BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS.

THE REGULAR SOCIETY SESSIONS YESTERDAY.

ALL ABOUT THE MISSIONARY WORK—REPORTS FOR THE PAST YEAR—ELECTION OF OFFICERS—A GOOD SHOWING BY FAITHFUL SERVANTS—ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE.

The sixtieth annual meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union, whose seat of operations is located in Boston, Mass., was held yesterday in the Calvary Baptist church, at the corner of Eighth and H streets northwest. There was a large attendance and much interest manifested in the proceedings.

Rev. Henry G. Weston, of Philadelphia, in the chair, and George W. Benson, M. D., of Mass., secretary.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Webb, of N. Y.

The president then delivered the opening address.

The following committees were then appointed: On business, Messrs. Parker, Gray, Lanner, and Patten; on enrollment, Messrs. Wilmarth, R. J. Adams, Goodno, Carman, Mixon, Vassar and Conrad.

Rev. George W. Gardner submitted his annual report of the home department, a synopsis of which shows the receipts in the *Magazine* for the year have exceeded the cost of publication by $539.70, while those of the *Macedonian* have not paid the cost by $481.25. Taking the two publications together, the receipts are $58.17 in excess of cost.

MISSIONARIES.

The following, recently appointed, have embarked for their respective fields, viz:

Rev. J. H. Arthur and wife, to Japan; Rev. F. H. Eveleth and wife, Rev. B. P. Cross and wife, to Burmah; Rev. David Downie and wife, Rev. R. H. Williams and wife, Rev. W. W. Campbell and wife, to the Telugoos; Mrs. J. J. Loughey, Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, Miss Clara L. Baldwin, Miss Helen E. Watson, to Burmah. Mrs. Loughey and Miss Lawrence are under the patronage of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, and Misses Baldwin and Watson, of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society of the West.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The year began with a balance against the treasury of $42,069.64. The appropriations of the year for current expenses reached the sum of $347,940.07, making a total to be provided for of $390,309.71. In accordance with the recommendation of the union at its last meeting a special effort was made in June last to meet the deficit by the so-called "thanks-offerings."

The receipts of the union during the year ending March 31 were as follows, viz:

From regular donations of churches and individuals, $165,313.46; from special "thanks offering," $20,243.84; from legacies, $28,784.77; from woman's societies, $33,378.27; from miscellaneous sources, $13,840.62, making a total of $261,530.96. This is an increase over the receipts of last year, or any previous year, of $45,450.21. And yet this large advance did not wholly meet the current appropriations, and the large deficit of the year remains over. The debt, however, is reduced $14,290.84, leaving a balance against the treasury of $27,778.80.

In addition to the above receipts for current expenses, the union has received during the year the following donations to be funded, or otherwise conditioned by the donors, as follows, viz:

For the Brownson Oriental school at Rangoon, cash, $3,581; endowment notes, $35,002.50; stock, $600, making a total (not including $10,000, pledged, conditionally, by Marcus Brownson,) of $39,183.50; for the Rangoon college, $2,559.82; to be funded for sundry purposes, $2,597.81; donations on which interest is to be paid temporarily, $4,650; total, $48,991.54.

To this will be seen, therefore, that the gross receipts of the year, from all sources and for all purposes, (except the publications,) amount to the sum of $311,122.45.

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS.

Meetings specially in the interest of foreign missions have been held in nearly all collection districts, and with good results. Five conventions have been held in New England, four in New York, four in Pennsylvania, four in Ohio, one in New Jersey, and a large number in the Northwestern district. These conventions have been under the general management of the several district secretaries; and the corresponding secretary for the home department has given his personal assistance so far as he was able. He has attended eleven, in five different States, viz: Maine, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

WOMAN'S WORK.

They acknowledge the efficient aid which they have received from the two Woman's Missionary Societies during the year. The relation to the Missionary Union is co-operative. Their missionaries are appointed by them, and so become theirs. By this arrangement their funds have mainly flowed through the treasury. Besides the support of the women who have been sent out by their recommendation, generous appropriations have been made by the Woman's Board at Boston for the support of schools under the care of the Union.

