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—According to a Tokio journal, quoted by a correspondent of the New York Herald, the late war between China and Japan was attended with comparatively little loss of life on the part of the latter. The Japanese paper, professing to base its conclusion on carefully gathered statistics, gives the whole number of Japanese killed in battle as 590, while the total number of deaths from all causes in both army and navy was only 2,105. If Japan was humiliating her enemy at so little cost of blood and sinew on her own part, it is not to be wondered at that she was in no hurry to bring the war to an end.

—At one of the sessions of the North-east Baptist anniversary meetings recently held at Saratoga, N. Y., messengers from the Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. Dr. Tupper of Maryland, and Rev. Dr. Thomas of S. Carolina—were introduced by President Strong, who referred to the sorrow Baptists of the Northshare with their brethren of the South in the death of Dr. Broadus, and welcomed the delegates as a pledge of the unity of Baptists as a denomination north and south. Dr. Tupper replied, saying that the two branches of the denomination had come to know each other better and to love each other. Dead issues must be ignored, dead bones must be left quietly in their graves. The God of providence had great things in store for the Baptists of America and they should arise and seize the opportunities.

—ACADIA has this year maintained her wisely conservative policy in the matter of conferring honorary degrees. The college honored itself in bestowing the degree of M. A. upon Rev. W. S. McKenzie, D. D. of Boston. The same degree was fittingly conferred upon Rev. J. H. Fosdy, of Yarmouth, and Rev. F. G. Harrington, B. D. of Tokio, Japan. Prof. Silas McVane, of Harvard University, a graduate of Acadia received the degree of Ph. D. Rev. W. B. Boggs, received from his Alma Mater the degree of D. D., as a fitting tribute to his scholarship and worth. The same distinction was conferred upon Rev. Prof. Keirstead who for quite a number of years has ably filled a professor's chair at Acadia, and whose praise is in all our churches. The degree could not have been more worthily bestowed or upon a man whom the Baptist people of these provinces are more delighted to see honored.

—In presenting the diplomas on anniversary day, President Sawyer addressed the graduating class in his usual able and felicitous manner. He called their attention to the fact that things now have a look different from that which they had when the class entered college; the point of view had changed, the perspective was different. An educational writer had said that education consisted in a change of perspective, and it is largely true. The members of the class would find as they passed through life that this perspective is constantly changing, that the appearance of life and all that it means is ever varying. But while this is true they should not forget that their own identity remained unchanged and that they formed individually the stated unit. This being so it followed that if they would make the most of life they must make the most of themselves and be true to the best that is in them.

—Says the Boston Watchman: "There are certain great Christian assumptions that you do not necessarily find explicitly stated in formulas of doctrine, but which underlie the Christian system as the granite ledges underlie the New Hampshire hills. These assumptions are not so much metaphysical doctrines as convictions as to the true attitude of the soul toward God and the world and the law of duty. You are often conscious that a speaker or writer does not occupy the Christian point of view. You feel whether he is working out from the basal Christian principles, or without reference to them. One of the severest and most just of the criticisms upon much of our current fiction is that so little of it is founded upon the Christian assumptions. Its purpose is not to commend the Christian ideals, but to glorify the type of life which boasts its freedom from the Christian restraints and patronizes when it does not repudiate the distinctively Christian motives. There is a literature and type of thought found in Christendom which is more distinctively pagan than the literature of Rome. To call certain novels, which lately have been welcomed with 'huzzas of praise,' Christian is to overlook the cardinal fact that there is such a thing independently of all doctrinal tests as a Christian point of view."

