

The convention then adjourned to meet on the second Friday in September, 1900, at a place to be determined by the president and secretary.

### Notice To Sunday School Workers.

As one of the greatest, if not the greatest need of our Sunday School enterprises is a staff of well trained teachers in the Bible, its general teaching, doctrines, etc.

Therefore the question as to how this need is to be met was brought before the New Brunswick S. S. Convention held at the Narrows, and after due consideration a committee was appointed to draft an outline course of normal lessons on the Bible, taking up in systematic order its general teaching, doctrines, ordinances, church government, etc. Also to prepare question sheets to be used in the examination of students who avail themselves of the course.

The lessons will be prepared in outline form by competent writers, and published in our denominational papers, giving one each, continuing for about four months. These outlines and a good teacher's Bible are all that will be absolutely needed as aids in this study.

To encourage it arrangements will be made with publishers to supply periodicals at greatly reduced rates to those who are not already subscribers. Of this further notice will be given.

It is proposed that each student will be examined, and if passed by the examination committee a certificate of graduation or badge will be given. We hope a very large number of S. S. workers will avail themselves of the benefits of this course of Bible study.

By order of committee.  
S. D. ERVINE.

### News of The Churches.

Three weeks ago we began a series of meetings with the BENTON, CARLETON Co., above named church. The Lord, as always, has been faithful to His promises. On the 20th four were baptized. On the 27th six were baptized in the presence of a large assembly. Altogether thirteen have been added to the church. The work is still going on. praise the Lord.  
C. N. BARTON, *Pastor*.

The religious interest in this MAUGERVILLE church is on the increase. The pastor, Rev. O. F. Brown, has recently baptized two converts, and previously five others; some uniting with the Maugerville church, and some with the Sheffield church. Bro. Brown says the Lord still remembers us in mercy. Bro. Brown is doing good work among the people in Sheffield, and much liked by his people.

The little church in this WHITNEYVILLE, place has for some time NORTH CO., lacked much spiritual life; but of late under the earnest labours of Pastor Baker there has been a quickening, and some have confessed their Saviour in baptism, and others are pleading for mercy, and are coming forward; and will soon be baptized.

It has been sixteen years since there has been a baptism in the village. The little interest there is being strengthened by these additions and some others uniting by letter. May the Lord prosper the good work until multitudes are brought to know and obey their Saviour.

A farewell service was held MAIN STREET, in the Main Street Church ST. JOHN. St. John, on Tuesday evening the 5th, which brought together a host of Rev. J. A. Gordon's friends both from the church and other congregations in the city. Deacon White on behalf of the church presented Bro. Gordon with a very befitting address, to which Bro. Gordon made a very tender and suitable reply, referring to the many changes that had taken place since his coming there; and thanked the church and its officers for the hearty support and co-operation they had given him in his work. There was good music and singing; and speeches by Revs. Gates, Steel, Long,

Appell, Smith, and Dykeman, expressing kindly feelings to Bro. Gordon, and regrets at his leaving the city, and prayers that God might abundantly bless his labours in his new field of service. Brother Gordon leaves this province with the best wishes of all his brethren.

### The Building of Character

To the geologist the east coast of Florida is one of the most interesting portions of the earth's surface. In the eyes of science it was yesterday when the surf beat on what is now the western shore of St. Johns River. To the eastward of this line the corals built a long bar; gradually this caught the earth washed from the shore, and on this plants grew and then trees. This made of the St. Johns a long salt-water lagoon. As the coast widened, and the coral worked, the lagoon filled in and drainage from both sides made it fresh. So character is built up. For good or ill, our thoughts and meditations are constantly leaving their sediment in our hearts, and as we meditate and muse in certain lines, a reef is thrown out that catches the wash of our thinking and doing, until after awhile it becomes the bed-rock principle on which we think and act. To make sure of a good character one must be certain to keep guard over the thoughts.  
—DR. A. E. BANKS.

### The Secret of Gladness.

Better to hope, though the clouds hang low,  
And to keep the eyes still lifted;  
For the sweet blue sky will soon peep through.  
When the ominous clouds are rifted.  
There was never a night without a day.  
Nor an evening without a morning.  
And the darkest hour, as the proverb goes,  
Is the hour before the dawning.  
—Charles Mackay.

Gladness is God's ideal for his children. He means them to be sunny-faced and happy-hearted. He does not wish them to be heavy and sad. He has made the world full of beauty and full of music. The mission of the gospel is to start songs wherever it goes. Its keynote is joy—good tidings of great joy to all people. We are commanded to rejoice always.

This does not mean that the Christian's life is exempt from trouble, pain and sorrow. The gospel does not give us a new set of conditions with the hard things left out. The Christian's home is not sheltered from life's storms any more than is the worldly man's home. Sickness enters with its hot breath the circle where the voice of prayer is heard, as well as where no heart adores and no knee bends before God. In the holiest home sanctuary the loving group gathers about the bed of death, and there is the sorrow of bereavement.

Nor is grief less poignant in the believer's case than in that of the man who knows not Christ. Grace does not make love less tender, the pang of separation less sharp, the sense of loss less keen, or the feeling of loneliness less deep. God does not give gladness to his children by making them incapable of suffering. This would be to make them incapable also of joy. For sorrow and joy come on the same stalk. A heart may be so dulled in its feeling as to be insensible to grief, but then it is no longer capable of love. Divine grace makes the heart all the more tender, and the capacity for loving all the deeper; hence it increases rather than lessens the measure of grief when separation comes.