They recognize this woman's movement in the work of missions as one of the forces that have combined to increase the missionary spirit in churches, and the contributions to the treasury. While some of the funds which are now given to their treasury, and so reach the boards indirectly, would doubtless be given directly to them were there no Woman's Board, they feel sure that a very large part of all that is given to them is so much clear gain to the cause.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Eastern district, including the six New England States, Rev. W. S. McKenzie, secretary, Boston, Mass., Rev. W. V. Wolfe, secretary, missionary rooms, Tremont Temple, Boston, says that during the year he traveled over 11,000 miles, visited 110 churches, attended 15 associations and conventions, delivered 122 missionary sermons and addresses, written 979 letters, and sent out to pastors and churches a very large number of printed documents, presenting in various ways the work and claims of the Missionary Union. Also, held special missionary conventions in each State of his district, excepting Massachusetts.

The number of churches in the New England district, according to the latest official returns, is 910, comprising a membership of 108,776. The average for 1873-74 is about ninety-one cents per member, including as before the receipts of the Woman's Society.

The number of churches in this district contributing to the funds of the Union in 1872-73 was 225; the number in 1873-74 was 565, making a gain of 175. These figures reveal the sad fact that not a few of the Baptist churches in New England have no part in the work of sending the gospel to the perishing heathen. He does all that he can, in various ways, to enlist non-contributing churches in the support of the cause of Christ, and prays and hopes yet to see the day when every Baptist church in New England, the smallest and poorest, will contribute something towards fulfilling the great Commission.

The whole amount received from this district in the years 1873-74 is $76,981.53, against $63,569.50 in 1872-73, making a gain of $13,392.03.

Hudson River District, including Southern and Eastern New York and Eastern New Jersey, Rev. O. Dodge secretary, 677 Broadway, New York. Miles traveling during the year, 12,396; churches visited during the year, 342; associations attended during the year, 13; sermons and addresses during the year, 126; letters and circulars, about 1,000; the amount received by him and forwarded to the treasurer, $34,847.67; the whole sum raised in this district—Donations $38,287.43, legacies $7,521.22, total $45,808.65.

This is an advance upon the donations and legacies of last year of $9,895.33.

Of the 450 churches in the district, not more than 200 have contributed the past year.

St. Lawrence District, including Northern and Western New York and the British Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Rev. G. H. Brigham secretary, Rochester, N. Y.

In the prosecution of this work for seven months he traveled 5,600 miles, preached 45 sermons, gave 14 addresses, wrote 432 letters, sent out over 1,000 circulars, attended 8 associations, 2 State conventions, held 4 missionary conventions and several local conventions or concerts.

The Canadian churches having withdrawn from co-operation with the union the total amount of receipts in the district is somewhat lessened. Total of regular contributions, $9,844.97; thank-offering funds, $908.35; legacies, $1,237.50; Canadian Theological School, $649.66; total, $12,640.62. Decrease from amount in whole district of last year, $1,597.81. Increase in regular contributions in New York from last year, $2,000.

Southern district, including Western New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and the District of Columbia, Rev. J. V. Amber, secretary, 530 Arch street, Philadelphia. The churches in this district gave promise in advance in receipts fully equal to the amount deemed to be the proportion of the district of the advance required for the enlarged work of the year. But the financial stress, which would doubtless be so much felt upon the country, leaving ruin in its path, dissipated this expectation, and only the small advance of about $2,400 was realized in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. This, however, is exclusive of over $10,500 (in cash notes and pledges) for educational purposes and the woman's mission.

The receipts of the year, exclusive of over $2,000 for the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, foot to $71,712.45.

Central district, including Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky, Rev. Thomas Allen, secretary, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. N. M. Stilson, special Baptist agent for Indiana.

The contributions from this State for the Missionary Union, not including the amount raised for the Woman's Missionary Society, are $10,002.75, which is more than an advance of any previous year. If to this were added the money collected for the Woman's Missionary Society, the whole amount would not fall much, if any, short of $18,000. There are in Ohio 501 regular Baptist churches, with a membership of 42,668 persons. Of these churches, however, 100 are colored and 24 Welsh. Very few of these co-operate with us in mission work. Still there are 464 American churches. Of these only 168 have contributed to the Missionary Union the past year, leaving 299 non-contributing churches. It is worthy of note and thanksgiving that 40 more have contributed this year than last.

During the year he traveled about 14,000 miles, attended 3 State conventions, 15 district associations, held 4 missionary conventions, visited in person 82 churches and 20 Sunday-schools, and delivered 146 addresses or sermons, mostly on missions.

North-western district, including Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and all west of the Mississippi, Rev. S. M. Osgood, D. D., and Rev. C. E. Tolman, corresponding secretary, 84 Washington street, Chicago. Rev. W. C. Gunn, Ottumwa, Iowa, special agent for the States west of the Mississippi.

