

while those who have toiled at home among the destitute and in the more remote regions of our country, and that too for a very little remuneration, are left unprovided for.

I do not mean to say by this that it is wrong to make provision for widows and orphans of Foreign Missionaries, but what I do mean is, that an individual who has been in a measure the property of the denomination, and has laboured for it, that he ought to be provided for by the denomination, and if he, certainly his wife. I speak thus perhaps because there is reason to fear that pecuniary disappointment and consequent hard physical labor in our brother's state of health hastened his death. And is there neither atonement nor remedy for such cases as this?

The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. D. McKeen, from Phil. i. 21, in a large assembly, some of whom were much affected. Brethren Miles, Foshay and Keilor were present, and took part in the exercises. It is hoped that some suitable person will prepare a memoir of the departed. There is no Baptist minister in Cumberland who is sufficiently acquainted with him: perhaps brother Tupper will take upon himself this, in addition to all his other labours.

September 10, 1856.

For the Christian Messenger.

BAZAARS.

ESSRS. EDITORS,

Will some of your writers inform us, through Christian Messenger, if Bazaars constitute proper method for Christian churches to adopt to raise money for religious purposes. Some ministers, and people too, support them, and some oppose them; and it is desirable to know what is right.

INQUIRER.

For the Christian Messenger.

Grand Ligne Mission.

Letter from Rev. Narcisse Cyr.

MY DEAR BROTHER,

Enclosed I send you an article translated from the "Semeur Canadien," which I thought you might like to publish in your paper.

I am now on a tour through the Lower Provinces in behalf of the Grand Ligne Mission, and intend to be in Halifax towards the end of next week.

Yours truly, N. CYR.

St. John N. B., Sept. 27th, 1856.

[We shall give the interesting article referred to, in our next number.—Ed.]

For the Christian Messenger.

Letter from Cape Breton.

DEAR BROTHER SELDEN,

The Messenger is highly appreciated in this place as a Christian Journal, bringing tidings of importance week by week to our fire sides, and nobly defending the cause we so much love. Brother A. Shiels from North Sydney has labored for five weeks here, viz., three weeks last winter and two weeks this summer. His preaching has been well received in general. We hope the seed sown by him with so much earnestness and sincerity of purpose will yet spring up to the glory of God the Father. May the Lord spare him long to be with the people of his charge, and to labor in this interesting and promising field.

We feel truly grateful for the appointment made to this place in the person of Mr. Robert Philp. We experience that the brethren in Nova Scotia Proper are not weary in well doing for this as well as many other appointments made by them in days and years gone by, by which we have been greatly comforted and instructed.

The Church at this place was organized more than twenty years ago, by our friend, Rev. W. Burton. Since then 8 young men have received their spiritual birth here, and have been called away to preach the gospel in other places. Other ministers passing through as missionaries have stayed with us from one to eight weeks, still of late years we are dwindling away almost to invisibility. This is truly heartrending to such as feel the value of immortal souls who are perishing in their sins. If the present mission be made permanent between here and Mabou, as stated by brother W. Burton, we trust by the blessing of the Great Head of the Church on the labours performed, we shall yet see better days, Christians united, and sinners saved from the wrath to come, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is worth labouring and praying for until the end.

Yours in Christian love,

LACHLEN MACDONALD.

For the Christian Messenger

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MRS. LOIS TILLEY.

MESSRS EDITORS,

Another member has been taken from the 2nd Baptist Church, Yarmouth, to her heavenly home. Sister Lois Tiley, the beloved wife of brother Leonard Tiley, and daughter of brother J. Durkey, was on Monday morning the 8th inst., released by her Saviour from sickness, pain and sin, to join in heaven those that are ever with the Lord.

