

ger and Visitor writes: "The prospect for a general revival of religion throughout these Provinces grows bright with promise. I want to keep in touch with the work of your church along this line. Every note of victory that is sounded will swell the song and help to inspire the toilers all over the field with new courage and zeal. May God help us to exercise the faith that cries victory before the blow is struck! And may the triumph which crowned Jehoshaphat's faith be yours and ours!"

—There have been some warm days in this latitude during the past week, and in some parts of the country people have complained of the heat. But the summer climate of these Provinces by the sea at its hottest is comfortable as compared with that of many parts of the Eastern and Middle States. The people of some of the United States cities suffered greatly from the heat during the early part of last week. The highest temperatures were reported on Tuesday. On that day in New York the official thermometers registered 96 degrees, in Baltimore 97.3 and in Philadelphia 98.3. In Pittsburgh there were 18 prostrations, in Philadelphia 50 and in New York 187 prostrations and 23 deaths. The following day the thermometer readings were a little lower, but there were a larger number of deaths reported from the heat. In New York the deaths numbered 75, in Philadelphia 10, in Pittsburgh 5 and in Baltimore 4. Such excessive heat continuing from day to day with a high degree of humidity creates conditions which are terribly trying even to the strong est.

—"I read one of the great New York dailies," says Dr. Charles S. Wilder in the Chicago "Interior," "but I depend upon the compendium of news in my religious newspapers for that which is worth remembering of the great movements, social, political, military, literary, as well as religious, in the world. Beyond this ground, common to both secular and religious journalism, I am absolutely dependent on the religious paper for accurate knowledge of religious movements. Only in a meagre and distorted form do any of our secular papers tell us anything of Christ's kingdom in the world. The field here is left to the religious newspapers, and never before has this field been so well occupied as today. The world which is being subdued for Christ, the workmen and the work they are doing, are placed before me on the pages of my religious newspaper with marvellous fulness and clearness. In no other way is my interest in the kingdom of Christ and my love for the King more certainly aroused and held at high-water mark. I read of the work being done in all lands and of results accomplished, and my faith in the ultimate triumph of Christianity is held unwavering." What Christian can afford to be without his religious newspaper and especially the paper which presents the principles, the news and the interests of his own denomination?

—A correspondent writing from Victoria, B. C., under date of July 13, says:—"Just now the Baptist Convention of B. C. is taking place in Calvary Baptist Church here, and Maritime Province people form a good proportion of the membership. The President of the Convention C. A. Stevens, mayor of Kamloops, is a Colchester County boy. Rev. J. Willard Litch, pastor of the First Church, Vancouver, is from Annapolis Co., Rev. E. LeRoy Dakin, is from Digby Co., A. J. Pineo M. A., is from Kings Co., while of the lady delegates about half at least are from the three provinces by the sea. Rev. W. H. Porter, of Toronto, who is in attendance, is also a Nova Scotian. He seems to be as vigorous in mind and body as when over a third of a century ago he was pastor of the Pine Grove Baptist Church, at Middleton, N. S. At some time or other he seems to have been the pastor of about one half at least of all the delegates present. They gather around him in swarms at the close of each session and often one can see a tear start as together they revive the memories of other days. Rev. J. Willard Litch is one of the strong men of British Columbia. At Wednesday evening's meeting he gave an address on Pastoral Evangelism which was one of the most eloquent and inspiring addresses the writer has ever heard."

### The N. B. Eastern Association.

The concomitants of the Eastern Association! Who can reckon them up in order, or even name them? The appointing of the delegates in the churches, by which the people who are disposed to go are sought out, and duly elected, the preparation for the journey—involving new clothes and new carriages, the pleasurable anticipation of the cordiality of the entertaining home, the writing of the church letters, and the perplexity of gathering the statistics called for by the letters, the preparation of the reports by the chairmen of the committees—all these and many other things are properly included in the accompanying circumstances of an Association.

The weather was all that could be desired—calling forth from our venerable Bro. Hughes at the close of the Association a vote of thanks to our Heavenly Father for the favor bestowed. In response the congregation arose and sang the doxology.

The Association was held at Petitcodiac beginning on Saturday July 15, at 10 a. m. It was preceded by a service on Friday evening July 14, at which

Rev. B. H. Thomas preached and Rev. E. B. McLatchy led an evangelistic service.