But the gladness of Christian faith is something which lies too deep to be disturbed by the waves and tides of earthly trouble. It has its source in the very heart of God. Sorrow is not prevented by grace, but is swallowed up in the floods of heavenly joy. That was what Jesus meant when he talked to his disciples of joy just as he was about to go out to Gethsemane. He said their sorrow should be turned into rejoicing, and that they should have a joy which the world could not take from them; that is, a joy which earth's deepest darkness could not put out. God's gladness is not the absence of sorrow, but divine comfort overcoming sorrow—sunshine striking through the black clouds, transfiguring them.—  
J. R. MILLER, D. D.

### Died.

MCNALLY—Deacon James G. McNally of Fredericton, N. B. passed peacefully to the scene of immortals on 14th of August, in the 58th year of his age. Mr. McNally was made savingly acquainted with the grace that is in Christ Jesus when young in life; and he adorned the doctrine of God his Saviour with a well ordered life. As a business-man he was honest and industrious. As a husband and father he was kind and loving, and as an officer of the church to which he belonged he was faithful and liberal, always ready to do his part to support the worship of God, and to further the interests of his denomination. A dear wife, three sons, and a daughter are left to mourn his early departure. But they sorrow not alone, for there are many others who lament his removal. But they are not without hope.

Brother thou art gone to rest.

We will not weep for thee;

For thou art now where oft on earth

Thy spirit longed to be.

MCLEAN—Lauchlan S. McLean of Cumberland Point, Queens Co., passed with hopeful trust in Jesus to the home of immortals on the 1st inst, aged 22 years. Three brothers, and one sister are left to mourn their bereavement.

WASSON—Isabel, wife of George Wasson, of Cumberland Point, Queens Co., fell sweetly asleep in Jesus, after a protracted illness, at the age of 77 years. She was a highly respected member of the community, always ready to render help and comfort to any in affliction, a peace maker in the neighbourhood, and a friend to all. She leaves an aged husband, two sons, Capt. Charles Wasson of St. John, North End, and Capt. Duncan Wasson who lived with his father on the homestead, and two daughters, Mrs. Isaac McLean, and Mrs. Alonzo F. Barton, to mourn the loss of one dear to all.

Her funeral was attended by a large concourse of people, and a very appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Rev. J. H. Hughes joining in the service.

STEEVES—Mrs. J. D. Steeves, of Elgin, Albert Co., passed on to the spirit land quite unexpectedly, August 19th, aged 51 years. She had been rather unwell for some time, but seemed as well as usual on the morning of the day of her death. A husband and two daughters are bereft of a good wife and mother.

Rev. F. D. Davidson and Mr. Johnston (Methodist) attended her funeral.

Dearest mother, thou hast left us,

Here thy loss we deeply feel;

But 'tis God that has bereft us,

He can all our sorrows heal.

BISHOP—At Bangor, Maine, August 28th, of typhoid fever, Chas. L. Bishop of Chipman, N. B. aged 26 years. The deceased was one of the many young men who had found their way to the U. S. seeking employment. While there he contracted a fatal illness. His remains were brought to Chipman for interment. Besides his parents, four brothers and four sisters are left in mourning.

PURDY—Mrs. Margaret Purdy died in the Lord at New Jerusalem, Queens Co., in the 86th year of her age. She was formerly of Kars, Kings Co., and belonged to the Baptist Church in that place. She was a happy Christian, and loved to testify to the saving grace of God. She leaves a son and four daughters; but they sorrow not as those without hope. For her to die was gain.

PURLEY—Charles A. Purley of Maugerville, passed peacefully to the celestial rest, aged 59 years. A wife, one son, and three daughters mourn his departure.

DROST—Daniel Drost of Little River, Sunbury Co., fell quietly asleep in Jesus, aged 46 years. He was a member of the Second Sheffield Baptist Church, and lived a consistent Christian life, and died believing it was the will of his Heavenly Father to take him home.

WEMORE—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wemore fell quietly asleep in Jesus, at the residence of her son-in-law, at Apohaqui, August 18th, aged 86 years.

WALKER—William Walker, of Centreville, Carleton Co., passed peacefully to the rest that remains for the people of God, on April 27th, aged 56 years, leaving a widow, and a large family, and friends to mourn his departure.

### Married.

THOMPSON-HUTCHINS—At Cumberland Bay, Queens Co., on 13th inst., by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Richard Thompson of Coal Mines to Mary E. Hutchins of Cumberland Bay.

GARDINER-SHARPE—On September 4th, at Carleton, St. John, N. B., by Pastor M. C. Higgins, Ernest Gardiner, and Annie Sharpe, both of Carleton.

MULLIN-SULLIVAN—At Newcastle, Carleton Co., in the home of the officiating minister, Rev. E. C. Baker, August 19th, Mr. Ernest Mullin to Sarah Sullivan, both of South Esk.

HILL-SPOUL—On August 30th, at Gibson, York Co., in the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. B. Champion, Henry E. Hill, and Emily J. Spoul, both of Millville, York Co.

GRANT-BISHOP—On August 28th, by Rev. J. D. Freeman, at the Baptist parsonage, Frederick S. Grant, of Canterbury and Hattie Bishop of Chipman, Queens Co.

ARBO-PETERSON—On August 17th, by Rev. M. P. King, at Upper Blenkinsville, Thomas Arbo, and Susan Peterson, all of Blenkinsville.