Her sickness had for a few months confined her to her house and for the last few weeks to her bed. The deceased died in the 34th year of her age, leaving a beloved husband, three children and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Our sister had early in life experienced the religion of Christ, and was baptized by the Rev. Anthony Dimock, at the time of his ministry in this place. She was naturally possessed of a diffident disposition, and her hope and confidence in God were expressed usually, with timidity. Having not a full measure of health, and being encumbered with the cares of a young family, she could not attend the house of God, so generally, as to realize all the advantages that the public means of grace afford, yet she was steadfast in her purpose to serve God, and her christian integrity proved that she did not live without communion with Him. "She worshipped God in the spirit, rejoiced in Christ Jesus, and had no confidence in the flesh."

On Wednesday, after her death, the church and congregation showed their appreciation of moral, christian worth, and also their sympathy with our afflicted brother by assembling at his house at one o'clock. Thence proceeding to the grave, and after interment repaired to the house of God, where a discourse was preached on the occasion, by the writer, founded on the 116th Psalm and 15th verse. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." May we all possess that grace of God in life that we shall not lose in death.

W. G. GOUCHER.

Yarmouth, Sept. 19th, 1856.

REBECCA JANE DIMOCK.

MR. EDITOR,

Please allow me, through the Messenger, to communicate to our friends in Nova Scotia, the afflictive intelligence of the death of my niece, Miss Rebekah Jane Dimock, 23 years of age.

This dear one whose death we now record, bid as fair for long life a fortnight before her death as any among us. She came to my house on a visit, on Friday, Aug. 22nd. That day she complained of headache. On Sunday, the 24th, she kept her bed nearly all day; but was able to dress herself very comfortably, and it was hoped she would not have an attack of fever. On Sunday, Aug. 31st, her disease assumed the form of Typhoid fever, after which she failed very rapidly. On Thursday morning, the 4th inst., at 5 o'clock, she departed this life for the spirit world. She seemed impressed from the beginning of her indisposition that she would not recover, but felt that her peace was made with God.

She had been in this town about a year. Her parents Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Rebecca Dimock, reside in River Philip, N. S., and were not therefore permitted to mingle their tears with ours around her dying bed. She has left parents, one kind and loving sister and several brothers to mourn her loss. To them would I offer my tender sympathies, and pray that God will sanctify this afflictive dispensation to us all.

Yours very truly,

A. V. DIMOCK.

Baldwinville, Mass. U. S., September 12, 1856.

Religious Intelligence.

THE CONVENTION AT PORTLAND.

We put aside some of our other matter this week for the purpose of reporting the proceedings of the Convention. The Christian Visitor states that:—

The representation from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was equal to any former Anniversary. The business transacted, was of immense denominational importance, full and free discussion on several subjects, of vital interest, and judicious measures were adopted for carrying forward the work committed to the care of the Convention.

The preaching on the Sabbath at the several places in the City and Portland, was well attended, and the word was proclaimed with power.

MINUTES.

PORTLAND, St. John, N. B., Sep. 20, 1856.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, convened to-day in the Baptist Meeting House Portland, St. John, N. B., at two o'clock, P. M.

After a season spent in devotional exercises, the meeting was called to order by the President of the Convention, who was assisted in the discharge of his duties to the close of the session by Hon. W. B. Kinnear, and Rev. C. Tupper, two of the Vice Presidents.

Rev. C. Tupper, A. S. Hunt, and J. Davis, were appointed a Committee to nominate Officers for the ensuing year. Reported, and report adopted.

President.—Rev. Joseph Crandall; Vice Presidents.—Hon. J. W. Johnston, W. B. Kinnear, Rev. S. Robinson, C. Tupper, W. Chipman, and I. E. Bill.

Secretaries.—Rev. J. Davis, for New Brunswick; Rev. S. Deblois, for Nova Scotia.

The various brethren appearing as Delegates and Members of the Convention, then took their seats.

Resolved, That the city pastors be a Committee to arrange for the services of the Sabbath.

