

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

[We have been requested to give insertion to the following Report. Accounts and proceedings of the Convention on the subject of Foreign Missions.—Ed. C. M.]

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Board have not learned that there is any Brother in these Provinces qualified and disposed to go forth as a Foreign Missionary in their service. They have, however, ascertained by correspondence, that there are native converts in Burmah adapted to the work, whose hearts burn with fervent desire to preach the gospel to their idolatrous countrymen; that the Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, would gladly superintend their labours; and that the American Baptist Missionary Union, not having sufficient funds to support all the native preachers who might labor usefully, would readily acquiesce in an arrangement by which a number of them may be sustained from your Foreign Mission funds.

Under those circumstances it has been deemed highly desirable to engage immediately in active exertions to diffuse the gospel of Christ among the perishing heathen, through this channel. Your Board, therefore, having made the appropriations voted by the Convention, in order that no time may be lost, forthwith appropriate the sum of 200 dollars to enable their esteemed Brother Crawley to employ additional laborers, now ready, and impatient of delay, to enter immediately the extensive fields white to the harvest. This amount has been forwarded through the American Union, accompanied with a letter of instructions.

The Board respectfully recommend to the Convention, that further appropriations be made for the same object.

As the way is now open for the employment, at a very moderate expense, of zealous and efficient gospel labourers, prepared to engage at once in the vastly important work of preaching Christ to the perishing heathen, it is hoped that funds will be liberally furnished to aid in thus carrying into effect the divine Redeemer's last command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Voted, That Mrs. Burpee receive the sum of £50 the current year.

Voted, That the resignation of J. W. Barss, Esq., as Treasurer, be accepted, and that he receive the thanks of the Convention for his services in that capacity.

Voted, That Brother George Armstrong be Chairman; Brother C. Tupper, D. D., be Secretary; and Brother S. Wheelock be Treasurer of the Board.

Voted, That the Board be instructed to appropriate the sum of one hundred pounds, for the employment of native teachers in Burmah, under the direction of the Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.

N. S. & N. B. Foreign Missionary Board in account with J. W. BARSS.

Table with columns for Year, Description, and Amount. Includes entries for 1857 and 1856, such as 'To remitted Am. Baptist Missionary Union' and 'By balance brought down'.

P. S. In the account published in the Minutes of the Convention of 1856, p. 23rd, are the two additional items:—Balance to new account, in hands of J. W. Nutting, Esqr. £35 2 11 Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, 72 0 0 C. TUPPER, Sec'y.

For the Christian Messenger:

State of the Churches in the District of the Western Nova Scotia Association.

[The following Report was read at the recent Convention at Yarmouth, and is published at their request.—Ed. C. M.]

The Baptist Churches in the Western Association number 47, of these 5 were received this year, and 4 are chiefly the fruits of revival during the year.

The Association has 26 ordained Ministers and 2 Licentiates. 32 churches have enjoyed additions by baptism, and revivals have been enjoyed in 24 churches. In 17 churches 307 have been baptized. Total baptized, 340.

A brief notice of these may interest the Convention.

1st Yarmouth—391 Members.—"Here peace reigns." In the spring a series of Meetings was held, "saints were quickened, wanderers returned to the fold, and souls were converted to God." Added by baptism 25. By Letter, 12. Restored 6.

2nd Yarmouth—(Hebron) 218 Members. "Thanking God for past favours, they look hopefully to the future." Baptized 4. Restored 2.

West Yarmouth—(Gegogan) 92 Members. Brother Goucher's health has demanded the resignation of the pastorate of these two churches, after having faithfully gone in and out before them for the four years past. Baptized 13.

3rd Yarmouth—(Deerfield) 138 Members. This church has witnessed the return of the wanderer, the sinner's conversion and the Church's revival. Baptized 3. Received by Letter 4.

Lake George—128 Members. Here an abundant blessing has been enjoyed. Baptized 43. Received by Letter 3.

Brother Stubbert in these two churches has been much encouraged, and much progress has been made. God's Sanctuary has dropped as myrrh, and his word distilled as the dew.

South Yarmouth—(Chebogue) 123 Members. Last Spring "Christians rejoiced, sinners wept and prayed, and some were enabled to put on Christ." Baptized 8. By Letter, 6. Two Deacons, another aged brother and sister called away in the past year.

Tusket—102 Members. Last Spring "the youth and middle-aged felt that God was speaking to them." Baptized 15. Received by Letter 3. Their Pastor much encouraged.

Beaver River—125 Members. This church during the past year has been refreshed by showers of divine grace. 26 added by Baptism and 4 by Letter. Elder Delong resigned his pastorate to prosecute the Barrington, Wood's Harbour and Pubnico Mission.

