

Extract from Minutes of the Central Baptist Association.

MONDAY, June 23, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. Wm. Burton, from Ephesians i. 13, 14. Collections for Domestic Missions. Association resumed its business. Letter from 1st Cornwallis church read. Brethren James Hubley and John Kiddey obtained leave of absence. Committee on Questions in letters reported. Report adopted. Committee on Circular letter reported. Report adopted. Letter read and ordered to be printed in the Minutes as usual. Prayer by Moderator. Adjourned.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Freeman. Report on the French Mission adopted. Rev. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the Domestic Missionary Board, presented its report. Report adopted. Committee on the Gaelic Mission reported. Report adopted. During the consideration of these reports, various addresses were made. Bro. Chute presented the claims of the French Mission. Bro. Ross the claims of the Gaelic Mission. After Bro. Ross had closed, a collection was taken for Schooner Pond Meeting-house, C. B., amounting to £10. Subsequently the same amount was raised in aid of the French Mission premises. Revd's G. Armstrong, Jas. Spencer, and Burton addressed the meeting in reference to Cape Breton and its claims. Brethren Burton and Nutting were appointed again to enquire in reference to Dartmouth and Lawrencetown churches, which have not been heard from for four years.

Resolved, That the Domestic Missionary Board be instructed to prepare and present at the next meeting of the Association, a scheme of Home-Missionary enterprise, adapted to the wants of the province, and more conducive to the promotion of the interests of the Denomination, than the mode of operation at present in use.

Voted, That the following brethren compose the Domestic Missionary Board for the current year:—Dr. Cramp, J. W. Barss, J. Stevens, W. Chipman, W. Burton, Wm. Johnson, S. Fitch, C. R. Bill, S. W. DeBlois, J. V. Tabor, James Parker, J. W. Hartt, David Freeman, A. S. Hunt, G. Dimock, Abel Parker and T. W. Crawley.

That the meetings of the Board be held at Wolfville, and that three constitute a quorum.

That a Board be appointed by this Association to take charge of the funds for Superannuated Ministers; said Board to consist of:—S. W. DeBlois, J. W. Barss, S. Fitch, J. Chase and Wm. Johnson.

Committee on the observance of the Sabbath reported. Report adopted. Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. Chase.

TUESDAY, June 24th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Bro. Porter. Rev. J. Chase appointed Treasurer in place of Bro. J. W. Johnston, provisionally appointed. Committee on Bible Cause reported. Report adopted. Report of Committee on Temperance and Tobacco, after remarks by brethren Mosher, Elder Chute, J. W. Johnston, Jr., James Parker and Graves, was amended and adopted.

Resolved, That in the event of the friends of Temperance petitioning the Legislature for a Prohibitory Liquor Law, this Association present a petition similar to that of last year, signed by the Moderator and Clerk of this Association.

Voted, That the business of this Association be suspended, in order that the Baptist Education Society hold its annual meeting.

Association resumed its business. Committee on the Educational interests at Horton reported. After remarks from Dr. Cramp, Professor Sawyer, Brethren Chase, Elder, Burton, Wm. Chipman and J. W. Johnston, Jr., report was adopted.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the delegates now assembled, it would be advantageous to the interests of the Denomination if the meetings of the Associations, as well as the annual meeting of the Convention, were held during the vacation of Acadia College.

Report on Sabbath Schools, after remarks from brethren Tabor, DeBlois, W. Chipman, Graves, Barss and Freeman, was adopted.

Voted, that Bro. J. Stevens preach the introductory sermon next year, and that Bro. Freeman be his alternate.

That this Association meet next year, with the Hantsport church. That Dr. Cramp write the Circular letter.

Adjourned.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Committee on Christian Messenger, Religious Publications, &c., reported. After remarks from Brethren Barss, Chase, Cramp, DeBlois, Armstrong, Burton, Hunt, Spencer, Mosher and Ellis, the report was adopted.

Committee on Female Education reported. After remarks from Brethren Chase, Chipman and Cramp, the report was amended and adopted.

Committee on Union Societies reported. Report adopted. Report of Committee on claims of seamen adopted.

Voted, that Brethren Selden, Freeman, and J. W. Johnston, Jr. be appointed a Committee to carry out the suggestions of the report, in Halifax.

That brethren M. Beckwith, Martin Cleveland, John E. Melvin, J. W. Johnston, Jr., and Wm. North, be our Messengers to the Convention.

That Rev. D. Freeman be our Messenger to the Eastern Nova Scotia Association, and that he receive £3 for expenses.

That the Rev. J. Parker be the Messenger to the Western Nova Scotia Association, and that he receive £3.

The following resolution, moved by J. W. Johnston, Jr., was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the practice of appointing the various Committees at the meetings of the Association, to report at the same session, is injudicious: inasmuch as these Committees have not the time or the knowledge at command necessary to enable them to draw up, and present a report, containing the requisite information on the several subjects referred to them.

Therefore—Resolved that the Chairman of the various Committees now appointed, be requested to continue their labours, and during the ensuing recess, to obtain statistics and information, to bring before the next meeting, which will enable the members to take efficient action, on the various objects of benevolence, &c. under their care.

The Chairman of the several Committees are as follows:

- Questions in Letters, Rev. Wm. Chipman. To examine Circular Letter, Rev. Wm. Chipman. Bible Cause, James Stevens. Sabbath Schools, James V. Tabor. Christian Messenger, &c., David Freeman. French Mission, Wm. Burton. Union Societies, George Armstrong. Educational Interests at Horton, Wm. Burton. Female Education, Wm. Chipman. Gaelic Mission, T. W. Crawley. Observance of Sabbath, T. H. Porter. Temperance, Bro. Albert Porter. Claims of Seamen, Rev. A. N. Barss.