The following brethren occupied the pulpits in St. John and neighbourhood on the Lord's day:—

Revs. R. H. Emerson, J. Crandall, S. Deblois, E. B. Demill, I. Wallace, G. F. Miles, S. March, J. Spencer, N. Cyr, J. Magee, J. Herriott, G. Armstrong, C. Spurden, J. M. Cramp, D. D., J. Davis, A. D. Thompson.

Collections were taken for Foreign Missionary purposes.

The Rev. C. Tupper was requested to preach the Convention Sermon, instead of the brethren appointed at our last session, who both failed.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. C. Tupper, text, Luke x, 2. A lucid, practical, evangelical discourse. The sermon was followed by remarks from our President, father Crandall, and from brother Nutter.

Proceeded to business, after prayer by brother Francis.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Report of the Governors of Acadia College was now read by Dr. Cramp. As also the report of the Treasurer.

REPORT.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Board of Governors rejoice that they are able to furnish a satisfactory account of the progress of Acadia College during the past year. They believe that the Institution was never in a more flourishing state, as far as regards the Educational department. It were greatly to be desired that a similar assertion could be made in respect to funds.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, forty-two students have enjoyed the advantages of the Institution. Nine have left, some of whom have completed their studies, and others may probably resume them at a future period. There are now thirty-four persons receiving instruction in the College, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Student type and number. Matriculated students, 28; Students pursuing partial courses, 5; Resident graduate, 1.

Of the above mentioned number, nine are new students, having matriculated since the close of last Term. Eight of them completed their preparatory studies in Horton Academy.

The Anniversary was held on the 19th of June, in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, and was very numerously attended.

Three students, having completed the College course, received the degree of B. A. at the Anniversary, viz:—Messrs. Thos. R. Patillo, William Johnston, and Robert Philp.

The Honorary Degree of A. M. was conferred on J. W. Hartt, Esq., Principal of Horton Academy.

Instruction has been given during the year in the Theological Institution, in the following branches viz:—The Hebrew Language, the principles of Biblical Interpretation, Theology, and Ecclesiastical History. Twelve students have attended the Lectures or taken part in the exercises. Their pulpit labours in the neighbourhood of the College, and elsewhere, have proved very acceptable and useful.

The Governors have great pleasure in informing the Convention that the negotiation with the Rev. A. W. Sawyer, A. M., which was alluded to in the last Report, was brought to a favourable termination shortly afterwards. Mr. Sawyer accepted the invitation of the Board, and entered on his duties as classical Professor at the commencement of the last term. The friends of the College may be congratulated on this important accession to the staff of Professors.

It was stated in the last Report that leave of absence for a year be granted to the Rev. Dr. Crawley, in the hope that he might be enabled at the end of that time to resume his post as President of the College. That hope has not been realized. Investments in the West Columbia Mining and Manufacturing Company are still unproductive, although it is expected that in a year or two a favourable change will take place. Under these circumstances, Dr. Crawley has addressed a letter to the Board of Governors, dated July 12th last, tendering his final resignation. The following is a copy of the letter:—

To the Governors of Acadia College, Horton, Nova Scotia.

GENTLEMEN, AND DEAR BRETHREN:—It was my hope to bring things about with regard to the property at West Columbia in which the College is interested so that I might be able to return to my post of labor in Horton at the end of the period until which leave was kindly granted me. It is now apparent I shall be disappointed. Not that the property has failed, or that there is not still good reason to anticipate, though in the midst of many and great difficulties, its

ultimate resuscitation; but from my longer residence here I can now form accurate judgment of probabilities; and I do not think it likely, considering the heavy pecuniary burdens my difficulties have thrown upon me, that the stock will become so soon remunerative as to render it possible for me to return among you at the time appointed.

It ought at the same time to be understood that the stock is not safe; it is in peril, as expressed in my recent Circular, from the inaction of many stockholders who have not aided in the measures adopted for its relief, which throws on those who have advanced monies the power of foreclosing, if they please, their mortgage.

