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A VISIT TO P. E. ISLAND.

A visit to the beautiful island appropriately called "the gem of the Gulf," falls in very agreeably at this season of the year to break the monotony of editorial life.

The weather for several weeks past had been very drougthy, and the cry of the people was for rain, rain to settle the dust and to save the crops from failure.

We were pleased to be able to make a call upon Pastor Corey, of Charlottetown, whom we were glad to find very comfortably situated and highly esteemed as preacher, pastor and citizen.

The Baptist cause is evidently making substantial progress in the province. If growth is not very rapid, it appears to be sure.

A VISIT TO NEW GLASGOW.

We had the pleasure a few days ago, in company with the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, of making a short visit to New Glasgow. So far as the editor is concerned it was a first visit, and he was more than pleased with the appearance of this thriving town, finely situated on the banks (principally the left bank) of the East river.

New Glasgow, as our readers know, is not Baptist soil, and yet the Baptist name and Baptist principles do not lack representation here. By the perseverance and faithful efforts of the late David Freeman, whose name and whose work are held by us all in reverent remembrance, a foundation for a Baptist interest was here laid, and a Baptist church was organized in 1875.

Pro reports from all parts of the province and the territories show that favorable prospects still continue. In the southern and south-western Manitoba the outlook is bright.

The P. E. Island Association.

The association convened in its 25th annual meeting with the church at Long Creek. This is one of the fine and beautiful districts of the Island, with beautiful lands, capes and fruitful farms, and having within reach a Baptist population sufficiently large to ensure a good attendance at all the sessions, and at many of the meetings overflowing congregations.

A meeting of the Associational B. Y. P. Union was held on Thursday evening, July 10th, at the residence of J. K. Ross, president, occupied the chair. The report of the year's work was read by the secretary, H. R. Jenkins. Short verbal reports were received from eleven societies, all of which were shown to be in a prosperous condition.

Addresses were delivered, by Rev. W. H. Warren on "Our Motto"; Rev. D. G. McDonald, "Our duty to the associate members"; Rev. W. J. Rutledge on "An active members' duty"; Rev. C. W. Corey, "The Sacred Literature course."

The officers of the year were elected as follows: President, J. K. Ross; Vice-president, Everett McNeill; Secretary, H. R. Jenkins; Treasurer, J. C. Clark. Managing committee, Rev. J. C. Spurr, chairman; Miss C. McEwen, Miss Beatrice Jones, E. D. Stearns, Miss Libbie Howatt.

The first meeting of the association was held on Friday July 5th, at 10 o'clock a. m., the moderator, Rev. J. C. Spurr, presiding. After some time spent in devotional exercises, the names of delegates were read by the clerk.

The report of the year were then elected. Rev. W. H. Warren was chosen as moderator, Bro. Arthur Simpson was re-elected clerk, Bro. J. K. Ross, assistant clerk, and Dea. Paul McPhee, treasurer.

In accordance with the report of the committee of arrangements the report on Denominational Literature was presented by Rev. J. W. Keirstead.

The report duly emphasized the great importance of good and wholesome literature. Ignorance is not the mother of devotion, but of superstition and crime. The great mass of the literature of the present day is fictitious, and herein lies a peril to be guarded against, for much of it is idly sensuous and emasculating. The line between good and bad literature is not that between fact and fiction, and the report commended all literature that is pure in tone, high in ideals and reverent towards truth, but strongly deprecated the circulation and reading of books not of this character.

Bro. N. J. McDonald said he thought our great need on the Island was denominational literature, the study of which would give us the dignity of the truth; it was desirable that we should have right ideas of what denominational literature is. As he regarded it, all truth is Baptist literature including the six books of Enoch. Our denominational literature is not a mere Baptist shout but the main tree of truth. If literature is of any value we must give place to it. It requires money and time and taste. We cannot fill our lives full of business and money-making and get much good out of literature.

Rev. David Price said he had been surprised of late in looking into the matter at the extent and quality of Baptist literature. He went on to speak of the literature in the Sunday school. As it is the books are mostly stories. He did not object to a good story in its place but we need other matter more solid and instructive, such as memoirs, mission histories, etc.