Voted, That the Minutes be printed at the Christian Messenger office, under the superintendance of Brethren Nutting and Selden—eight hundred copies. That the sum of ten pounds ten shillings be allowed for the same. If not called for within a month after the publication, that they be sent to the several churches by mail.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be due to the proprietors of the Chester Reading Room for their courteous offer.

That the warmest thanks of this Association be hereby presented, to the Baptist Church and congregation in Chester, together with the friends of other denominations, for the kind and noble manner, in which we have been entertained during our session.

The Union hymn was then sung, after which the Association adjourned to meet with the Hantsport church on the first Monday after the 20th June, 1857.

Signed, JAMES PARKER, Moderator. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

(B.)

REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission Report:

That within the range of objects of christian effort in our land, few or none demand more our sympathies and aid, than the Acadian Mission. The light of life diffused abroad is conducting many from the intricate mazes and ruinous labyrinths of papal error to the sublime, saving guardian of heavenly truth. Already have we the earnest and first-fruits of an abundant harvest. We thank God and take courage.

The mission-house is finished and occupied both for a school and family residence. The larger part of the debt thereon is paid. We seek to liquidate the whole. We appeal to all to whom the Lord has given ability, to come up to our help, or to continue that aid already so cheerfully given.

We would also state that our general mission fund is low. We seek to replenish it.

As recipients of the Divine bounties, and as stewards of the favours of God, let us toil on, pray on, give on—with the sustaining assurance that it will never be in vain.

Respectfully submitted.

O. CHUTE, Chairman.

(C.)

REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

The Domestic Mission Board Report:

That they met at Wolfville soon after the meeting of the Association, and made such appropriations as the state of their funds would admit. The missions appointed were with one exception fully performed, and from the report of the Missionaries themselves, as well as from other sources, we learn with much satisfaction, that the word was gladly received, and good has been done by the preaching of Christ. Demand have been made for continued labour. The Macedonian cry is often heard. Our funds however constrain us to remain silent and comparatively inactive amid pressing calls, and wide and destitute fields.

As a Board we are assured that the contributions of our Home Mission from the churches of this association, are by far too small. And that some system should be induced by which this most important work may be more effectively accomplished. And we trust that this association in its wisdom, will present to the churches and urge upon them a plan, becoming men redeemed by the blood of Christ. We are more and more convinced that healthful Home Missionary operations will impart a new and much desired impulse to all our interests. In watering others we ourselves shall be watered. In scattering the seeds of truth, they shall assuredly grow in our own hearts.

The Board have also to report that they have devoted £33 6s. 8d. of the monies paid in last year, to the Gaelic Missionary for one third part of his services. During the year Bro. Ross has devoted himself entirely to the work of

preaching and visiting the Gaelic inhabitants of Cape Breton. He occupies eight preaching stations, two of these are among Roman Catholics who cordially receive the Missionary, and listen to the word of life.

Bro. Ross has also within the year organized a Gaelic church of 12 members. He is encouraged in his labours and cannot but have an increasing assurance, that the seeds of truth will ere long yield an abundant harvest.

(I.)

ACADIA COLLEGE AND HORTON ACADEMY.

The Committee on Education in Horton, beg leave respectfully to Report:

That they contemplate with feelings of unmingled pleasure and high gratification the prosperity which has attended their institutions at Horton, both as regards the number of scholars in the Academy and of students in the College. The moral excellency and high literary attainments of the professors, principal and teachers, afford the strongest assurance to the country at large, that the youth placed under their care will have their morals preserved, and their minds enlightened.

Your Committee feel that none can too highly appreciate the advantages of a sound and thorough education, nor too fervently press upon the Denomination and the friends of education generally the extreme desirableness of availing themselves of such advantages as are now within their reach.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BURTON, Chairman.

(K.)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools Report:

That the relation of the Christian church to the youth in its vicinity is similar to that of the parent to the child; that the Sabbath School is emphatically the family of the church; that the same duty rests on every church member to endeavour to instil religious instruction in the mind of the youth as rests on the parent to train up the child in the way it should go. This Committee is therefore impressed with the assurance that the concerted action of the church in Sabbath Schools, and Bible Classes, is its most effectual means of distilling religious thought and impressing accountability to God upon the youthful mind.

Your Committee rejoice to perceive favourable advancement in this cause; and by the letters from the churches, are convinced that much good has been effected by Sabbath Schools during the year past, which is a strong inducement to increased action.

Table with columns: CHURCHES, Bible Classes, Vols. in Library, Scholars, Teachers, Schools. Lists various churches like Aylesford, Bridgewater, Chelsea, etc., with corresponding statistics.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. V. TABOR, Chairman.

SIR JOHN D. PAUL IN MILLBANK.—The last of privileged men that passed us had so different a look from that of the ordinary convict that we could not help noticing him particularly; then we recognised the eminent city merchant who was sentenced to transportation for fraud some months ago. He saw by our look that we detected him even in his convict garb, and he hurried past us. 'Yes, sir,' said the warder, 'the life here must be a great change for such as him especially. Some of the prisoners are better off than ever they were; but a person like that one, who thought nothing of dealing to the extent of a quarter of a million a day, must feel it sorely.' This person, we are told, found special consolation in the study of languages, and on the table of his cell was a high pyramid of books, consisting of French and German exercises, with others of a religious character.

The Paris correspondent of the Brussels Independence writes on Thursday:—"To-day, two men guilty of having uttered some remarks in a workshop, injurious to the person of the Emperor, have been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and ten years' surveillance."

General Williams, of Kars, having been hardly spoken of in a pamphlet published by a Polish officer, the Turkish Government ordered the seizure of the publication, and struck the officer off the army list.