—The recent earthquake in Italy was severely felt in Florence. According to Charles Dudley Warner, who at the time was living at a villa in the neighborhood of the city, the shock was the most severe that Florence has experienced in centuries. It was in the evening about 8 o'clock that it occurred. "There was a jar and a rumble and in a moment more

a violent shaking, not a wave or undulatory motion, but a shaking, as a dog might shake a rabbit in his teeth. There was a cracking and grinding of the walls . . . and it did seem as if the house would come down about our heads. It lasted five seconds and all was still." The villa was an ancient one and very strongly built. An examination revealed cracks and fallen plaster in every story and every room, some of the cracks going through the solid walls. The earthquake caused great alarm among the people of the city and adjacent villages, and a good deal of damage to buildings. Many of the people spent the night in the open air. One or two slight shocks were experienced during the night, but it was only during the first shock of five seconds duration that any damage was done.

ACADIA ANNIVERSARIES.

THE SENATE.

After the lecture by Dr. Strong, elsewhere referred to, the Senate settled down to business, and, by the time that midnight admonished the members to seek some rest against the duties of the morning, had accomplished a considerable amount of business. The regret of the body, detained at home by other engagements, but the attendance was very good and the interest general, and sustained up to the end of the sessions, reaching till close upon the small hours of the following night.

The reports of the Faculty and different visiting committees represented a year of very satisfactory and successful work. In college there had been an attendance of 122, the different classes numbering 37, 31, 32 and 22, beginning at the Freshman end. Twenty-nine students were reported for honor certificates in various subjects, and seven graduates for the M. A. degree after having completed the work in assigned post graduate courses.

In view of the increase of work for the faculty in the present M. A. system, it was deemed expedient to raise the fee for that degree to ten dollars. Much interest has been taken by graduates in the new courses of study for M. A., and quite a large number have entered upon different ones of them. The seriousness and concentration of study thus induced has been recognized by several as very valuable.

—Attorney General Langley and Rev. F. A. McKewen, B. A., reported for the committee to visit the college and Chippman Hall. The report, which was quite full, spoke in very appreciative terms of the work being done. They strongly recommended the abolition of coal stoves in both buildings, and a heating system of water. We have no doubt of the additional health and comfort which could thus be obtained. Here is a fine opportunity for some philanthropist. How better could he exercise the love he bears his race than in helping to rescue our young men and women with a generous supply of pure and evenly tempered air? Narrow means prevents the governing bodies from reaching their ideal in this, as in some other respects.

The committee's report says: "We invited the students to the fullest possible confidence on the subject of any wishes or suggestions in their part for change or modification in the course of study, or any other matter in which the students have a legitimate concern. We are happy to report that, with the fullest latitude offered, and the most earnest invitation given, no suggestion was made, and so far as your committee can learn, the students had no complaints to make, and had full confidence in the methods upon which the college work was being conducted." This confidence with the students was after ten days of their own discovery—it was already known and felt by no small number of friends of the institutions—it was money. Rev. G. O. Gates reported for the committee to visit Seminary, expressing very great and general satisfaction with spirit pervading the institution and the literary work which is being done there. It was evident by the attendance that in our constituency generally there is not due appreciation of the thoroughness of the work and the whole influence of the institution. 87 pupils have been enrolled. 40 of them boarders. The building will accommodate 90 residents, and should be filled.

Alumnae Association of Acadia Seminary.

The Alumnae of Acadia Seminary met for their annual business meeting in Alumnae Hall, June 3rd, at 2.30 p. m.; the president Mrs. J. W. Manning in the chair. Meeting opened with singing, followed by prayer by Mrs. Boggs. Early in the order of exercises came the roll-call of members. There was a fair representation of the society present, and others sent word of greeting by letter. The reports of the various committees and of the treasurer were read and adopted. It was announced that the prize of five dollars voted by the society at its meeting of last year to be offered to the student of the Seminary most proficient in physics and chemistry had been won by Miss Sarah Jones, of Charlottetown. Also a note from Miss Jackson was read thanking the association for the \$200 devoted to the purchasing of the apparatus of the laboratory. The funds accruing the coming year were voted to be appropriated towards the liquidation of the debt now resting upon the furnishing of the Seminary.