Rev. C. Burgess, general agent of the Baptist Book Room, being called upon, addressed the association. He commended the character of the report. It was just such a report as he would expect to hear from the P. E. Island. He was proud of the interest he represented as the general agent of the Book Room. Baptists of the three provinces should be proud of it. It was established twelve years ago. No one makes anything out of the capital invested. Any profits accruing either goes into the capital stock or is expended in colportage. Four hundred Baptist schools are now ordering their supplies through the Book Room. Baptists need to rally strongly around their Book Room and make it as strong and helpful as possible.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. A. W. Stearns, of Charlottetown. The report noted certain facts in connection with the early history of Sabbath Schools. There are now in the world 17,000,000 Sunday school scholars

with 2,000,000 teachers. Fourteen millions of these S. S. scholars are in Great Britain and North America. Conversion before the age of 20 in those who enter the church is the rule. Hence the necessity of the most devoted and earnest work in the interest of the boys and girls. Among things necessary to success in this work are a consecrated band of teachers, a teachers meeting led by one willing to give the necessary time and study to this important work, and a catechism. Emphasis was laid upon the supreme need of the Holy Spirit.

A paper was presented by Bro. Jacob Bain on Early Conversions. This was a short but very excellent paper, laying stress on the possibility and importance of conversion to God in very early life.

Bro. Hugh McLean sang a gospel song to the great delight of the association. Bro. McLean is engaged with Rev. D. G. McDonald in evangelistic work.

Rev. C. C. Burgess said that, as a whole, Baptists were probably doing as good work in Sunday schools as any people, but still there were great defects. He desired to emphasize the teachers need of reliance on the Holy Spirit. Too many teachers seem to place their dependence in lesson helps. Another defect is that the parents are not engaged in the work as they should be. A great mistake to teach a wholly inexperienced person to teach a class. The Bible should be in the hands of every scholar in Sunday school.

Dea. Wm. Scott has during the past few years had the privilege of attending Sabbath Schools of many other denominations but would prefer to be in a Baptist Sunday school in P. E. Island than in any other; and this because more place was given in the Baptist Sabbath school to the Bible. He emphasized the importance of giving place to the word of God.

Bro. E. W. Sawyer spoke of the need of making the Sunday school, the church studying the word of God, and not simply a children's school, and showed the benefits that result from bringing the older people into the school.

Rev. D. G. McDonald gave a word of caution to those who addressed Sunday schools, that they should not address them as "Dear little boys and girls" as many were in the habit of doing. Such a mode of address offended the boys and girls of a larger growth.

On motion the report was adopted. The report on Systematic Benevolence was presented by Bro. Geo. W. Warren. It emphasized Christian benevolence as a duty which Christians should practice, and ministers should endeavor to impress upon their people. As to methods, there is not so much in any particular plan as in a faithful endeavor to carry out the plan adopted. As the best and Scriptural plan for the individual in contributing to the Lord's work, the report commended the laying aside weekly a portion as the Lord hath prospered. The report expressed the conviction that a great majority of the members of the churches do not contribute to the support of denominational interests in proportion to their means, and this partly because they are not willing to make the necessary sacrifices.

Bro. John H. Robinson, of Annapolis, supported the duty of Christians to give to the Lord's work by the story of a penurious brother who would not give according to his ability, and a bear came and killed three of his sheep. Bro. Nichols moved that one of 20 delegates present to give 450 each to the Lord's work.

Rev. D. G. McDonald said he was now in the H. M. work at considerable sacrifice of salary, because he could best serve the Lord and promote the interests of His kingdom in this way. The H. M. work could not be carried on without money, and if much missionary work were to be done on the Island it was necessary that there should be on the part of the Island churches increased contributions.

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The Sunday school may be properly defined as the church with all whom she may influence spending a part of every Lord's day in the study of God's Word. The parent's duty to the Sunday school becomes the duty of the parent to his own boys and girls. Two many parents are apparently indifferent to the eternal interests of their children. Soon these children will be beyond parental influence. It is all important therefore that they be instructed in the things of salvation. The parent has also an important duty to the child and Sunday school in cultivating the taste of the child as to its reading and in determining what kind of literature shall find place in the Sunday school library.

Bro. McLean and McDonald sang, "Standing on the Promises of God."

