

ian living is wrong and ruinous. We are to "adorn the teaching of God our Saviour in all things." Paul says that slaves can do that, and surely the best of us can do no more. No merely outward imitation can reach such sublimity and efficiency as that.

Notes.

The Watchman, of Boston, in a recent issue gives an account of a council called to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. York A. King, formerly of Pettaquamscutt, N. B. The council was held at Crompton, R. I., and unanimously decided to ordain. We extend our congratulations to Bro. King, and trust that his ministry will be abundantly owned and blessed of God.

A correspondent in the *Chicago Standard* writing from Nova Scotia expresses the opinion that at the coming Maritime Convention at Fredericton a strong deliverance is likely to be given on the result of the recent plebiscite and the failure of the government to carry out prohibitory legislation. It is just possible that in pushing this kind of action too far Baptists may be approaching ground hitherto held by Roman Catholics alone, namely, that the church has a right of control over matters pertaining to the state. Let us by all means give expression to our temperance sentiments, but let us also remember that as citizens of an heavenly kingdom we are not to enter aggressively into a legal and political contest with governments and powers of this world. We hope that in this, as in all other matters, our people will avoid any appearance of entanglement on the church and state question, which has more or less entrapped every other Protestant body.

Bro. Patterson, our general missionary, has been for the last few weeks holding services in Bathurst, Gloucester County. He has found several Baptists there who express a desire to have a church home of their own. It will be remembered that the late Rev. Edward Hickson had a Baptist house of worship erected here in 1863, but when about completed it was destroyed by fire. Since that time no other efforts have been made by our people to establish an interest in that county, but the prospects seem more encouraging for a more permanent mission.

Our Home Mission Work.

With the present month the New Brunswick Convention completes five years of service for the denomination in this province. That the work set before it has been fully met few will pretend to claim, but that our home fields have received enlarged support and impulse by its effort none can deny.

With the inception of the new convention into our denominational history there has also appeared a marked awakening among our churches to the greater possibilities before us as a people. Resources in our midst that had hitherto been untouched have been called into service, and a number of the churches that had long lain dormant in denominational matters, content merely to live, have at length been aroused to an active participation in our great religious enterprises, and now bid fair to compete successfully with others that had long led them in general Christian benevolence.

The very fact that these churches now feel themselves directly called upon to bear a full share in work over which they must of necessity exercise supervision and control constrains them to deepen their interest, and widen their sympathies in the more liberal support of that which is thus thrust upon them. Direct responsibility in this as well as in matters of the world is sure to bring out a more hearty and concentrated effort in the support of that for which any body or society is held responsible.

The step, also, once taken by which a given church is led into an interest in affairs even though but immediately without itself naturally becomes the first in a progressive series, and leads almost invariably to another and another on more extended ground, until the whole circle of Christian enterprise is trodden over in detail. As in the days of the apostles, who were in the beginning to be witnesses unto their Lord, first in

Jerusalem, and then through Judea and the territory adjoining, to be followed further without by Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth, so, by the same law, and in the same order, the individual church life of our people is to widen out into sympathetic interest first, to the adjoining communities of the home land, and then to the regions beyond, until the uttermost parts are reached and the grand consummation effected in the universal brotherhood of man, which was in the mind of the Master when He died for the world. By this divine plan too the most healthful activity of all our Christian life is to be displayed, and we feel safe in asserting that no other system of training is ever likely to be found to supercede that which is so clearly and tersely laid down in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

To us the application of this order becomes simple and plain. First, the power of the Holy Ghost now, as of old, quickening all the members into a genuine conversion, until the spiritual life of the church, like Jordan overflowing its banks, inundates all its immediate vicinity and spreads in its superabundance over the parched ground adjoining, causing joy and gladness in exuberant life to abound on every side; then, encouraged by achievements near at hand, our brethren begin to lift up their eyes to the great field of harvest without and are led almost imperceptibly by the inherent law of the commission to go on and on until the world itself shall have been compassed by their efforts.

In this way our Home Missions rightly prosecuted lead by easy stages to a further step into educational and other local and provincial work; this again, by natural gradation to the Grande Ligue and Northwest missions now conducted by our people; and so proceeding until, forgetting the boundaries of home and country, with rapid expansiveness the view of the great foreign fields lying in heathenism opens upon our attention, and we are led into unbounded sympathy with the needs of the perishing everywhere, thus comprehending the mission and scope of the gospel in its sufficiency to relieve all and to give hope and salvation to all who will receive it.

That our Convention and its work have tended to develop the first outward tendencies to this glorious end we are firmly convinced. With no narrow view was it launched upon the affections and sympathies of our people, and steadily has it striven to maintain its course even against great obstacles. The gifts that have come to its aid from those who had not hitherto been reached by previous organizations are but proofs to us that it has more nearly approached the natural channel of our people's benevolence, and that it is destined to become an important factor in working out the grander development of all our denominational enterprises.