The officers of the coming year were elected by ballot and are as follows: Pres. Mrs. C. B. Whidden, Antigonish; Vice-pres. Mrs. Coulier White, Antigonish; Miss Alice Rich, Truro; Sec. Miss M. Chipman, Wolfville; Treas. Miss Sawyer, Wolfville.

Executive committee: Mrs. Redden, Mrs. Tufa, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Trotter, Mrs. Brough, Miss Jones, Miss Burnett, Entertainment committee: Misses Filch, Johnson and Clara Cohoon. The reunion took place in the evening the society assembling as before in Alumnae Hall, at nine o'clock. This was the fourth reunion and the largest history held.

The following literary and musical programme was presented: The illness of Miss O'Key, music teacher of the Seminary, necessitated the omission of the first number of the programme.

1. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 2. Chorus, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 3. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 4. Vocal Solo, "Birds of Lore," Miss Clara Jones. 5. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 6. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 7. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 8. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 9. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 10. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 11. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 12. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 13. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 14. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 15. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 16. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 17. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 18. Hymn, "God is in the Heavens" by Mrs. Farguharson. 19. 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Doings of the Governors.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors on 6th inst, Miss Adelaide F. True, a graduate of Colby University, Maine, was appointed Director of Acadia Seminary. The Board believes the appointment a good one in every respect. Miss True is highly recommended by Dr. Elder of Colby, formerly of Acadia, by President Whitman and Dr. Pepper, of Colby, and by other trustworthy persons. She has had four years experience in teaching and has travelled in Europe during the last year. Her ability, scholarship and christian character are certified to be of a high order. She is a Baptist in conviction as well as in church membership.

Miss Carrie O'Key, whose services during the past term have been most satisfactory, has been appointed Director of Acadia Seminary. Miss E. Elmer Upham, of Truro, now studying in Massachusetts, has been appointed teacher of drawing and painting. This office was well filled for many years by Miss Ella J. Harding, whose devotion to her work and to all the interests of the Seminary was such as could be rendered only by a woman of the highest christian character. Miss Harding's excellent spirit and service were for a considerable period one of the

principal forces in building up the Seminary.

It is believed the present appointment will give satisfaction. Miss Jackson and Miss Crowell will retain their positions. The Board considers that the staff of the Seminary will be a strong one. Dr. Sawyer will continue in charge of Bible study. In the Academy, Mr. E. R. Morse, whose efficient services have been valued by students and Governors, has resigned and Mr. J. Case, B. A. of St. Martins Seminary, has been secured to fill the vacancy. Mr. Case's record is a guarantee of his success in his new post. The President of the University has been appointed to Academy and Seminary. This, it is hoped, will bring the institutions more closely together and strengthen all of them. Last November it was decided to have but one treasurer for College, Academy and Seminary. The arrangements going into effect at the close of the present financial year. Rev. A. Cohoon has been appointed to this office. A resolution of the Senate asking the Board to take active steps towards placing a systematic course of Bible instruction in the College curriculum was adopted by the Governors, and a committee appointed to carry out the resolution. Prolonged attention was given to several other matters. Among the Governors present were: T. R. Black, M. P., F. B. Eaton, E. D. King, C. W. Ross, R. H. Halsey, F. H. Eaton, A. F. Shand, Rev. J. White, Rev. C. M. Saunders, D. D., Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D., Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. F. M. Young, Hon. J. W. Johnston.

The Associated Alumni.

The Associated Alumni had two meetings. F. H. Eaton, M. A., Rev. J. A. Gordon, M. A., and Rev. D. H. Simpson, M. A. were selected as nominees for appointment by convention to the office of governing the University. The officers elected for the year were: President, F. H. Eaton, M. A.; Vice-President, Rev. E. Daley, B. A.; Secretary, E. W. Sawyer, B. A.; Executive committee: J. A. White, Rev. C. M. MacFarlane, B. A., Rev. W. N. Hutchins, B. A., H. L. Beckwith, B. A., Rev. A. C. Chute, B. D., C. J. Shand, Rev. J. W. Tingley, M. A. Rev. R. M. Hunt was present and made an interesting and encouraging report of the work of the New England Alumni.

