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"DER ABEND IST DER BESTE."
BY SUSAN COOLIDGE.

The morning hours are joyful fair,
With call of bird and scent of dew;
And blent with shining gold and blue
And glad the summer noontides are;
The slow sun lingering seeks the west
As loth to leave and grieve so soon
The long and fragrant afternoon;
But still the evening is the best.

Day may be full as day may be,
Her hands all heaped with gifts; her eyes
A light with joyful prophecies;
But still we turn where, wistfully,
The veiled evening, dimly tall,
Stands in the shadow without speech
And holds her one gift out to each—
Her gift of rest, the gift of all.

Ah! sweetly falls the sunset glow
On silver hairs, all peaceful bent
To catch the last rays, and content
To watch the twilight softly grow;
Content to face the night and keep
The peaceful vigil of the eve,
And like a little child to breathe
A "Now I lay me down to sleep."

Ah! close of life! Ah! close of day!
Which thinks of morn without regret;
Which thinks of busy noon, and yet
Grieves not to put its toils away;
Which, calmed with thoughts of coming
rest,
Watches the sweet, till evening fade,
Counting its hours all unafraid—
Surely, the evening is the best.

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CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was held in the Congregational Church, Noel, N. S., on July 8th to the 11th, 1881.

After the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, the Secretary read a letter from the Rev. A. Hannay, Secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, relative to the appointment of a delegate from this Union to the jubilee meeting to be held in Manchester in October next.

Rev. A. McGregor was appointed.

At the afternoon session Rev. S. Sykes gave an address on "The Deacon's Office—what should be expected of it." An interesting discussion followed.

The special committee appointed last year on the case of Rev. C. L. Ross as an applicant for membership in the Union reported, unanimously recommending that he be received. At a subsequent meeting he was unanimously received.

At the evening the Rev. J. W. Cox, B.A., gave an address as retiring chairman. The subject of the address was, "Ourselves." He treated the subject under four heads, viz., "Our principles," "Our Mission," "Our Needs," and "Our Outlook." The Rev. A. McGregor, of Yarmouth, was then elected chairman. On taking the chair Mr. McGregor addressed the Union in a few well chosen remarks. The Rev. S. Sykes then spoke on the subject of "Foreign Missions." He was followed by Rev. J. Shipperly on "Christian Beneficence."

On Saturday morning the retiring chairman's address was discussed, and a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Cox for his services as chairman, and for his able address. At the p.m. session the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

Resolved,—That this Union hereby express its sense of loss in the de-

cease of Capt. A. K. Clements, of Yarmouth, N. S., who has been so long identified with the working of our Body in these Provinces, and whose advice as well as means have been enjoyed to so large an extent by the Union almost from its organization. At the same time we would recognize the fact that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we need not mourn for him as those that have no hope, but joyfully trust that he is now at rest with the Master for whom he toiled so faithfully during life. We also hereby express our Christian sympathy with his sorely-trying partner and family in their bereavement, and prayerfully commend to them the abundant consolations of Divine grace."

The Committee on Education reported, submitting the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:—

"Whereas, the question of 'Higher Education,' so-called, is one of the issues of the day in these Provinces, and whereas the Congregational Body in the United States and Great Britain has been, and is, in the fore-front of educational movements of a broad and comprehensive nature, it is therefore

Resolved—"That the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick do not suffer itself from considerations of comparative numerical weakness to be kept from hereby giving expression to its cherished conviction that the granting of State aid for denominational purposes is as unjust in its relative bearing as it is unsound in principle; and that it likewise records its satisfaction with the Legislature which, at Halifax, so recently frustrated the attempt to perpetuate denominational grants; and furthermore, whilst making every allowance for attachment to denominational collegiate institutions, the Union cannot but welcome, and pledge itself to co-operate with every legitimate attempt in the direction of University consolidation."

At three o'clock the annual missionary meeting was held; addresses were delivered by Rev. A. McGregor, Missionary Secretary, Rev. Mr. Ross, and others.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. Blanchard, of St. John's, from Luke v. 1-2. After the sermon the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was dispensed; the Pastor of the church presiding, assisted by Rev. S. Sikes and Rev. A. McGregor. The Rev. A. McGregor preached in the evening. The church in Lower Selmah, and the Presbyterian churches of Noel and Maitland, as well as also the Methodist church of Selmah were supplied with preaching by members of the Union. The day was all that could be desired, and the congregations large and attentive.

On Monday morning, after devotional exercises of an hour, the business of the Union was resumed. Rev. A. Blanchard applied for, and was received into membership of the Union.

Mr. Blanchard read a paper on "Christian worship, how best promoted;" several valuable hints were given, an interesting discussion of the paper took place at the afternoon session. The following brethren were appointed to prepare papers for the next annual meeting:—Rev. J. W. Cox, B. A., "The claims of Foreign Missions on our Churches;" Mr. Freeman Dennis, "The Model Pastor;" Mr. C. H. Whitman, "Sabbath-

schools and training of the young." Rev. W. Peacock, "The difficulties of Home Mission work;" Rev. C. L. Ross, "How can we best sustain Missionary labour in our weak churches."