Public meetings attended, 57; missionary meetings held, 30; churches visited, 210; sermons and addresses delivered, 392; miles traveled, 22,000; letters written, 5,762, besides about twenty-five articles for the papers. The district has yielded $24,666.96 for the general funds of the Union, and over $25,000 in cash and notes on endowments, besides over $7,000 gleaned by the Women's Society of the West, making a total for foreign missions of over $57,000.

Mr. Freeman A. Smith, of Boston, treasurer, presented his annual report, an exhibit of which is shown in the financial statement published above.

Rev. J. N. Murdock, D. D., of Boston, secretary of the foreign department, presented a report of his field of operations for the past year. He points encouragingly to the result of the year's work. The number of additions to the Church in heathen churches exceeds that of all previous years. He gave a very elaborate and exhaustive statement of the work of the different missionaries at their respective stations, and cited excellent and plausible reasons why those ministers sent abroad should be unmarried men; that while he did not wish to deprive any man of the benefits of home and the comforts of a family, still it was an indisputable fact that missionaries going out among the heathen to dispense the light of the Gospel could perform more valuable service in the single state than if hampered with a family. In the missionary schools many women have ventured, perilling their lives and health to instruct the poor heathen into the paths of civilization. If the weaker sex can endure these hardships, men, young and single, certainly ought to be able to do so. The part of the report in regard to this matter was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Morse, Anderson, Smith, Sears and Wayland.

The president announced the following committees:

On Nominations—Messrs. Johnson, Bower, Davis, Folwell, Graves, Baldwin, Parmly, Woodbury, and Cashman, Stinson, Mahan, Gale, Mason.

On Place of Next Session—Messrs. Eaton, Howard, Gallatley, Weckoff, Colegate, Callahan and White.

On Next Session—Messrs. Smith, Haydon, Lisk, Babcock and Keyser.

Asiatic Mission—Messrs. Hague, Caswell, Folsombe, Pendleton and Frost.

On European Missions—Messrs. Behrens, Anderson, Gubelmans, Lathrop and Bowlingham.

Rev. R. H. Bixby, formerly of Burmah, was introduced, and gave a statement of the work performed in that country. He was followed by Rev. Horace Jenkins, of China, with a report from there.

Dr. Edward Young, of this city, read a correspondence with parties in Russia regarding the release of nineteen Baptist converts, and through the influence of Baron de Rosen and others, the liberty of twelve of these was secured.

Rev. Dr. Sampson offered the following; which was adopted:

Whereas letters have been received and presented to the body by Dr. Edward Young, stating that twelve of the nineteen Baptist converts imprisoned at the city of Kico, Russia, have been set at liberty: therefore,

Resolved, That while recognizing the promptings of the divine spirit, who moves all hearts, we, the members of the American Baptist Missionary Union, hereby express our warmest thanks to all those who have aided in securing this gratifying result, and especially to the Baron de Kesen, of St. Petersburg, who has so earnestly, disinterestedly and successfully exerted himself to attain this noble end.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution, engrossed and signed by the president and secretary of this body, be transmitted to the Baron de Rosen, and our brother, Dr. Edward Young, and that he be requested also to convey to others who rendered aid this expression of our grateful sentiments.

The meeting then adjourned to 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The society met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williams, of Rhode Island.

Dr. Morse, from the special committee to consider that portion of the executive board's report on the subject of employing unmarried missionaries, reported, recommending the employment of either married or single missionaries as will best meet the exigencies of the case and warrant the spreading of God's word. The report was adopted.

Dr. Keyser, from the committee on next place of meeting, reported, recommending Philadelphia as the place, and Rev. G. W. Northup, of Chicago, to preach the annual sermon, with Rev. Wayland Hoyt as alternate. Adopted.

Mr. Eaton, from the committee on finance, submitted a report that was agreed to.

Rev. Mr. Murdock introduced Rev. D. H. Drake and Messrs. W. Hale, E. G. Phillips, M. C. Mason, Daniel Shepardson, L. J. Dean, J. R. Stubbert, M. A. Churchill, and A. R. Gveney, who start in a few weeks to take charge of missions in the Asiatic field. Mr. Dean, with much feeling, made a few parting remarks to the members of the Union, stating that while many beloved ones were left at home, still he believed it was his duty to go where God seemed to direct, and God desired him and carry out his wishes. The cause in which he was about engaging was the cause of all.