Ohio—92 Members. In their protracted meeting "old and young were awakened and brought to consider the important concerns of their souls. In the winter a considerable number obeyed Christ's command" in answer to a sanctified conscience. Baptized 14. Added by Letter, 3.

Pubnico.—Here in winter's most intense cold, God gave faith to the people, and obedience followed. A church of 9 Members was organized in December. Since their Elder Tabor has baptized 11, and Elder Delong 2. Others have been added and the church numbers 25 members.

These are the Yarmouth County Baptist Churches, ten in number, having 1,434 members. They have 14 Sabbath Schools with 144 Teachers and 949 Pupils.

Barrington—34 Members. Here religious interest is on the increase, and the field presents a promising aspect. Barrington and Wood's Harbor, with Pubnico, have uttered the Macedonian cry. Seven have been baptized.

Ragged Island—76 Members. "Several series of meetings have been held during the year, at which the Lord was manifestly present, converting many and generally reviving His cause. Here 21 were baptized.

Lewis Head—103 Members. This church has enjoyed refreshing showers, causing the wilderness to rejoice and the desert to blossom as the rose, while many captives have been released. Baptized 19. Added by Letter, 5.

Sable River—43 Members. "To us the last year has been the beginning of years. We, who were not a people, we humbly trust are the children of God." "Five times a week we have met in the Sanctuary to worship God up to the meeting of the Association." They were 17 in number when organized. Their present number is 43.

Jordan Bay.—The church was organized the 14th of August, 1856. The few have been increased by baptism, to 24 members. God has smiled from on high upon them, and they seek to honour God by walking in faith and fellowship with his people.

Elder William Hobbs has been made useful in the above four churches. At the time of the Association they were all without a pastor, since then Brother Hobbs has resumed labour in this field.

Milton—206 Members. This church "during the past year has enjoyed a good season of religious prosperity. A number have been converted to God." Baptized 18. Added by Letter, 10.

Digby.—Here a gracious revival has been enjoyed during the past year, doubling the number of the members in this church. Baptized 13. Total 26. They greatly desire a Pastor.

Digby Joggins.—Owing to the indisposition of Elder Cunningham this church is also without a Pastor. They greatly long for one in connection with Digby church. Baptized 5. Added by Letter, 1.

Brookfield—76 Members. Without a Pastor, but they sustain 3 Sabbath Schools containing 135 scholars, and have prayer-meetings in connection therewith.

Middlefield—21 Members. Organized in October last. Since then 3 have been baptized. They sustain a Sabbath School and prayer-meetings, and need a pastor in connection with another church.

Greenfield—58 Members. Church in need of a Pastor with wisdom to guide the affairs of the people.

Argyle—49 Members. The church requires the deepest solicitude of the denomination. Its existence may be imperilled, unless some action is taken.

Twenty churches under the fostering care of careful pastors, and enjoying a seed-time—I do not tarry to mention particularly. On the whole our state demands deep humility and humble prayer to God for the benign influences of Heaven to rest on us, while at the same time confidence in God, in remembrance of the Saviour's valedictory declaration, "Lo I am with you always" may inspire our hearts to a greater consecration to the work of God, and draw forth our affections with increasing solicitude for the salvation of those whose feet stand on the crumbling edge of Hell, and who notwithstanding heed not the flashes of the devouring flame.

Our Missionary interests are solemnly pressing. There is yet much land to be possessed. We need in this Association at least 12 more ministers, and enlarged benevolence to meet the claims of the destitute.

From the Eastern Association the cry is heard, "Men of Israel help." Our College demands prayer, co-operation, immediate action, action for God. The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, an organization of praying minds and devoted hearts, claims our consideration. Quarterly meetings in every county seem demanded of the churches, in order that the contributions may reach a higher sum individually than 1s. 4d. Should each member on an average, contribute \$1 annually the sum of £312 of this year's receipts would amount to £1490 or \$5960. All this is needed, and with it we might aid our beloved College, "the child of Providence" in such wise as to make the President, Professors, and Governors' hearts to rejoice in God for his sustaining goodness. May the Lord teach us to act and inspire us to that action that will meet his holy requirements, that the triumphal chorus may begin in the church, and reach to glorious immortality. Total baptized, 340.

J. V. TABOR, Clerk of Western Association.

[Since the above was sent on, we have received the following for insertion, by way of supplement.—Ed. C. M.]

State of the Denomination in Western N. S. Baptist Association.

(Continued.)

By request of faithful brethren, I proceed to notice the "20 Churches under the fostering care of "Careful Pastors," that no invidious distinctions may appear.

Annapolis and Lower Granville.—225 Members. "With our pastor, Rev. G. Armstrong, we are looking and praying for a revival. but fear we are not as earnest and anxious as we ought to be. With us the Gospel is steadily preached, and a good degree of union and fellowship exists, though the love of some has waxed cold." Increase during the past year, 1.