The business committee submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, this Union, in common with the intelligence of Christendom, was shocked with the recent dastardly attempt on the life of the esteemed Chief Magistrate of the United States.

"Resolved, that 'the Union,' composed as it is in part of the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers, hereby extend to the Republic its profound sympathy in the sorrow and anxiety the rash act has brought upon the Commonwealth, and at the same time expresses the devout wish that God, to whom belong the issues of life, may speedily restore the President to health, and vouchsafe him a long and useful career."

The Union rose at 11:30, to give place to the annual meeting of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society.

In the afternoon, the committee on Temperance reported, submitting the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"That this Union hereby recommend an increased rather than a diminished attention to the Temperance question on the part of our ministers and churches, by seeking to exert all the influence they can, through the pulpit and otherwise, for the suppression of intemperance and the promotion of total abstinence, and that they encourage every well-directed effort toward the improvement of the so-called 'Scott Act' in the direction of more complete prohibition, than this act at present contemplates, while strenuously opposing all attempts to amend it in the contrary direction." After the appointment of a committee to prepare a form of church trust deeds, to be submitted at next annual meeting, a vote of thanks was given to the friends in Noel and vicinity for their generous hospitality to ministers and delegates attending the Union, also a vote of thanks to Railway, Steamboat and Coach lines for reduction of fares. The business of the Union then closed, and the Union adjourned to meet at Sheffield, N. B., on the first Saturday after the first Sunday in July, 1881. A public farewell meeting was held in the evening, when earnest, practical addresses were delivered by a number of brethren. The meeting closed by singing the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Ross.

News of the Churches.

WINNIPEG. — (Extracts from private letter.)—The Lord hath done great things for us. Cash and subscriptions for new church, \$7,575. Contract let for about \$16,000. Average Sunday collections for last quarter, \$33.86. Eighty attend Sunday-school. Rev. Mr. Reed, from Manchester, Eng., preached Sunday evening, July 3rd, and Rev. A. J. Bray, of Montreal, in the morning. Hall crowded to the doors. Additions to membership have been few as yet, but we expect more so soon as we enter our new church.

ATHOL. — The Sunday-school recently took up its annual collection for Foreign

Missions, amounting to \$16.32, which with some additions is now \$20. This sum goes to the A. B. C. F. M., for the support of Rev. Mr. Brooks, of Constantinople. The congregation here, at the suggestion of one of the deacons, has taken a step, which it is hoped will promote the temperance cause. It was agreed to form a society in the congregation of all who would take the total abstinence pledge—and after notice given, the pastor preached a sermon on the subject, and then an opportunity was given to all who would enroll themselves as members, including the young. The result was that most of the congregation took the pledge. The matter is to be kept before the hearers steadily. The new church building is progressing favourably—it is now being plastered. It is now decided that the Atlantic and Ottawa Railroad will pass near the site, and a village will no doubt spring up. It will thus be found to have been properly located.

TORONTO.—The pic-nic season is upon us in full force. On Friday, 15th, three of the city Sunday-schools had their holiday, Zion choosing High Park, the Northern, Victoria Park, and the Western, Victoria Park. The day was very delightful, fine and bright, yet with a beautiful cool breeze. The same report came from each of the schools, "Had a capital time, enjoyed ourselves very much, everything went off first-rate." Each of the schools got back in good time, an important consideration where so many little folks are taken miles from home, and we have not heard that a single mishap occurred to mar the enjoyment of the day. On the following Friday the Don-Mount Mission had its outing, choosing Victoria Park, about 250 scholars and friends were present. The day was all that could be desired, and the picnic a complete success.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Midsummer number of *Scribner* is a superb issue; the publishers never rest with what they have reached, but are always trying for something better. Some of the woodcuts in this number are very fine, and the literary matter is first-class. Those who are going for an idle holiday will do well to take this number for a companion. No less than six articles are specially adapted for the season, not, however, that there is lack of more solid and thoughtful reading. We have been much interested in going through it.

St. Nicholas for August is profusely illustrated from beginning to end; the departments are full of life and variety. We have poems—two by the editor, seven short stories, instructions for Flat-boating, and a whole page is devoted to the members of the new and vigorous Agassiz Association. *St. Nicholas* is, par excellence, the magazine for the young.

We have been shown the proof sheets of a work soon to be published on Baptism, its mode and object, by Dr. Hamilton of this city, a retired Presbyterian minister. The typography promises to be as correct as printing can very well be. The treatment of the subjects discussed is thorough, and puts an English reader in possession of the means of judging for himself how far the Baptist views are tenable. We are old-fashioned enough to believe that the subject has not lost interest, and we shall greet with some degree of pleasure another full statement of the arguments of our Pædo-Baptist Churches. When published, we shall note the work again.]