Mr. Abbott presented a series of resolutions, which were adopted. They set forth as North and South in 1823 were hand to hand in the missionary work, it will be hailed with gladness of a return of oneness in that work. Also, thanking the ladies of the church and others for their many kindnesses and hospitable treatment.

Mr. Wilmorth, from the committee on enrollment, reported 284 present—164 life members, 12 annual members, 67 delegates, 31 visitors.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on nominations, reported the following for officers for the ensuing year, and they were elected: President, Rev. Barnas Sears, D. D., Va.; vice presidents, Rev. E. G. Robinson, D. D., R. I.; Hon. J. R. Doolittle, Ill.; recording secretary, Rev. G. W. Benson, D. D., Mass.; board manager, (class 3,) ministers, S. L. B. Chase, Rockland, Me.; W. H. Eaton, D. D., Keene, N. H.; D. R. Cheney, D. D., Chicago, Ill.; H. C. Fish, D. D., Newark, N. J.; Gen. Jas. Nortwin, Pa.; S. W. Duncan, Cleveland, Ohio; Geo. C. Baldwin, D. D., Troy, N. Y.; L. J. Matteson, Brattleboro', Vt.; Amory Gale, Minneapolis, Minn.; M. G. Hodge, D. D., Kalamazoo, Mich.; H. J. Adams, Holyoke, Mass.; J. S. Gubelmann, Philadelphia, Pa.; Winfield Scott, Denver, Col.; Henry G. Weston, D. D., Chester, Pa.; laymen, J. L. Lincoln, LL. D., Providence, R. I.; Wm. A. Bowditch, Boston, Mass.; Jas. L. Howard, Hartford, Conn.; S. A. Crozer, Upland, Pa.; Edwin O. Sage, Rochester, N. Y.; E. G. Miner, Winchester, Ill.; J. H. Burr, Gloversville, N. Y.; H. Fletcher, Springfield, Mo.; A. J. Prescott, Concord, N. H.; W. Stickney, Washington, D. C.; Edward Goodman, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. Mr. Behrens, from the committee on European missions, submitted a report which was referred to the executive committee with power to publish.

Dr. Sears, the newly chosen president, was installed, and made a brief speech returning his thanks for the power conferred. The society then adjourned *sine die*.

CLOSING SERVICES.

Last night the auditorium of the Calvary Baptist church was overcrowded by interested auditors to attend the closing sessions of the Baptist Missionary Union. Many were unable to obtain an entrance, and a second audience was formed which occupied the spacious lecture-room.

After the opening exercises were concluded Rev. G. W. Anderson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was introduced, and spoke of the great demand for sympathy in the prosecution of the work of foreign missions. The co-operation of women as missionaries was the great demand of the present day. The agency of women was introduced by the Apostle Paul in his Christian labors. His first convert in Europe was a woman, (Lydia,) near Philipi. The Church at this spot was a subject of special memory with him in after years, because the women of that church always remembered him. The women here assisted Paul in preaching the Gospel by labors among secluded families. There was no distinction in the Apostle's day between private household preaching and public preaching.

The apostolic spirit is in the woman's movement of this modern day. These women have discerned the state of affairs and hunted out secluded families. And the women are going, and shall go, as missionaries to bear the Gospel to the neglected.

The missionaries in the Apostolic Church always seized upon the large cities as centres of influence, because they knew Christianity would spread more largely there. This was Paul's rule of action: he always preached in the great commercial centres; thus at Philipi and Thessalonica, Athens and Corinth, he tarried longest at and returned most frequently to Corinth, because it was commercially the eye of all Greece. Then at Rome, the capital of the nation, from which all parts of the nation were most influenced, he remained most protracted service.

Modern missionaries should be sent to centres of influence, to those cities most largely populated and having the greatest commercial importance. Thus only can we reach the great spirit of Christ be exercised, for He sought to take the world by drawing all nations unto him.

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It pays also in power, and this is the cry as it is the great need of humanity. Power to rise and demand life from the skies. His Word is borne upon every breeze, and this power is found alone in the Word of God. What are the prospects for the salvation of the race? Judson, the great missionary, said they are "bright as the promises of God." Oh yes, it pays! Light is falling on Polynesia and Africa to-night, and the morning light is breaking while the green banner of the false prophet begins to wane. The years will show that it pays in its reflex influence on the Church at home. Growth and expansion are what the Church wants. It is a mockery to witness the contracted charity now dominant, but when the missionary cause becomes predominant our hearstrings will be loosened, and we will give as we should. There is no growth or expansion without activity. The Church is the gainer by giving to support missionaries; it makes men personally more divine.