Mrs. K. F. Sturdevant, a member of the Jamaica Plains church, has given a thousand dollars to the college. The Society passed resolutions acknowledging with grateful satisfaction the energy and loyalty of the New England branch of the Alumni and expressing pleasure in coming into this branch has hopefully entered upon the work of endowing a chair in the University.

About Pastors and Churches.

DEAR EDITOR—Your editorial remarks in re "A Stable Pastorate" are worth the most careful consideration of both pastors and churches. And it is true and very true that the weaker churches are the most addicted to frequent changes of pastors, hence no doubt the cause to a great extent at least of their weakness. It is also well, as you observe, for the pastor himself to have good "staying qualities," but here a pastor is rather at a disadvantage. The church is weak, and the financial weakness of the body is very trying to any pastor, for every good man wishes to follow out the injunction and "owe no man anything," so far as money obligations are concerned. And the writer knows something of the sacrifices which have to be made in many a minister's home, because the good man wants to stay to do good. And "besides all this" these weak churches too often have very weak members, who can be easily "taken care of" in a larger body, but when present in a smaller and weaker church, become a sore menace to the peace and prosperity of all concerned. I know at this moment one of them who has already disturbed the relationship of more than one pastor in a little church, and is likely to prove more and more injurious. It would probably be a good thing if his "staying qualities" were not so pronounced. As we wish to see him himself the question "is it I" who is disturbing Israel, and if any of us finds himself or herself guilty, let us sincerely repent of the great evil we are doing. Yours, READER.

The first Baptist Missionary to Bengal.

And who was this? John Thomas, born a little more than four years before William Carey, the apostle of modern missions, and who has already been published some months ago by our worthy brother the Rev. A. C. Chute, B. D., of Halifax. I wonder how many readers of the Messenger and Visitor have read this most interesting, well printed, and well bound little book. Though conversant with Dr. Thomas's life before, I have read this work with deepest interest. It is handy to put in your pocket, if you want to read by the way; and convenient also, if you wish to send it to a friend. By its help, you get some interesting side views of early missionary effort in distant India. A few choice words of introduction by the late Dr. Gordon give additional value to the work. It supposes that Bro Macdonald of the Baptist Book Room, Halifax, would mail a copy for thirty-five cents. Get it, and you will have something good. Pastor J. Clark, Turner's Falls, Mass.

Arrow Points.

BY PASTOR J. CLARK.

Timely help is true help.
Tears may be shed too late.
Don't blame the messenger for the word he brings from the Master.
A poor suit is not so bad if it is only paid for.

There may be working without worrying, and worrying without working.
If you are the Lord's servant, don't hang around the devil's workshops, nor sit at the devil's table.
Over-zeal for the prevention of wrong may lead to the promotion of wrong.
Wishing a thing to be true may lead to believing it to be true.
Kindness to one person is no atonement for unkindness to another.

A great amount of wrong doing is the result of wrong believing.
Sometimes our friends may do us more harm than our enemies can.
A church's greatest helpers in some ways may be its greatest hinderers in other ways.
Cast foreboding fears away,
Bravely do thy part to-day;
Help will come as needs demand;
All shall be as God hath planned;
When His wisdom deems it best,
He will call thee home to rest.
Turner's Falls, Mass.

Programme for the S. Western Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 14th.
10 o'clock association opens. The morning session will be given to election of officers, filling up of committees, choosing new pastors in association and reading of letters. Adjourning at 12 o'clock.
Afternoon—2, prayer meeting; 2.30, business of association resumed; reading of letters 15 minutes; reports on obituaries, on Sunday schools, and on denominational literature.
Evening—7.30, prayer meeting; 8, mass temperance meeting; report on temperance, followed by several addresses.