When the late Capt. Bradshaw was about to make an important bequest to our work at home and abroad he sought first for a New Brunswick Board with which to lodge his gift. Finding no Home Mission Board here he gave his trust into the hands of the only denominational Board in the province; hence we find the strange anomaly of a Home Mission donation being lodged in the care of a Foreign Mission Board, yet carefully enough guarded so that in case that Board is ever removed from New Brunswick the gift is still to remain in this province. This single instance of itself is proof enough that an organization of the character we now have was much wanted, and we have no doubt that had our Board been then in existence it would have received this important benefaction directly from the hand of the giver.

The very fact also that we had no Home Mission Board operated by the Baptists of this province led many individuals and churches to lapse into indifference concerning not only Home Missions but other objects as well. A general check in our progress was felt all round. There seemed to be a missing link somewhere. That lack we believe has now been supplied, and under the blessing of God must lead to a more general activity in every extended operation of our religious life. With the regular and natural training of our people in their local church life and the important department of domestic missions we may look forward for enlarged success as each additional enterprise is taken up in turn.

By strengthening and enlarging the base of operations at home we are encouraged to go out with greater confidence to the work beyond, until,

through the wisest and best use of the resources within our reach we shall have attained an ideal development and shall manifest to the world that glory which is yet to fill the earth even as the waters cover the sea.

The Monthly Meeting of The Home Mission Board.

The monthly meeting was held in the parlors of Brussels Street Church on the 1st inst. Communications were presented from Bros. Currie, Howard, Millin, Thorne, Demmings, Smith, Hetherington, Young, and Patterson. Bro. Hughes reported for THE HOME MISSION JOURNAL that the subscription list was rapidly increasing, and that good opinions were expressed everywhere concerning it at the recent associations, and in his tours among the churches. The paper by reason of its cheapness as well as its general attractiveness was finding its way into many Baptist homes in which no other religious paper was taken.

A number of grants falling due were ordered paid. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$97.64, but much more would be required to close the year without debt. Bros. Cottle, Hall, and McGinty were appointed delegates to the Maritime Convention. During the month Colporteur Branscombe had made considerable sales, chiefly in Kings and Queens Counties. He had also conducted religious services in Chipman and other districts visited with good results.

Bro. Patterson, general missionary, in compliance with a request from Albert County was asked to visit some of the churches there during the present month. We hope the churches will not forget our work. The accounts of the treasurer close August 31st, and we are anxious to end our year with all bills paid.

W. E. MCINTYRE, Sec'y.

Notice.

The New Brunswick Baptist Convention will meet with the Baptist Church at Cambridge, Queens County, N. B., on the 8th of September next, at 10 a. m. The two Cambridge churches unite in entertaining the delegates.

Married.

LONDON-KIMBLE—At Windsor, Carleton County, N. B., in the home of the bride, on July 16th, by Rev. E. P. Calder, J. Fraser London, of Windsor, and Nettie Kimball, of the same place.

DOUCETT-LAWSON—On July 4th, by Rev. E. P. Calder, at the home of the officiating clergyman, Windsor, Carleton County, N. B., Basil A. Doucett, of Knoxville, and Mattie Lawson, of South Knoxville.

PROSSER-PROSSER—At the home of the bride's parents, June 28th, by Rev. W. A. Allen, Solomon Prosser, and Violet Prosser, all of Prosser Brook, Albert Co., N. B.

STEEVES-STEEVES—On July 26th, at the residence of the bride's father, Beech Hill, Albert Co., by Rev. C. W. Townsend assisted by Rev. W. Camp, Ingram C. Steeves to Enz M. Steeves.

KEIRSTEAD-CRELY—At Upper Newentle, in the home of the officiating clergymen, Rev. N. P. Gross, on July 27th, Mr. D. M. Keirstead, of Studholm, Kings Co., N. B., and Martha M. Corey, of New Zion, Northfield, Queens Co.

Died.

PHINNEY—Mrs. Eva Phinney, beloved wife of Mrs. Frank Phinney of Sackville, died at her home, in the 34th year of her age, mourned for and lamented by an affectionate husband, two little children and a large circle of friends. Sister Phinney confessed Christ a few years before she was taken ill; and He proved to be a dear Saviour during her tedious sickness which terminated in death on July 3rd. Faith, hope and love sustained her to the last.

STEEVES—At Meadow, Albert Co., on Sunday, June 23th, Bro. William Steeves, after six months of suffering and pain passed away in the 74th year of his age. Bro. Steeves for some years was Deacon of Hillsboro Baptist Church, and while his death was no surprise to us, yet many dear ones are left to mourn their loss. For them our prayers ascend to God, the healer of all such wounds. His funeral took place on Tuesday, June 27th, at 10.30 a. m., and was very largely attended.

BLEAKNEY—On Saturday, July 8th, at Meadow, Albert Co., Bro. Herbert Bleakney passed away in the 70th year of his age. Bro. Bleakney's sickness was only for a few hours, but his end was peace. He was buried at Hillside Burying Ground on the 10th inst., at 3 p. m., in the presence of a large congregation. He leaves a father, mother, brother and four sisters to mourn their loss.