There is a higher, nobler inspiration in this work than money—the spread of Christianity and our biblical faith is the great object. If this denomination will but stir up the gifts that are within it the hard hand and discriminating judgment will do the work. Bring forth the heat and warmth of benevolence, and when the centenary of this society shall arrive it will be an axiom, a truism, that "missionary efforts pay best." How much, then, will you invest for eternity? The object is to direct your charity into proper channels. There is plenty of money, but the purpose is to direct it to this grand missionary work. Anniversary zeal will not do. You must keep up your work steadily, simply and seasonably. The organization is perfect and beautiful, but it needs the breathing of God upon it to give it fire from Heaven. Fervor, zeal and simplicity in preaching are much wanted, but the spirit of Christ is wanted primarily and most plenteously; and this spirit will assure victory in foreign lands.

THE FAREWELL SPOKEN.

Dr. Parker, the pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in this city, stated that the invitation had been extended to the society to meet in Washington most cordially, and all that has been done for the comfort of the delegates has come from the heart. He offered for the Baptists of Washington a fond farewell. You have heard of us at your home. Many investigations have been made here and much of utter falsehood has been sent to you of things that never occurred. There is no more quiet, peace-loving, church-going people in the land than those of Washington. Pray for us when you reach your homes, and may God's blessing attend each of you as you leave us.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Women's Baptist Missionary Society held a meeting on last Monday afternoon, in the E-street Baptist church. Mrs. Prof. Alvah Hovey, of Newton, was chosen president, and Mrs. William C. Childs, of Boston, secretary. Mrs. Hovey, in her address, spoke of the formation of the society three years ago and the work it hoped to accomplish. One of its chief objects being to interest Christian women of this country in the heathen women of other lands. She spoke with great earnestness of the needs of missionary labor and of funds necessary for accomplishing the work.

Mrs. Thomas, widow of Rev. Mr. Thomas, who is hoping to return in the autumn to her field of labor in Burmah, was introduced, and spoke with much feeling of the wants of heathen women.

She was followed by Mrs. Jenkins, of China, who said assistance was also needed there, that the cost of educating a girl in China was $40 per year, and there is great need of female teachers. One boarding-school has already been established at Ningpo.

The young ladies, Misses Hale and Raulette, who expect to sail for missionary fields in the coming fall, were introduced by Mrs. Hovey, and excited much interest by the fervent manner in which they spoke of their anticipated work, and their willingness to leave all in obedience to Christ's commands.

Mrs. Cushing, recently from the work in Texas, urged young women to give themselves to the mission cause. She brought to this country two Chinese children to be educated. They are at present in the Home for Little Wanderers, Boston.

Mrs. Jewett spoke of the needs of the Telegor's. She had labored for them for twenty years.

Mrs. Bixby closed the meeting with an earnest appeal to the hearts of her sisters, more impressive by the exhibition of articles worn by heathen women and children, also fruits and ornaments.

ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

THE CORCORAN ZOUAVES IN DISGRACE WITH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Yesterday considerable excitement was created in military circle by the announcement that a general order had been issued, ordering a court of inquiry to investigate the cause of the non-attendance of Company E (Corcoran Zouaves) at the parade of the first regiment National Guard, on the 22d instant, as an escort to the funeral of Gen. A. B. Dyer. After thoroughly investigating the report circulated, a representative of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN gleaned the following facts. The adjutant of the District militia issued the following order on the day previous to the funeral:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, D. C.,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, May 22, 1874.

General Orders No. 12.

The First regiment of National Guards having been accepted by the honorable the Secretary of War as a part of the escort on the occasion of the funeral of Brigadier General A. B. Dyer, chief of Ordnance, United States army, major general by brevet, the colonel commanding will report with his battalion to the marshal in charge of the cortege at the Church of the Epiphany, on G street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, at 1:30 p. m. to-day.

By command of his Excellency the Governor.

AMOS WEBSTER,
Adjutant General D. C. Militia.

In accordance with the above, Colonel Robert I. Fleming, commanding First regiment National Guard, issued the following:

HEADQUARTERS FIRST NATIONAL GUARD,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22, 1874.

General Orders.

In pursuance with General Order No. 12, issued by the Adjutant General, this command will assemble on Louisiana avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets, on Saturday, the 23d instant, at 12 o'clock noon, promptly, in full winter uniform, without overcoats.