SATURDAY MORNING. The digest of letters from the churches was presented by Rev. J. C. Spurr. Of the 25 churches in the association, letters had been received from 20. The total number of baptisms reported for the year was 114. Some of the fields have been especially blessed. The Annandale and Burgess fields reported 35 baptisms; Uigg and Alexandria 28; East Point 23. Bedeque, which has now W. H. Warren as its pastor, has renovated its house of worship during the year at considerable expense. The churches of the Island were not held for some years so well supplied with pastors as at present. The monthly conferences have been held regularly with few exceptions. These meetings have been helpful, the Divine presence has been manifested in them and the brethren have become better acquainted.

Tender and appropriate reference was made to the decease of Rev. Malcolm Ross, who, after many years of faithful service, passed away on the 10th of the Island, had passed to his eternal rest during the year. Several new pastors have come into the association who are proving to be sources of strength to the churches.

Rev. A. Cohoon spoke of the need of the continued pastorate in order to the edification of the churches. He expressed the hope that the churches on the Island would make it so pleasant for the pastors in temporal matters as to be warmly sympathized and appreciated, that they would find it easy to stay. And for the pastors, let them not get discouraged and restless because of some difficulties. Let the pastors and the people attempt still larger things and expect greater spiritual blessings.

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strongly on the importance of education in this fast living age in which the maximum of results is being sought in the minimum of time. Noting that the number of students in attendance at the Wolfville institutions from the limits of the association is small, the report recommended that steps be taken by the association to bring this matter to the attention of the churches with a view to securing a larger number of students. It was also recommended that the churches be asked to set apart a certain day for the consideration of the interests of higher education. It also commended the idea of placing the Bible in the college curriculum and expressing gratification that through their pastors the churches were being brought closely in touch with Wolfville institutions, urged that the churches should use the influence to secure an educated ministry.

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Rev. J. C. Spurr said there was no conflict in the interests of the home and foreign mission work. All these interests had their motive in the desire to save men and promote Christ's Kingdom.

We need to have this motive in greater power. Rev. D. Price spoke of the Grand Ligne work, the sacrifices which its teachers and missionaries are making, and the claims which the work has upon the Baptists of the province.

Bro. McLeod spoke of the fact that in sections of Quebec province the Roman Catholics are crowding out the Protestants. In self defence we should help on the Grande Ligne work.

Bro. A. Simpson spoke of the great interest with which he had listened Sunday afternoon to Secretary Manning on the claims of the F. M. work, but he thought it not wise to consider the relative importance of the departments of the work.

Rev. A. Coburn spoke of what might be done by pastors and other brethren in the churches looking round and seeing what desolate sections in their neighborhood might be reached and helped by them.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The following resolutions, introduced by Rev. C. W. Corey, were adopted by the association after a long session.

Resolved, 1. That it is not in sympathy with separate schools and is strongly opposed to the extension of them in Canada.

2. That definite religious instruction should be left to the church and home and in no case should public money be appropriated for education in religious formatories.

3. That Manitoba should be undisturbed in her freedom to manage her own educational matters.

4. That the association would rejoice to see these people regarding the settlement of the trouble between Manitoba and the Dominion.

The report on Temperance was presented by Bro. Arthur Simpson. It alluded to the evils of the liquor traffic and advocated as the remedy the rightly directed ballots of christian voters.

Resolved, That as delegates of the P. E. Island Baptist Association we agree to support by our influence and votes, irrespective of parties, only such men as representatives in our Legislative Halls are known to abstain themselves and who will pledge themselves to advocate the cause of prohibition.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the church at Long Creek, and other friends, for the very kindly and generous hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors during the session of the association.

The association adjourned to meet next year at such time and place as shall be announced by the committee who have that matter in charge.

The N. S. Eastern Association.

The Association was preceded by a meeting on Thursday evening of the B. Y. P. Association. This meeting was well attended. Rev. H. B. Smith, president of the Union, presided.

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Rev. F. H. Beals, who was to have given some account of the work and progress of the societies during the year, stated that owing to a misapprehension on his part as to the time when the associational year closed, he had not obtained the necessary information and was therefore not able to make any definite statement as to the work of the Union.

