer and co-operate with any committee that our F. C. Baptist brethren may appoint, having in view the cultivation of a warmer fellowship and the final attainment of organic union.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

The following is the statistical statement of the progress of the churches during the Convention year:

	Churches.	Baptisms.	Members.
N. S. Western.....	71	472	11,476
N. S. Central.....	52	352	9,147
N. S. Eastern.....			
N. B. Western.....	72	327	5,127
N. B. Southern.....	39	203	4,555
N. B. Eastern.....	46	193	6,037
	157	723	15,719
P. E. Island.....	27	98	1,757
African.....			

It will be seen from these returns that the additions by baptism are larger than last year in all the Associations except the Southern and Eastern of New Brunswick. The loss from removal and revision of the church rolls has been very large, and the net increase will not be much over 600. While some churches have had large accessions, a very great number have received smaller additions. This, as showing that the churches are becoming more steady in their growth, is a favorable indication.

The following are the brethren who have been ordained to the ministry during the year:

L. J. Tingley, Jordan River, N. S., Sept. 20, 1888.
S. D. Irvine, Forest Glen, N. B., Sept. 26, 1888.
A. F. Brown, Tusket, N. S., Jan. 3, 1889.
James A. Porter, Upper Queensbury, N. B., Jan. 16, 1889.
S. Langille, New Ross, N. S., May 7, 1889.
Wm. Wetmore, Hampton Station, N. B., May 29, 1889.
L. A. Palmer, St. John, N. B., June 18, 1889.
W. H. Jenkins, Advocate, N. S., July 4, 1889.
C. S. Stearns, Pennfield, N. B., July 11, 1889.
R. U. Hatfield, Fall River.

During the year five of our ministers have gone to the United States, four have died, six have left the work of the pastorate, because called to other important positions in connection with our denominational enterprises, or compelled to engage in secular callings owing to failing health. To offset this loss, nine have been ordained to the work of the ministry, two beloved brethren who had been compelled to give up pastoral work, have resumed their much loved work, and three others have been received, two from abroad and one from educational work.

It will be seen from this that our force of ministers is no stronger than at the beginning of the year, and we need to pray to the God of the harvest for more laborers.

Within the bounds of our Convention there are 384 churches. To supply these with pastors we have but about 150 ordained ministers fully engaged in their high calling, and the labors of a number of student missionaries during the summer. There are at least 66 churches which each require the full labor of a pastor. This leaves 318 churches to be supplied by 90 laborers, or near three churches to each man. This still further emphasizes the need of more pastors, as it does the importance of the best grouping of the churches into fields and the work of Home Missions generally.

New churches have been organized at St. Francis, Madawaska, N. B.; Clements, Annapolis Co., N. S.; Bellisle Creek, Kings Co., N. B.; Little River, Sunbury Co., N. B.; Port Clyde, Shelburne Co., N. S.; Underhill, Northumberland Co., N. B.

It is pleasing to know that four of these new churches are on new ground, and are due to aggressive work, and are not the result of the division of larger churches.

Homes of worship have been dedicated at Tufts Cove, Halifax Co., N. S.; Little River, Sunbury Co., N. B.; Canaan, Yarmouth Co., N. S.; Ohio, Yarmouth Co., N. S.; Maitland, Annapolis Co., N. S.; Norwood, Yarmouth Co., N. S.; New Cornwall, Lunenburg, N. S.; Victoria Beach, Annapolis, N. S.; Johnston's Mills, West Co., N. B.

The general statistics of the Sabbath-schools in connection with our churches

are as follows, so far as returns have been received:

	Sabbath Schools.	Schools Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Teachers.	Adults in Classes.	Baptized.
N. S. Western.....	103	5,741	3,801	500	3,172	238
N. S. Central.....	76	3,194	2,391	401	2,718	176
N. S. Eastern.....						
N. B. Western.....	41	1,999	1,211	175	1,338	107
N. B. Southern.....	20	2,738	1,273	237	967	58
N. B. Eastern.....	31	4,139	2,741	311	2,016	128
P. E. Island.....	132	8,839	5,127	233	3,231	285
African.....	36	1,100	721	100	284	49

Comparatively little value can be attached to the general statistical returns of Sunday schools. In some associations, the most of the schools report one year, and some of the largest fail to do so the following year. There may be a real gain in attendance at the schools, while the returns show a loss.

