of usefulness they control, are not rendered tributary to Christ's Kingdom, if all their energies are not actively employed, and if they " bring no fruit to perfection," upon us must devolve the responsibility. A parent can no more deny his obligation to train his " child in the way he should go," than we can neglect or by any means evade our obligation to "feed" these " lambs of the flock" upon "the sincere by." It is to-day the special work of all- Selden. of pastors, deacons, Sabbath-school teachers, Christian parents, of all who were in the Cady, D. M. Welton, and S. T. Rand. church when they united with it, to see that they are promptly, and properly instructed, that they may be strong in the Lord and "be Parker Dodge. able to give an answer to all who may ask the reason of the hope that is in them."

This duty is urged on us by many considerations. We need all the available strength of our churches. We want the immediate and vigorous employment of all our resources; we cannot afford to have any talent undevel- Gates Mountain, at 3, p. m., Prof. F. Higgins. oped or any means of usefulness unemployed; we want all. The work is great and the demand is pressing. We cannot therefore afford to have any man "standing idle in the Stronach Mountain, at 11, a.m.," market place;" we must have every man at Tremont, at 11, a. m, work, all in the right spirit working in the melvern Square, at 34,p. m., "right spirit, working in their appropriate places Green wood Square, at 3, p. m., " and in harmony with the entire body. We look about us, and we see that death has been thinning our ranks; warm hearts formerly in line with us, rather leading us in our blessed work, have ceased to throb. They tell with foreheads. Others, who are yet with us, vetwaiting" until they shall be summoned into "the joy of their Lord." They must soon leave us; in a short time they will all be there. gone. The workers, the leaders, the burdenthe first born, whose names are written in heaven." But while some of them have passed over into the "promised land," and while many more are drawing near to the termination of their pilgrimage, we are rejoiced by the coming up of thousands in the prime and vigor of life, "called out of darkness into marvellous light," waiting to have the mantles of these departed and departing saints fall upon them, and grasping with strong hands the weapons of warfare they lay aside as they go up to receive "the crown of life," are ready to fill the place rendered vacant by their demise, and to aid in carrying forward the blessed work in which these noble men of God toiled, and sacrificed, endured, and died. Let us then feed these lambs, give them nourishing food, sound advice, practical counsel, make their lives earnest and their faith strong, and in their ranks will be found scores to take the place of each veteran and called to his reward.

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HALIFAX, SEPTEMBER 4, 1867.

Baptist Convention Anniversary.

the centre of attraction for the representa- called to occupy. The Baptists of the tives of the Baptist Churches and Institu- Dominion should have somewhere an Institutions of these provinces. On Friday and tion for the training of their ministers, and Saturday the 23rd and 24th ult., there might he saw no reason why that somewhere should be found parties from all directions approach- not be Acadia College. He felt proud of the ing this beautiful spot-all on the same position our institutions had attained, and the errand-desirous of learning what had been work they had already done, but was not satiseffected during the year past, and what might fied that they should remain as they are. be devised for the future in the departments Provision must be made for our sons receiving of christian work committed to this body.

ber arrived, and under the shade of the mag- or we must consent to allow them to be the of the year in sustaining missions in Burman: nificent pines of the Grove, were enjoying the hewers of wood and drawers of water for greetings of brethren from distant parts, and others, who will come in and fill the places renewing friendships of past years.

At 2 o'clock, the President of the Conwention for the past year-Hon. Judge necessity that existed for a larger number of the report. Johnston, commenced the session by giving young men partaking of the blessings proout a hymn and calling on the Rev. E. C.

Cady to engage in prayer. for. Whilst these were being taken, the quire an education in preparation for minisfollowing Committee of Nomination was ap- terial work, and were now amongst the most pointed, Revds. W. H. Porter, Geo. Burns, able and useful men in the United States. T. H. Porter, Jr., Isa. Wallace, W. G. John F. Marsters.

mittee returned and presented their report, It was slightly amended and the officers He conceived that it would be impossible to were elected as tollows:

President, Rev. Chas. Spurden, D. D.

Hon. A. McL. Seely. Hon. W. Kinnear. Secretary for N. S., Rev. Isa. Wallace.

do. for N. B., Dea. J. F. Masters. together with 25 Directors.

The following Committees were appointed : for God. On Arrangements, - Revds. W. H. Porter. W. G. Parker, N. Vidito, and Dr. Tupper. On the State of the Denomination,milk of the Word that they may grow there- Revds. Dr. Cramp, G. F. Miles, and Bro. S. Governors for enlarging the Endown ent as our Female Missionary, and sent to Burmah

Accounts, - Brethren W. Faulkner, and

in preaching at the several places as follows:

Pine Grove, at 101, a. m., Rev. C. Spurden, D. D. at 3 p. m., Methodist Chapel, at 104, a.m., " Salem, at 3, p. m., Mount Handley, at 102, p.m., " S. March. Nictaux, at 10d, a. m, Rev. A. H. Munro. Nictaux Falls, at 3, p. m., R. R. Philp. Banks Mountain, at 3, p. m., T Blackader. Lawrencetown, at 11. a. m., S. B. Kempton. Valley West, at 3, p. m., G. F. Miles. D. O. Parker. D. M. Welton. S. T. Rand. 1. Wallace. A. Cogswell.