Aylesford Lower, and Upper Wilmot.—367 Members. "In the absence of the cheering intelligence of revival among us we gratefully acknowledge the divine goodness that, generally, harmony prevails in the church. The means of grace for the most part are regularly attended, and seasons of spiritual consolation enjoyed. Rev. Dr. Tupper's faithful labours are here enjoyed."

Clements.—281 Members. "The state of this Church is not as pleasing as we desire; but we are marching onward, trusting in the mercy of the Lord that he will again revive his work. Elder Cogswell's labours have been blest of God." Baptized 7. Added by Letter 1. Restored 1.

Chute's Cove.—66 Members. Wilmot Mountain—148 Members. We share "the highly estimated labours of the Rev. P. F. Murray." "Cause for humiliation exists, yet we often feel refreshed." At St. Croix and Marshall's Cove the dying graces of many have been revived." Baptized 4. Restored 1. Excluded 9. 3 Died. At Chute's Cove much interest is taken in the Sabbath School which has been long sustained.

Dalhousie.—54 Members. "The Lord has graciously visited us. Brother Edward Saunders's visit and the assistance afforded us by brother George Armstrong have given us great encouragement. Revival influence has prevailed." Added by Baptism, 6. By Letter, 6. Restored 1.

1st and 2nd Digby Neck.—138 and 120 Members. "We are blessed with the faithful administration of the gospel." Rev. J. C. Morse is our pastor. "2 converts have lately been baptized." The Lord's Supper is regularly enjoyed, and "discipline, having the glory of God in view, although painful, has been used."

1st and 2nd Hillsburg.—120 and 94 Members. "We are enjoying the pastorate of Rev. Obed Parker, and although harmony prevails, with the prophet we feel need to cry, 'O Lord revive thy work.' Elder Cunningham's health has failed, with whom we deeply sympathize."

Liverpool.—211 Members. "On the removal of our beloved brother S. N. Bentley, we deeply felt our destitution, but God visited us by his servants. The labours of Rev. B. Scott gladdened our hearts, until in April last, when his engagements were fulfilled. Since then, brother Martell has preached to us once on each Sabbath." 2 have been added by Letter. 14 Dismissed. 2 Excluded. Brother Higgins has recently assumed the pastorate of the Church.

Lower Granville.—233 Members. "The past year has been one of trial, though the precious seed has been scattered over the soil by our faithful and beloved pastor, Elder J. Spencer." We have 3 Sabbath Schools containing 130 children. Baptized 1. By Letter, 1.

Long Island.—202 Members. "Union prevails generally generally throughout the church. We have had some refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord. We feel a spirit of prayer to Almighty God that he may abundantly pour out his grace upon the churches. Rev. H. Achilles is our pastor."

New Tusket.—49 Members. Sissaboo—101 Members. St. Mary's Bay—97 Members. These churches enjoy the faithful labours of Rev. C. Randall. "Although declension exist we are not left without encouragement." In Sissaboo 3 have been Baptized. At St. Mary's, 5. The word of truth is generally attended with salutary influence on the minds of God's people."

Nictaux.—433 Members. This church enjoys the labours of Rev. W. G. Parker. "Death has visited the Church, and the aged, middle-aged and young have been called away to join the assembly above. God has spoken out of the bush; the flame has purified, but not devoured." Baptized 3. Added by Letter, 1. We have seven Sabbath Schools in active operation.

Port George.—42 Members. "Our state, as a church, is not as prosperous as we desire, but indications of revival are seen among us. A visit of Elder Morton refreshed us, and the labour of brother J. A. Moore has been very encouraging." He has been recently ordained.

Wilmot.—357 Members. Here the word of truth is dispensed by Rev. N. Vidtce. "2 have recently been baptized. 1 added by Letter; and 1 Restored. Many are praying for a revival."

Port Medway.—97 Members. "We have been enabled to hold on our way with a good degree of union." Brother Skinner has removed to Bridgewater. "Baptized 1. Added by Letter, 4." Brother Robert Philp has recently assumed the pastorate of the church.

Westport.—106 Members. "Encouragement and disappointment have at times been realized during the past year, and at the present we remain in rather a depressed state. Our beloved pastor, Elder Caldwell, labours with us faithfully. Our Sabbath School is well attended." Baptized 1. Excluded 5.

Kempt.—"Brother A. W. Barss' labours are appreciated, and we hope the seed sown will spring up in future life. We have 4 Sabbath Schools numbering 120 scholars." Total, 109 Members. JAMES V. TABOR.

Extracted from the Letters, with remarks.

It is not high crimes, such as robbery and murder, which destroy the peace of society. The village gossip, family jealousies, and bickerings between neighbors, meddlesomeness and tattling are the worms that eat into all social happiness.

Riches and abundance of the earth load more than they fill; and men's wealth only heightens their want.