ROBERT I. FLEMING,
Colonel Commanding.

At the hour appointed the companies composing the First regiment, with the exception of company E, assembled at the rendezvous. The non-attendance of this company was reported by Colonel Fleming, who had been previously informed that the tailor who was making their uniforms would not be able to furnish them in time, an excuse, under the circumstances, satisfactory to the commanding officer.

Yesterday the Adjutant General issued the following order:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, May 26, 1874.

General Order No. 13.

A special court of inquiry, to consist of five members, will convene at this office on Thursday, the 28th inst., at 8 p. m., to fully investigate the cause which led to the disobedience of general order No. 12, dated the 22d inst., by E company, First National Guard, and will render their report without delay.

Detail of the court—Col. Robt. I. Fleming, Capt. Donald McCathran, Capt. F. N. Carver, Capt. W. E. Demott and First Lieutenant W. N. Dalton, all of the First regiment N. G.

By command of the Governor:

AMOS WEBSTER,
(Signed) Adjutant General, D. C. Vols.

To Brig. Gen. W. W. Moore, commanding 1st Brigade, N. G., D. C. Vols.

Brig. Gen. W. G. Moore forwarded the order to Col. Fleming, with the following indorsement: "Referred to Col. R. I. Fleming, 1st regiment, with instructions to carry out the within order."

The point discussed yesterday was whether the adjutant general of the militia had the right to interfere with Col. Fleming when this officer had received a satisfactory excuse from the commanding officer of Company E for the non-appearance of his command on the parade.

Let the investigation proceed by all means.

TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

PROPOSED DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

The general executive committee of the Ladies' Temperance Union have appointed Thursday, May 28, as a day of fasting and prayer, and invite Christians of all denominations to unite in its observance. An all-day prayer-meeting will be held at Calvary Baptist church, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. and closing at 6 p. m. A special topic of prayer has been selected for each hour in the day, and the exercises will be conducted alternate hours by ladies of the union and pastors of the various churches. The pastors who have been invited to assist in conducting the services are Drs. Noble, Gray, Rankin, Butler, and Mr. Black. The ladies to preside are Mrs. George A. Hall, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Linville and Mrs. Appleton. Gospel temperance songs will be used to assist in the meeting. Subjects of prayer: "The churches," "Temper and tempted," "Legislators," "The families that suffer from intemperance," "Board of Police commissioners," "Vendors of liquors," "Success of the women's temperance movement throughout the country," "Young men and young women," and "The women's work in Europe and Columbia." Those who cannot attend the public service are invited and urged by the union to observe the day at their own homes.

CHAMPION ARITHMETICIANS.

RESULT OF THE RECENT EXAMINATIONS IN THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

By a rule of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, a gold medal is annually awarded to the most proficient pupil in arithmetic in the Grammar schools, both male and female. The plan agreed upon is to select the six most meritorious pupils in each school and make them the contestants. The examination for the boys was held and exercised, for He sought to take the world by drawing all nations unto him.

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After singing, Dr. Pierson, of Pittsburgh, was introduced, and referred to the labors of the protracted convention as a rebuke to the popular idea that religion is a matter of ease. The work of a Christian begets a sense of personal responsibility; each feels that he must be about his Father's work. This missionary work is a glorious labor.

The Acts of the Apostles, better styled the work of the Spirit, is the only book of Scripture which properly has no end; it only leaves off, as it were, with a comma, for the works of the spirit have been prosecuted to date by true apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, speaking in every dialect and spreading over a mighty area. The great question now is, does the work of the Baptist Missionary Union pay? Yes, a hundred times over is the question. Foreign missions have paid, and in striking the balance to-day the world is the debtor and the Missionary Union the creditor. The world is the better off for missionary effort in dollars and cents as well as in virtue and integrity. The missionary carries civilization with him and introduces the arts and sciences everywhere. New England spent a profit in 1872 of twelve cents per head for her entire population from the trade of the African colonies which were established only by missionary efforts. Look at the trade from the Sandwich Islands. The profits of the enterprise from this country were about $40,000 last year. So you see it pays even on the lowest grade of dollars and cents.