SUNDAY MORNING.

6, Morning prayer meeting; 10, prayer meeting; 11, preaching by Dr. Morse; 12.15, addresses to the Sabbath school.
Afternoon—2.30, prayer meeting; 3, missionary meeting; addresses on Grand Ligne, and Northwest and W. B. M. U. work.
Evening—7.30, prayer meeting; 8, missionary meeting, report on missions, followed by addresses by Revs. J. W. Manning, A. Cohoon, and others.

MONDAY MORNING.

6, Morning prayer meeting; 9.30, prayer meeting; 10, business of association resumed, reading of circular letter, followed by associational sermon, by Rev. E. E. Locke.
Afternoon—2, prayer meeting; 2.30, business of association resumed; report on systematic beneficence, reports from chairman of county organization.
Evening—7.30, prayer meeting; 8, educational meeting, report on education, followed by addresses by several representatives of our institutions at Wolfville.
TUESDAY MORNING.
6, morning prayer meeting; 9, prayer meeting; 9.30, closing business of association; 11, association adjourned.
N. B.—Cut this out and bring it to association with you.

A. T. DYKMAN,

Chairman Com. of arrangements.

DEMINATIONAL WORK.

NEW BRUNSWICK.
From May 1st to June 1st.
Forest Glen, (via Pettitville) Ac. Ur. \$7.51, A. W. Nobles (H. M.) \$1.40, N. W. M. 60c, Grande Ligne 30c, Gussie Nobles (H. M.) 50c, N. W. M. 30c, Grande Ligne 20c, \$1; Montgerville F. M. \$3; Elgin 1st (Ac. Ur.) \$10.70, F. M. \$1, S. S. F. M. \$5.60, \$17.30; Lodge, Dufferin S. S. class, Little Wm Ross, F. M. \$1.25, John McKinnon, F. M. \$5; St. Stephen (P. S. C. E. Indian work) N. W. M. \$10.50, ch. D. W. \$25.20; \$36.30; Havelock church, F. M. \$3.15, H. V. Dewar, F. M. \$5; M. M. The Lodge F. M. \$1; Gernain street (S. S. H. M.) \$10, F. M. \$20, church D. W. \$21, F. M. \$15, \$66; Leinster street (D. W. \$13, F. M. \$1.86) \$14.86. Total \$163.67. Before reported \$2390.28. Total to June 1st \$2553.95.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Alexandria church, H. M. \$1; Belfast church, H. M. \$12.62; Cavendish church, H. M. \$6.46; East Point church (D. W. \$6, James Bruce D. W. \$1, Mr and Mrs John E. Robertson H. M. F. M. \$10) \$17; Uigg (Grand View Sect. F. M. \$2.70, church F. M. \$5) \$7.70; Bedouque, B. Y. P. U. D. W. \$6; Clyde River church, D. W. \$21.05; Montague Bridge church (D. W. \$10, F. M. \$3.70) \$13.70. Total \$85.53. Before reported \$1566.25. Total to June 1st \$3321.71. Total N. B. & P. E. I. to June 1st \$3321.71.

J. W. MANNING,

Treas. N. B. and P. E. I.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen, of Carleton, who are deeply afflicted in the loss of their little son, a bright intelligent child of four or five years. The little fellow crossed from Carleton to the East side of the ferry, went to Indiantown and got on the steamer Clifton running to Hampton. Several persons talked with him on the boat but did not know he was alone. Near Clifton he is believed to have fallen overboard. His body was found Friday on the banks of Long Island in the Kennebec. The bereavement of the afflicted parents seems all the more sad and severe because a short time before they had lost a younger child under equally distressing circumstances.

W. B. M. U.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR.

"Be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded."

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John West, N. B.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JUNE.

For Miss Clark that she may quickly acquire the language and realize in her new work the abiding presence of our Lord.
For our Association meetings, that every session may be for the glory of Christ and the advancement of His kingdom.