It was learned that about 20 societies had been organized during the year. So far as hears, 104 societies within the limits of the association had forwarded examination papers in the Sacred Literature Course and about 20 in the other Courses. Some discussion took place in reference to the best method of conducting conseration meetings and in reference to the value of the pledge, in regard to which different opinions were expressed though the prevailing one seemed to be that the pledge was a good thing.

The Eastern Association of Nova Scotia met in its forty-fourth annual session with the Prince Street church of Truro, July 12, at 2:30 p. m. The moderator, Rev. A. H. Lavery, presided. A short time was spent in devotional exercises and the association then proceeded to elect its officers for the year. The ballot for moderator resulted in the election of Rev. H. B. Smith, of Truro. The secretary was re-elected secretary. Rev. J. H. Davis was chosen assistant, and Deacon Jymman Walker, treasurer. The remainder of this session was occupied with the filling out of committees and reading of letters from churches.

The evening session was devoted to the subject of missions. An excellent report was presented by Rev. Dr. Steele, of Amherst, who prefaced by some remarks referring to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the M. A. Society which they had the day before celebrated in Amherst. The occasion had been a highly interesting one, and a contribution of \$110 to the missionary treasury had been made by the churches.

The report presented interesting statistics and facts (already recently published in substance in these columns) in connection with the various branches of our mission work, emphasizing the importance of the work and the responsibility resting upon the churches to contribute liberally to its support.

Rev. A. Coburn represented the H. M. work. He spoke of the work of missions as one, with different branches. It is the Lord's work, and it is something which in duty to our Lord we cannot neglect. Great as is the importance of the other branches of this work it is not really in their interest to neglect the home field in order to give all to those outside. Nor on the other hand, can we afford to neglect the calls that come to us from abroad until everything has been done that needs to be done at home.

The strong churches have a self-interest in sustaining the poor churches. The towns and the cities are built up by influx from the country districts and the town and city churches are built up largely by the people who come from poorer country churches. Mr. Coburn spoke of the great need of the field, and had seemed impossible to deny the appeals for help which had come from so many quarters. So the Board had incurred responsibilities and had asked the churches for a special contribution to the work. Some had responded. Others had failed to do so, and he earnestly appealed to all to aid in this work because it was the Lord's.

Secretary Manning spoke in the interests of the P. M. work, and often said, look at the work of missions from the standpoint of the heathen, do we sufficiently look at it from the point of view of God Himself. We must believe that Christ is most profoundly interested in this sinful world, and as christian people yet near their Lord, they feel moved by His Spirit in compassion for the lost and perishing. Rum and evil literature are being poured into the heathen lands. The heathen masses are being won with great rapidity. There are now 197,000,000 more heathen in the world to-day than when Carey first went to India, and these are going out into endless night at the rate of 35,000,000 a year. They know no God, no Saviour, they know not whether they live or they fear the worst. The Macedonian is calling still. There are 800,000,000 who have not yet heard the gospel of Christ, and 400,000,000 who are in this land will give them the blessings of the gospel.

The last speaker of the evening was Rev. M. P. Bowk, of Sydney, who spoke on Foreign Missions. He has learned some years ago that there were more men volunteering for mission work than there was money to send them forth. The subject of missions is great because of the motive which lies at the foundation of all true mission work, to make God known to the world. The Missionary church is one that recognizes its call from the world and its duty to the world. Every christian is called out from the world that he may be a minister of God to the world. The church in order to its continuance and growth must be a missionary church. The responsibility of christians in this matter is very great.

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1. That the young Baptist may study and learn of all truth and especially of the distinctive doctrines held by Baptists as they cannot study these in Union Societies with other denominations.

2. That they may with the power born of unity of understanding and faith more efficiently serve in the advancement of truth in the world.

The Rev. J. A. Gordon in one of his clearest and happiest moods spoke to us of "The unharmed forces of the church of God." What these forces are and how to employ them to the glory of God, were made to pass before the audience in a way that could not fail to leave their impress and awaken holy purposes.

The Rev. G. O. Gates was called upon to present and urge—what was to be a speaker a very unoriginal, and in a general way a very unpoplar theme— "The Lord is for our young people."

In the speaker's own inimitable way he made what is frequently a pet of the pessimist, and an offence of good taste, a very pleasant and suggestive theme. He did not say don't ride on a "chick" but he advised moderation. Among the many good things suggested to be done by the B. Y. people and things prohibited the speaker said "don't fail to take the Missionary and Visitor," and read to the office for our young people."