It pays also in power, and this is the cry as it is the great need of humanity. Power to rise and demand life from the skies. His Word is borne upon every breeze, and this power is found alone in the Word of God. What are the prospects for the salvation of the race? Judson, the great missionary, said they are "bright as the promises of God." Oh yes, it pays! Light is falling on Polynesia and Africa to-night, and the morning light is breaking while the green banner of the false prophet begins to wane. The years will show that it pays in its reflex influence on the Church at home. Growth and expansion are what the Church wants. It is a mockery to witness the contracted charity now dominant, but when the missionary cause becomes predominant our hearstrings will be loosened, and we will give as we should. There is no growth or expansion without activity. The Church is the gainer by giving to support missionaries; it makes men personally more divine.

There is a higher, nobler inspiration in this work than money—the spread of Christianity and our biblical faith is the great object. If this denomination will but stir up the gifts that are within it the hard hand and discriminating judgment will do the work. Bring forth the heat and warmth of benevolence, and when the centenary of this society shall arrive it will be an axiom, a truism, that "missionary efforts pay best." How much, then, will you invest for eternity? The object is to direct your charity into proper channels. There is plenty of money, but the purpose is to direct it to this grand missionary work. Anniversary zeal will not do. You must keep up your work steadily, simply and seasonably. The organization is perfect and beautiful, but it needs the breathing of God upon it to give it fire from Heaven. Fervor, zeal and simplicity in preaching are much wanted, but the spirit of Christ is wanted primarily and most plenteously; and this spirit will assure victory in foreign lands.

THE FAREWELL SPOKEN.

Dr. Parker, the pastor of the Calvary Baptist church in this city, stated that the invitation had been extended to the society to meet in Washington most cordially, and all that has been done for the comfort of the delegates has come from the heart. He offered for the Baptists of Washington a fond farewell. You have heard of us at your home. Many investigations have been made here and much of utter falsehood has been sent to you of things that never occurred. There is no more quiet, peace-loving, church-going people in the land than those of Washington. Pray for us when you reach your homes, and may God's blessing attend each of you as you leave us.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Women's Baptist Missionary Society held a meeting on last Monday afternoon, in the E-street Baptist church. Mrs. Prof. Alvah Hovey, of Newton, was chosen president, and Mrs. William C. Childs, of Boston, secretary. Mrs. Hovey, in her address, spoke of the formation of the society three years ago and the work it hoped to accomplish. One of its chief objects being to interest Christian women of this country in the heathen women of other lands. She spoke with great earnestness of the needs of missionary labor and of funds necessary for accomplishing the work.

Mrs. Thomas, widow of Rev. Mr. Thomas, who is hoping to return in the autumn to her field of

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

A house on Prospect, near Potomac street, Georgetown, was struck by lightning on Monday afternoon; damage slight.

Launt Thompson has been given a commission to make a model for a stationary group to fill the pediment at the east front of the South wing of the Capitol.

The annual convention of the diocese of Maryland and the District of Columbia Protestant Episcopal church will be held to-day at St. John's Protestant Episcopal church.

The paragraph in these columns yesterday regarding the theft of Mrs. Gov. McCook's jewelry was incorrect as regards the locality where the robbery was committed. It is well known that the jewelry had not arrived in Washington at the time.

Yesterday morning the old fish market, a wooden structure spanning the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, in Georgetown, at the south end of the market-house, fell, but luckily did no injury. It was condemned some time since, as it was not considered safe.

Many of the horsemen have been surmising why Mr. C. M. Roberts, the owner of the b. h. Dangerous, has never entered his celebrated trotting horse for any of the races now taking place under the auspices of the Washington Driving Association. The mystery has been explained by the fact that this fast animal is entered in the race free for all horses, which has a purse approximating $2,000, and which he expects to carry off with flying colors.

WE CLIP FROM "LINTHICUM'S JOURNAL OF FASHION" THE FOLLOWING: "THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING UNDER THE NAME OF LINTHICUM & BARTRAM IS, FROM THE 15th DAY OF APRIL, 1874, DISSOLVED BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES. MR. LINTHICUM WILL CONTINUE THE BUSINESS FROM THAT DATE, AND WILL COLLECT ALL MONEYS DUE THE FIRM; ALSO, ASSUME THE LIABILITIES OF THE SAME.

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IT IS BUT FITTING THAT FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING BETWEEN E. S. BARTRAM AND MYSELF IN THE FASHION-REPORTING BUSINESS, THAT SOME TRIBUTE BE PAID TO HIM FOR THE VERY EFFICIENT MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS EVER PERFORMED HIS PORTION OF THE DUTIES CONNECTED WITH THE SAME; AND, THOUGH REGRETTING THE SEVERING OF OUR BUSINESS CONNECTIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN OF THE MOST PLEASANT, I CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF A DESIRE HE HAS LONG ENTERTAINED, NAMELY, THE ENTERING THE MERCHANT TAILORING BUSINESS UNDER BRIGHT AUSPICES; AND MY BEST WISHES WILL FOLLOW HIM TO HIS NEW HOME IN WASHINGTON, WHERE, I HOPE, HE WILL MEET WITH ALL THE SUCCESS HIS ABILITY MERITS.