Under all these circumstances I have felt, however grievous the conclusion to my feelings and hopes, that the prospect of my return to Nova Scotia is too distant and uncertain to allow me to continue any longer in the office of President of Acadia College, and I now, therefore, tender finally my resignation.

"In thus taking leave of my early friendships, of my closest and kindest associations, a crowd of remembrances rush upon me to fill my heart with pain; but I bow to the will of Providence, I cheer myself by recurring to the many evidences of kind regard I have received from you and others; and I do most devoutly and earnestly commend you all, and the Institution you cherish, to the merciful protection of Him who will, I am persuaded, continue to you and to the College, that blessing and favour which shall enlarge its success and usefulness, and thus reward you with abundant satisfaction in the midst of your toils and sacrifices.

Farewell, Dear Brethren. Accept my sincere thanks for past forbearance and kindness; continue to me a place in your brotherly affection and in your prayers, and believe me to be most truly, Your friend and brother,

Cincinnati, July, 1856. E. A. CRAWLEY.

After lengthened consideration of the contents of this letter, it was resolved. "That Dr. Crawley's resignation be accepted; that in accepting that resignation, however, the Board still entertain the hope that at some future time Dr. Crawley will be able to return and resume his post; that with this hope they will for the present refrain from filling the vacant office, and will continue to provide for the government of the College as its affairs are now carried on, requesting the Faculty to make due arrangements for the preservation of order and discipline, with Dr. Cramp as Chairman." The Board trust that this resolution will prove satisfactory to the friends of the Institution.

Six of the Governors retire this year, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation. The Convention will be called on to fill their places, by re-election or otherwise.

Statements made in previous Reports, require to be repeated. The Board again remind the Convention of the absolute necessity of raising a fund for placing the College premises in a state of efficient repair. They advert once more to the deficiencies of the Library, particularly in regard to critical Commentaries on the Scriptures. They earnestly desire that more ample provision may be made for the assistance of Theological Students. But the more immediate and pressing want, relates to the Endowment Fund. The inadequacy of that Fund to meet existing claims, will appear from the Treasurer's Report. Unless vigorous measures be promptly adopted, for the increase of the Endowment, or the realization, in some other way, of a sufficient annual income, the pecuniary affairs of the College will soon be seriously embarrassed. To these considerations must be added, the desirableness of certain additions to the staff of Professors, in order to meet the growing demands of the times, and place the Institution on a level, in that respect, with other Institutions of the same kind.

The present is an important crisis in the history of the College. It calls for grave and prayerful deliberation, and the exercise of large-hearted benevolence. There were difficulties in former times, and they were mercifully removed. The Governors trust that the members of the Denomination, in these Provinces, will meet the emergency with characteristic fortitude, zeal, and generosity, and that, by the blessing of God, Acadia College will still appear, (to adopt the language of one of the venerable departed,) to be "the child of Providence."

Resolved, That the Report now read be received, and published in the Minutes of the Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After prayer, Education business was resumed.

Resolved, That the resignation of the Hon. A. M. P. Seely as Governor of the College, tendered at our last Session be accepted.

The following names were drafted from the list of Nova Scotia Governors, of brethren to retire from office:—Hunt, Parker, Burton.

From the New Brunswick list the following names were also drafted:—I. E. Bill, N. S. Demill.

Resolved, That College Governors be elected instead of W. Stone, Esq., and Simon Fitch, M. D.

The following brethren were then elected to fill the vacancies in Governorships which had arisen as above:—A. S. Hunt, S. N. Bentley, S. Deblois, G. Armstrong, I. E. Bill, N. S. Demill, E. Clay, and A. H. Thompson.

Adjourned with prayer, until seven o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Resolved, That this Convention authorizes the appointment of an Agent for the next year to visit all our churches, to collect the Endowment Fund, and to enlarge that Fund to at least Fifteen Thousand Pounds.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. Bancroft.

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