The choir rendered sweet and familiar songs in which the congregation shared heartily. This organization of our young people is destined to add much to the interest of our associations, and the trend is to harness these hitherto unused forces into the work of our annual meetings.

The first regular session of the N. B. Southern Association was opened by the moderator, Rev. J. A. Gordon, at 10 o'clock on Saturday, July 13, 1895. In the absence of both the secretary and assistant, Bro. L. F. Wallace (Lic.) was appointed secretary and Rev. E. E. Daley, assistant pro. tem. While the list of delegates was being prepared a social service of prayer and song was enjoyed. The following were appointed to office for the year: Secretary, Geo. Howard, moderator; Rev. E. E. Daley, secretary; Bro. L. F. Wallace (Lic.), assist. secretary; Bro. J. S. Tius, treasurer.

Dr. Sawyer led in prayer. A committee of arrangements and a committee of nominations were organized. Letters from the churches were read till the close of the session.

DEMINOMIAL NEWS.

ALL DENOMES (except baptists) contributed for the following: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ladies University, Ministerial Education, Ministerial Aid, Young Men's League, Northwest Mission, from the Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B., \$10.00; from the Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B., \$10.00; from the Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B., \$10.00; from the Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B., \$10.00.

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ST. MARY'S, KENT CO.—On July 7th, sisters Vincent and Samble, followed Christ in baptism. A beautiful and impressive service, was witnessed by an excellent congregation; another Normandy kindly officiating. Others will follow. R. M. BROWN.

DEBERT STATION, COL. CO.—It was our privilege to receive two into the fellowship of Debert River Church, on Sabbath, July 7, Bro. Orland Morrison by baptism, and his wife, sister Morrison, by experience. God's presence was with us. July 12. T. A. BLACKDAR.

BREWICK.—The good work still goes on here. Six were baptized last Sunday into the fellowship of this church. This makes ninety-six baptised since the beginning of the present pastorate, January last. Special services are being held at Rockland, an out-station of the church, where many are inquiring the way of life. CHURCH CLERK.

BRIDGETOWN, N. S.—The church has furnished me with an assistant Pastor, in the person of Mr. Row of Kent, who has already gained the affection and confidence of the church. I leave him in charge while I take a six weeks vacation, kindly granted me by the church. I shall spend most of the time of my vacation at St. George and Beaver Harbor. F. M. YOUNG.

AMHERST.—The new Baptist meeting house at Amherst will not be opened until September 1. This is the latest decision. It was feared that all things might not be ready, so finally it was decided to hold the services on the 9th. Nine were received into the Amherst church on 7th inst; two by baptism, and one by experience, at the Centre, and six were baptized at Salem. PASTOR.

HILL GROVE.—My labors close here on the third Sabbath in July. After that date I shall be open to a call, can supply vacant pulpits with a view to the pastorate, or hold special meetings with the blessing of Heaven, fifty-one have been baptized into the fellowship of the St. Mary's Bay church, during my stay of two years and a half, sixteen by Rev. Jas. Wallace, who was assisting us in the Spring of '91, and thirty-five by myself. Bro. Dias (Lic.) is now laboring on the St. Mary's field; the Hill Grove church being without pastoral care. May the Hill of the church guide and bless them. I wish to acknowledge a donation of \$10.58 from the South Range friends. W. McGRIGOR.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—We are sorry to have to report that at the last business meeting of the North Sydney Baptist Church, Mr. J. H. McQuarrie, tendered his resignation, to take effect the last of August. During the two years he has been with us we have undertaken and accomplished much financially, and great credit is due our pastor for his help in this part of our church work. Our meetings have been generally well sustained and often exceptionally good. Quite a number have been baptized as reported in the Messenger and Visitor, during the time, and nine have been added by baptism since our last communication, viz: Mrs. Edward Pader, Miss Annie Stubbert, Miss Rita Devos, Miss Hulda Stubbert, James J. Robins, Miss Willena Stubbert, Miss Anna Stubbert, Miss McLean and Miss Jane Allen, and one sister, Mrs. MacDonald, received on her experience. W. T. DALRY, Church Clerk.

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