On Saturday morning the 9.40 prayer meeting was led by Rev. H. H. Saunders, and Association formally opened at 10 o'clock. In the absence of the moderator Rev. B. H. Thomas was called to the chair.

The roll of delegates was then called after which the officers were chosen as follows: Moderator, Rev. R. Barry Smith, secretary, F. W. Emmerson; assistant secretary, Rev. J. W. Brown; treasurer, Deacon D. A. Jonah. The following were invited to seats in the Association: Rev. H. H. Saunders, Rev. Dr. Rawley, pastor of Commonwealth Church, Boston; Rev. A. C. Horsman, Mrs. Cox, Prov. Secretary of W. B. M. U.; Mrs. Crandall, Supt. of Mission Band Work for the Maritime Provinces; Rev. N. D. Smith and Rev. Abram Perry.

The new pastors were welcomed as follows: Revs. Geo. Howard, Z. L. Fash, B. N. Nobles, E. A. Allaby and Bro. Puddington.

Rev. I. N. Thorne, Rev. E. B. McLatchy, also Rev. Dr. McIntyre and Rev. Dr. Manning, and Bro. J. J. Wallace were appointed to read letters.

At 11.30 the reading of letters was discontinued, and the Association listened with much pleasure to a sermon from Rev. E. L. Steeves. It was from the text in Prov. 14.34, and was a fine forceful and distinct, setting forth of the fact that Righteousness exalteth a nation. It was an eloquent plea for true Christian character, and an assurance that such character belongs to the country that gave it birth, and is immortal.

Saturday afternoon the report on Education was read by Rev. I. N. Baird. It recognized the successful year's work at Acadia, and the success that has attended the Second Forward Movement. It expressed regret at the loss which the Institutions will suffer from the removal of Rev. Dr. Kierstead.

The committee on New Churches reported advising that the Association receive the Lewisville Baptist Church into its membership. Report adopted, and the hand of fellowship was extended to Rev. I. N. Baird as one of the delegates.

The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. F. P. Dresser, and printed reports of the H. M. Board of N. B. were distributed. Both were considered together. The discussion showed that the Association took a lively interest in our H. M. fields.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. It called the attention of the F. M. Board to the need of securing for free distribution among our churches, readable and informing Missionary Literature.

At 4 o'clock Rev. Z. L. Fash preached from Matt. 8.7. The scene of Jesus healing in Capernaum was graphically set forth, and then all were led to see Jesus Christ ready to bear the infirmities of the world.

Saturday evening a platform meeting on Foreign Missions was held.

Mrs. McIntyre gave an address on the work of the W. B. M. U. It was an urgent appeal for more earnestness on the part of Christian women at home, to reach the heathen women in India.

This was followed by an address by Rev. R. E. Gullison. By hard facts and telling incidents we were enabled to see India's need, and to know that the Gospel as proclaimed by our Missionaries is reaching that need.

On Sunday an early prayer meeting was held at 7 o'clock, and another at 9.40. The Associational sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Kierstead. His text was taken from Psalm 145.4. The text was considered as a command and a prophecy. The sermon incited us to seek to know God in creation in Providence and in grace, that the gift of praise might be awakened in us. Each generation may express its praise by the institutions it leaves to battle with the evil. Praise may also be expressed by individual piety and sterling character. The sermon showed careful thought and preparation. At 2 o'clock the Sunday School lesson for the day was taught by Rev. J. W. Brown. This was followed by brief addresses on S. S. work by Rev. H. S. Erb and Rev. R. M. Bynon.

At 4 o'clock Dr. Trotter gave an address on Education. It was an inspiring and moving address, setting forth the work done at Acadia, and an encouraging allusion to the Second Forward Movement.

In the evening a platform meeting on Home Missions was held. Rev. Dr. McIntyre reviewed the work of the year and spoke optimistically of the coming union between the Baptists and Free Baptists. Rev. Geo. Howard followed with a strong and pointed address which was much enjoyed by all.

An evangelistic service of great power was then led by Rev. E. A. Allaby. It was a fitting and profitable close to the service of the day. Many expressed a desire to lead a new life, and in the after meeting some professed to have found Christ. Several of the brethren preached in the other churches in the village and some in the out stations.