The Willing Workers of the German street Baptist church, St. John, meet every Monday afternoon from 4 to 5.30 o'clock.

After disbanding for the summer we reopened about the first of October last. The Treasurer reported \$109.42 on hand at that time. Of this we voted fifty dollars to Grand Ligne, twenty-five to the Northwest and twenty-five to India. The weekly dues of two cents a week further increased our funds and we had a wardrobe built to hold the baptismal gowns at a cost of ten dollars. Before Christmas we occupied our time in studying the History of Baptist Missions in India. These lessons were rendered doubly interesting by blackboard sketches and brief outlines prepared by the committee. Since Christmas we have been busily working for a sale, which we intend holding in June. Our pastor has given us a half hour reading each week on the "History of Missions." On May 8th, we held a reception and feast of Lanterns, at which we realized some what over fifty dollars. This has not yet been brought in.

We have a membership of 84, with an average attendance of about 20. Death has entered our ranks during the last month and taken from us one whom we loved much. She was indeed a willing worker here and we rejoice to know that in the home above she still works for the Master. It is hard to do without her sweet Christian life here, but we realize that He knoweth best and so we trust where we cannot trace.

QUEEN'S ESTABLISHMENT, Socy.

County Convention of W. B. M. U. S.

The first convention of the Women's Mission Aid Societies of the Baptist churches of Queens Co. was held in the Baptist church, Liverpool, on Tuesday, May 7th inst. Delegates were present from Brookfield, Mill Village, Port Medway, Greenfield, Milton and Liverpool. The afternoon session, led by Mrs. Burnaby, after devotional services, was given to reports from the various societies, a general discussion of the work, several readings, and an interesting paper on missions by Mrs. Bowly, of Port Medway.

In the evening an enthusiastic platform meeting was held in the audience rooms of the church. Rev. Z. L. Fash presided, and the lady speakers were with him on the platform.

Mrs. Fash gave a cordial address of welcome, and Mrs. Freeman, Port Medway, touchingly responded.

Miss Steadman, of Mill Village, well known as a public speaker, gave an address on "The First Thing." It was helpful.

The Rev. C. E. Baker, of Brookfield, stood before a Liverpool audience for the first time.

The young women of the audience received many useful suggestions from the practical papers by Mrs. Horton, of Brookfield, on "How Girls may become Missionaries."

The importance of two little words in the christian life, "Come" and "Go," was clearly shown by the Rev. C. E. Freeman.

"Women's work and Ministry for Christ" was beautifully set forth by Mrs. Freeman, of Port Medway.

The Rev. H. S. Baker spoke his approval of Women's Work in Missions.

The last paper of the evening was by Mrs. Burnaby, of Milton. She discussed in a pleasing way, "How can the co-operation of all the sisters in the church be secured for Missions?" Collections \$4.50.

A new society was formed at Pleasant River a few days after the convention. The women of Queens Co. showed themselves capable of managing a successful convention. The work has received a new impulse.

ALICE FASH.

Notice.

The Women's Missionary meeting in connection with the Western Association, will be held in Baptist Hall, Digby, on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Let there be a large number present. Come prepared to do the Lord's business, as He will show.

AMY E. JOHNSON, Prov. Sec. N. S. Dartmouth, June 5, 95.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. E. Blakey, one of our brethren who has labored long and faithfully in the Ministry, has recently removed from Kempt, Queens Co. N. S., to New Ross, Lunenburg Co., and desires correspondents to note the change in his address.

We had a pleasant call last week from the veteran evangelist, Rev. Jas. Wallace. His many friends will be glad to know that he is in excellent health. It is quite remarkable that after a vigorous and prolonged campaign during the past winter in Kings, Albert and Charlotte counties, all but the vigor of youth is still with him. He is now ministering to the churches of Jemseg and Cambridge by way of a vacation for a few weeks.

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