There is little evidence of any growth in the liberality of our people. This is a very serious matter: for it affords one of the deepest tests of the reality of Christian profession. Your committee call the earnest attention of our pastors to the need of the greatest faithfulness in pressing upon their people the claims of the Lord's work upon their contributions, and in cultivating the most practical of Christian graces.

In reviewing the general work of the year, your committee is glad to be able to call attention to the blessing which has fallen upon a number of the weak and languishing fields in the western N. B. Association, to which special reference was made in last year's report. So far as we can judge, the year has been one of quiet but faithful work on the part of our pastors generally, and of growth along the deeper lines of church life.

We can with joy, also, refer to a deepening interest in foreign mission work as shown in the responses made to the burning appeal from our missionaries in India.

While tendencies are abroad, especially in the cities and towns, to let down the standard of church requirement, so as to take in various kinds of questionable amusements, and while the spirit of the age is becoming more intensely worldly, yet, with faithful pastors and the help of God, we believe the outlook is bright with a promise to be realized by earnest work and believing prayer.

THE WEEK.

The Conservatives are evidently prepared to make a high bid for the Irish vote. Chamberlain has said, in a speech, that the Conservatives and Unionists are agreed upon a Land and also a Local Government Bill for Ireland, which will place her on an equality, in the latter respect, with Scotland and England. Balfour is also said to have assured the Irish leaders of the willingness of the government to establish a great Irish and Catholic university. Doubtless these statements are put forth as feelers of public sentiment during the prorogation of the house, to gain knowledge to guide the government. The Catholic university for Ireland ought to arouse the most determined opposition of the Protestants. The Nonconformists, at least, will be in a position to protest, as they are not assisted by the State in any such way. So far as the other bills are concerned, however, the Tories and Unionists may bring them forward to keep in power. To Gladstone will ever belong the honor of securing this justice to Ireland. What the Tories gain in length of term of office, they will lose in respect, as people see the old tactics repeated of opposition to a measure until resistance means overthrow, and then a yielding which shows them more influenced by what is expedient for themselves, than by principle and conscience.

The era of strikes has come for England as for the United States and Germany. Beginning with the dock laborers of London, there is a strike "on" in England which threatens to assume vast proportions. The trade of Great Britain is in a most prosperous condition, and this has doubtless led the laborers to expect a larger share of the profits. The trade of London is already largely paralyzed, and much suffering and want must ensue, whatever be the final outcome.

The war in Hayti is over. Legitimate has yielded and has left Port-au-Prince, and Hippolyte has entered the city. The war has been a long and cruel one, and all humane people will rejoice that it is over. It is evident, from the history of the past, that the negroes of Hayti are not able to support a stable government. It is to be hoped the recent terrible experience will make them less inclined to plunge into civil strife.

The British government have been compelled to depose the governor of Cashmere; but have assured the House of Commons that there is no intention of annexing the country. Annexation or not, it appears to be controlled by the Vicroy of India, and this amounts to the same thing.

Reference was made, a few weeks ago,

to the atrocities committed by the Turks upon the Armenians. Gladstone has taken up the cause of the Armenians; it is also stated that such a pressure has been brought to bear upon the Sultan, by England and Italy, especially, that he has promised to give the matter his attention. It is proverbial, however, the time it takes for the Sultan to get his attention fixed upon a matter which involves justice to Christians, and the atrocities may continue for a long time, unless the pressure is very heavy.

The Imperial Parliament of Great Britain was prorogued on Friday last. The speech from the throne referred to the continuance of peace on the continent, to the success of the Samoan conference, to the international conference on the slave trade, to be held in Brussels, to consider the best means to be adopted to limit its evils, to the settlement of the question of the boundaries between French and English possessions in West Africa, to a telegraph connection with France and Germany, to the offers of native Indian princes to aid in the support of the British army in India, to the grant of money to increase the navy, to the Scotch local governments Act, to the Irish railway Act, and to the general prosperity of the country.