W. O. LINTHICUM.

WE LEARN THAT MR. BARTRAM WILL OPEN HERE DURING THE COMING FALL SEASON. MR. A. SAKS, OF THE WELL-KNOWN FIRM OF A. SAKS & CO., OF THIS CITY, IS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH MR. BARTRAM AS HIS PARTNER. AT THE SOLICITATION OF MR. SAKS, MR. BARTRAM IS VISITING OUR CITY FOR A STAY OF SEVERAL WEEKS, DURING WHICH TIME HE WILL ASSUME CONTROL OF THE TAILORING PARLORS OF MESSRS. A. SAKS & CO., 316 SEVENTH STREET. BEING FRESH FROM FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, GENTS MAY RELY ON RECEIVING FASHIONABLE GARMENTS.

HIGHLY DESIRABLE RESIDENCE FOR SALE AT AUCTION.

Messrs. Latimer & Cleary have postponed their sale of that highly valuable residence situated on the west side of Connecticut avenue, between H and I streets, until Friday the 29th instant. This property was the residence of the late John Potts, for many years the chief clerk of the War Department, and is most delightfully situated in a neighborhood that is being rapidly and most handsomely improved. It is seldom that such an opportunity is offered to purchase property in so desirable a locality. Parties in search of large grounds and the best location in this city for a summer residence should give it their attention.

WE CALL THE ATTENTION

of persons desirous of purchasing a farm or country home near the city to the advertisement of Col. S. P. Snell, in another column of this paper. The properties he advertises for sale are well selected with respect to gardening, dairy or farming purposes, or for country seats; are easy of access, unsurpassed for healthfulness, and are rapidly appreciating in value.

Read his advertisement.

TO CABIN JOHN BRIDGE.

A pleasant party is being arranged for an excursion to this delightful place on Decoration day, (Saturday,) and those who are fond of good fishing and beautiful scenery will be glad to embrace the opportunity of the holiday sports. The region about Cabin John Bridge displays some of the most beautiful scenery of the upper Potomac. The excursion is under the management of the Barbecue club, of Georgetown, D. C., and, being composed of ladies famous for good arrangements in anything they undertake. Tickets, one dollar, to be had at Warren Choate & Co.'s book store.

CINCINNATI LAGER BEER

from the Lion brewery, for sale at $1.25 per dozen pint bottles, by dealers throughout the District. Ice, at depot, Georgetown, D. C. Palmer, Georgetown, D. C.

CITY ITEMS.

TO HAVE ELEGANT LIGHT BISCUITS, rolls, buck wheat cakes, fruit dumplings, &c., you should use Dooley's Yeast Powder. Ask your grocer for it.

MESSRS. GOLDSTIEN & CO.,

brokers, will hold their semi-annual sale of unredeemed pledges at the auction rooms of Duncanson Bros., on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, 28th, 29th and 30th instant. It is probable that this sale will embrace the largest and most varied stock of any sale held heretofore, they dealing in the most desirable goods, such as diamonds, watches, jewelry, fine cut glass of every description, fowling pieces, revolvers, &c. Our readers should not fail to attend, as every article is warranted as represented, and they will be enabled to obtain first-class jewelry, &c., at very low figures.

IMPORTANT TO THE SENSITIVE.

Persons with active brains and a delicate organization should never be subjected to violent purgation or any other treatment calculated to prostrate them. Leeching, cupping, starving, and intestinal rasping, are of doubtful expediency in any case, but they are almost certain death to persons of nervous temperament. What such persons need is stimulation, and the very best invigorant they can take is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. To give depleting medicines to the nervous, the debilitated, the infirm, the sensitive, is unpardonable. In like firing broadsides into a sinking ship. Thousands of dyspeptics are killed every year by medicines that sap the physical and constitutional stamina which, if reduced, need that powerful vegetable tonic, would soon prove an overmatch for the disease. It is true that the bowels require to be relieved and regulated, and the liver coaxed into healthy stimulation, but the stomach and the system strengthened; and let it be borne in mind that the Bitters accompl