On Monday morning the report on Sunday Schools was read as prepared by Bro. W. C. Newcomb. The secretary of the Historical Society called the attention of the clerks of the churches to the importance of securing and preserving the histories of their churches.

The circular was then read by Rev. E. L. Steeves. It emphasized the importance of living a consistent Christian life.

The report on Temperance was read as prepared by Rev. R. Barry Smith. It elicited an animated discussion.

Report on Obituaries briefly reviewed the life of the late Rev. J. C. Steadman and spoke fittingly of the deaths of Mrs. S. W. Kierstead, Dea. J. M. Hicks of Point Midgie, Dea. Ayer of Petitcodiac, Dea. J. W. Fullerton of Albert, Dea. Solomon Berry, of Second Coverdale, Dea. Richard Thorne and Minnie Price of Havelock.

At 11 o'clock Dr. Manning preached from Heb. 12.13. It was a forceful plea to Christians for a correct walk, that the Spirit of Jesus might be seen in Christian character.

Monday afternoon the report on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. B. H. Thomas. It heartily commended the Messenger and Visitor, and urged caution in the selection of S. S. books. Rev. J. W. Brown and Rev. B. H. Thomas supported the report in its reference to the Messenger and Visitor by vigorous addresses.

The statistical report was given by Secretary F. W. Emmerson, 241 baptisms were reported, but the churches reporting showed a decrease of 173. This decrease was due mainly to two of our larger churches revising their lists.

The churches were advised by resolution to put in a separate list, headed suspended, those members who are non-residents and whose whereabouts are unknown.

Resolved that the moderator and clerk be empowered to unite with representatives of the other Associations and of the Free Baptist Conference of this Province to take such steps as are necessary to secure the necessary legislation to enable the united Baptist Churches to hold property.

In the evening Rev. J. W. Brown preached a sermon on Temperance from Jno. 8.34.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the entertaining church.

Adjourned to meet in the city of St. John at the close of the Free Baptist Conference in October.

J. W. Brown.

Hopewell Cape, July 21.

### A Little Addition to a Report.

It has come to me that there was that wonderfully satisfying something that cannot be reported in official proceedings at the Eastern Association, in Parrsboro. After Dr. Trotter preached on Sunday evening, Bro. Selder Cummings took up the parable and pressed home the duty of immediate decision, when lo! that peculiar mark and token of Christianity was apparent. No flaming tongues but the Holy One Himself, just resting on His servants in power. They tell me that there was a self-moving that reminded people of what they had read of the work in Wales. "We had a taste of Wales," I heard one say. It seemed so easy to speak, and witness to the graciousness of the Lord, that one brother who was attempting to pray was kept on his knees for a half-hour without an opportunity to open his mouth. "Several" I don't know how many that is, who were on the other side, came over to the King's part, and it was said that they came "not only by water but by water and blood," like their blessed Lord.

I heard, too, that when the after-meeting seemed to come to a close, it went right along for some time, one hundred remaining, singing the hymns of Zion, and praying for more of God's wealth to be bestowed. This must have taken them well along to ten o'clock, and "several more decided!" How many is that altogether?

In the morning, half-past six found a congregation worshipping God, thanking Him, in notes of praise, praying Him for more, O, they wanted more of God, more of Divine enthusiasm, and more of the blessing that abides.

I was not there, but I want to point to each a joyous occasion, in my small way.

The next Sunday evening, the Bird understands was the rounding off of the business, according to the Christian type, when eight were baptized by the pastor, some as the fruits of the little Pentecost; and some who had been meditating the great step for some time.

They said that Bro. Gounay and the disciples around him were greatly encouraged. Others said that they hoped that the cloud might spread and rest upon the districts near by. I hear of a few who are pleading with the Power above that "He may descend as rain upon the mown places, as showers that water the earth."

Over all which the Bird sings as well as she can.

The Bird in the Air.

### Awheel in England.

This time there is really going to be something said about actual wheeling, or cycling, as you must say here to be understood. A wheel in England is either a bike, a cycle, or still more pretentious, a machine. But after asking one morning to have my machine brought around to the hotel door and being asked in return whether it was a cycle or a motor-car, I have generally confined myself to the more modest term of bike.

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