Home Missions.

BOARD MEETING.

At the meeting held on the 12th inst., final reports were received from all the missionaries who had not reported to July 31:

GRANTS

were made as follows:

1. To the Cardigan and Keswick field, York Co., N. B., \$150.00 for one year, from Aug. 1, '89; Rev. P. O. Rogers, pastor.
2. To the Sackville and Hammond's Plains field, N. S., \$125.00 for one year; Rev. E. N. Archibald, pastor.
3. To the Lunenburg field, N. S., \$200, for one year; Rev. Jos. S. Brown, pastor.
4. To the Shelburne field, i. e. to Shelburne, Sand Point and Port Clyde churches, \$150 for one year; Rev. T. M. Munn, pastor.
5. To the Rockport church, Westmorland Co., \$50, for one year; Bro. A. B. Staples (i. e.) missionary.
6. To the Brooklyn church, Hants Co., N. S., \$60, to enable them to obtain ministerial labor for one year.

APPOINTMENT.

Bro. H. T. Warring, a missionary to Musquash field during the term of the vacation.

It was also voted that assistance be given to the Bloomfield church, Carleton Co., N. B., to enable them to make up \$125 for one-fourth of a pastor's service, i. e., for one service every other Sabbath.

A. CONROD,

Cor. Sec'y H. M. Board.

Hebron, Aug. 21.

RECEIPTS FROM AUG. 5 TO AUG. 13.	
German street S. S., St. John.....	\$ 30 00
Upper Dorchester S. S.....	1 67
Con. Fund, Car. V. and Mad. counties quarterly meeting.....	13 30
Con. Fund, Wakefield church, Carleton Co.....	6 34
Con. Fund, Dr. Day.....	400 00
Con. Fund, Hebron church.....	84 84
Con. Fund, Hebron S. S.....	9 17
Con. Fund, Tusket church (village section).....	3 00
Con. Fund, Dr. Day.....	357 76
From S. S. Concerts.....	35 82
	\$ 943 80
Before reported.....	5,194 27
Total for the year.....	\$6,139 07
FROM CONCERT EXERCISES.	
Pine Grove S. S.....	\$11 25
South Hallow S. S.....	2 50
Weymouth S. S.....	10 00
Mount Hanley S. S.....	5 00
Rollingdon S. S., Charlotte Co.....	13 00
Round Hill S. S., Annapolis Co.....	8 47
Overton S. S., West Yarmouth.....	5 93
	\$ 60 00
A. CONROD,	
Treas. H. M. Board.	
Hebron, N. S., Aug. 14.	

CORRECTION.—The \$5.00 acknowledged in MESSENGER AND VISITOR of June 26, as Con. Funds from Margaree church, should have been acknowledged from the following members:

Lauchlin McDonald.....	\$1 00
Donald McDonald.....	1 00
Mrs. Donald McDonald.....	1 00
Mrs. James Frizelle.....	2 00
	\$ 5 00
A. CONROD,	
Treas. H. M. Board.	

YORK AND SUNBURY QUARTERLY MEETING.

Will meet with the Springfield Church York County, Friday evening, September 13th. Brethren from all parts are invited to be present. As this will be the first meeting since Convention, matters of great interest will be discussed.

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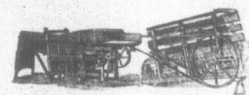
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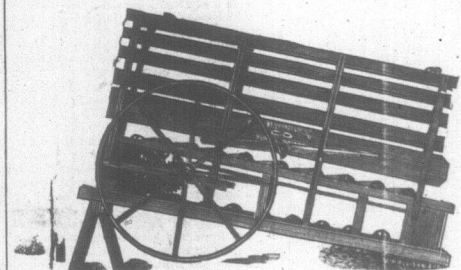


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