There being no public services in the evening, "two or three" of the brethren "agreed together," passed the word, around and an interesting prayer-meeting was held at the residence of the Pastor. It was thought the sweat drops of toil yet warm upon their that possibly a subject remotely connected with the Convention might afise and intererans in the Master's service, and the heroes fere with the harmony of the session, and of many a protracted struggle, are "only under the circumstances Divine guidance was needed to prevent such an undesirable contingency. All present felt it good to be

On Monday morning, the Rev. E. C. bearers, the men of warm hearts, and ardent Cady by appointment of last year, preached toil, who now, as links, bind this generation to the Convention sermon. Text, Phil. i. 6. the one passing away, will all soon be gather- .. Being confident of this very thing that he ed to "the general assembly, and church of who hath begun a good work in you will carry it on till the day of Jesus Carist." The Sermon was an able elucidation of the teaching of the Word of God on the doctrine of the 'Final Perseverance of the Saints.'

ACADIA COLLEGE.

After the sermon the business of the Convention was taken up by the Sccretary of Acadia College reading the Report of the Board of Governors. The hour having arrived, the meeting was adjourned.

On passing to the door of the Church a sight presented itself not soon to be forgotten-the whole space of the grove, not cccupied by people, was filled with horses and Esq., of N. B. The meeting then adjourned. vehicles. The fact that only about four families live within a mile of the Grove, renders it necessary for all to use horses and carriages for coming to meeting. These, besides those from a distance, formed a caval- Rev. Mr. Barratt, very kindly allowed that be equalled by but few parts of the country.

At the afternoon sitting the Secretary read the Report of the Treasurer of Acadia Col-

Rev. E. C. Cady made a few brief preliminary remar is on the great importance of the institution under consideration.

Rev. G. F. Miles said he would like to have had some thoughts suggested by other brethren, but felt that there should be no The Pine Grove at Wilmot was last week hesitation in realizing the position we are the highest education possible to fit them for Before the time appointed a goodly num- the new position in which we find ourselves, they should occupy.

vided for them at Acadia. He gave an account of two young men who, after conver-The names of the Delegates were called sion, had commenced when very poor to ac-

Dr. Crawley spoke on the close relation-Parker, N. Vidito, J. R. Strang and Bro. ship that should subsist between education and religion. Education is a vast power, After retiring for a short time the Com- and it becomes the people of God to take it lutions were passed; and they are respectfully church alone has the remedy for all the ills up with feelings of earnestness and fervency. continue the work with the same appliances as heretofore. He had been called an impracti-Vice Presidents, Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. cable man, but did not think this would ap-

believe Acadia College was inferior to others, but unless it shall advance, it will become so. He thought the endowment should be made to at least, \$100,000. He did not believe in "hard times" when men have to labor

Rev. Dr. Cramp here introduced a plan fore. prepared by a Committee of the Board of Fund,-appointing an Agent for each of On Obituaries,-Revds. W. Hall, E. C. the five Associations, who may spend a portion of time in canvassing the churches, To Audit the Foreign Mission Treasurer's calling as much as possible on every member. We shall probably have a full development of the proposed plan of proceeding, shortly, pose, On Lord's Day the brethren were engaged for our pages. We therefore need not enlarge on it at present.

Dr. Cramp spoke of the need of greater and more general interest being awakened in raising the Endowment Fund.

Rev. Dr. Tupper expressed his entire sympathy with every movement for the advancement education. He did not perceive that any antagonism could exist between education and the grace of God. Grace and learning must be combined. He thought it very cheering that so much of Union existed amongst us in this respect.

Rev. Isa. Wallace gave a glowing account of the labors of those who had received the benefits of education at Acadia College.

Rev. T. T. Filmer, late of Weedsport, N. Y., confirmed what had been said by Rev. E. C. Cady, respecting two of the leading ministers in the United States, and related other touching instances of self-denial on the part of students, who had endured many deprivations that they might preach Christ.

W. Faulkner, Esq., expressed the opinion that more practical work should be done on behalf of the College, it might then soon be supplied with all it needed. An effort had been made in the Truro church of which he was a member, to raise an amount equal to

W. Cummings, Esq., also spoke warmly of the power lying dormant in the church, which required but to be awakened to bring forth a hundred fold, more than it has ever

It was stated by the President of the College that in consequence of the death of the Rev. William Burton, it would be necessary to elect some one in his place; and by the death of the Rev. Samuel Robinson, a vacancy existed in the N. B., portion of the Board. After some discussion the ballot was taken, resulting in the choice of D. Rupert Eaton, Esq., of Cornwallis, and A. F. Randolph, In the evening a profitable Prayer meeting was held in the Methodist Chapel. A very gratifying state of harmony exists between the two bodies at Wilmot. The minister, cade, on leaving, in each direction, that could church for meetings of the Board, and Committee meetings.

STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

On Tuesday morning, after devotional exercises, the Report on the State of the Denomination was read and adopted. As the statistics had not been received from New Brunswick, we are unable to obtain a copy for our present issue, but hope to place it before cur readers in a week or two. The Report recommends some efforts to commence a Union, or at least recognition between us and the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. A letter He believed that a new era had dawned upon was read from Rev. Dr. Fife, of Woodstock, in reply to one from Rev. Dr. Cramp on the subject. A Committee was appointed to correspond on the subject; Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. Dr. Crawley, and J. W. Barss, Esq.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Missionary Board read the Report. A docu-

An interesting description of the character and labors of each of the preachers and R. R. Crawley, at the Eastern Association teachers, employed and sustained by triends in last year. He called on all to pray for the Rev. E. C. Cady here referred to the these provinces, and by the Board is given in missionaries and the friends they leave behind.

THE FEMALE MISSIONARY FOR BURMAH.

The following Appendix to the Report, shews the action of the Board in the case of Miss DeWolf, and the views they entertain, respecting engaging the services of a ministering Brother to go out from our churches to labor, and aid in overseeing the preachers already employed.

At an adjourned meeting of the Foreign Missionar, Board, August 26th, the following resosubmitted to the Convention.

Truro, and now of that of Granville Street, Halifax, has recently, with the approval of these Rev. C. Randal.

Rev. W. S. McKepzie.

College. We must either prepare to make greater progress, or give up—sink. He did not the "Bible women," and in all suitable ways by maens. He thought we should pray, and

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personal efforts to win souls to Christ; and has presented satisfactory testimonials of her Christian character, her untiring zeal to aid in advancing the Redeemer's cause in the salvation of souls, and consequently of her adaptation to the work proposed, as also of the soundness of her physical constitution, and the probability of her The Report was then unanimously adopted. continuing to enjoy health in that climate; there-

> 1. Resolved, That Sister De Wolfe be received without any avoidable delay.

> As, however, it is highly desirable that an ordained Missionary should be sent from our midst as soon as the services of a suitable man can be secured, and consequently that the Board should be in possession of sufficient funds for this pur-

> 2. Resolved, That an affectionate and earnest appeal be made to the Baptist Churches and congregations in these Provinces-it is presumed that our good sisters will readily take an active part in this matter—to contribute funds for sustaining our female missionary; and that to this end the Editors of the Christian Messenger and Christian Visitor be requested to publish extracts from the interesting letters of Mrs. Van Meter, the wife of an esteemed Missionary in Bassein, and who has herself for years been a zealous and useful laborer in that field, to which she is now about to return.

> It was also resolved, That Sister De Wolfe be requested to visit St. John, N. B., and if convenient the Western N. B. Association before leaving for her future field of labor.

> The Treasurer's Report shewed that \$2744.482 had been received from the various churches and persons contributing during

> Rev. George Armstrong expressed the opinion that as a people we were far behind in this work. The circumstance of a sister coming forth from one of our churches he hailed as a token for good, and indicated that light would soon break forth,

Mr. W. Cummings instituted a comparison between the individuals and churches of the Eastern, and those of the Western and all one dollar a member, and he had brought other portions of the provinces, and thought with bim the amount of their contribution \$90. nearly one half of the whole came from the former, where the people were much poorer and far fewer in number. He described in an eloquent practical speech his own experience and the effect his conversion had produced in inducing him to care for those who are without God and without hope. He bore testimony to the zeal of Miss DeWolfe when a teacher in the Sabbath School at Truro. He longed to hear of others being actively engaged in this work. He drew a graphic picture of a heathen man in Burmah and his despair on finding no relief for himself from his religion in his sorrow.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock said that the church of which Miss DeWolf was a member being without a pastor, he, her former pastor, would beg to introduce her to the Convention. At the request of Mr. D. Miss DeWolf then accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Porter, came forward and sat in front of the pulpit. Mr. D. called on the large audience present to shew their willingness to make sacrifices for the cause of Christ on behalf of the perish-

ing heathen.

It was suggested that a subscription be taken up towards the outfit and passage of Miss DeWolf. It was announced towards the close of the meeting that the sum of \$220 had been subscribed, of which \$130 had been paid in.

Rev. W. S. McKenzie on behalf of New Brunswick, said that they would not allow the work of Foreign Aissions to be forgotten. us and that it will appear that God is working and that we should soon hear of some suitable brother who would come forth ready to go out with the gospel to those sitting in darkness and the shadow of death.

Rev. G. F. Miles thought it well that we Rev. Dr. Tupper, Secretary of the Foreign should not forget that there are men across the ocean laboring on our behalf in distant ment of some length, shewing the operations lands. These must be sustained. He re-'erred to the gratification it afforded him to meet Mrs. Crawley—the mother of Rev. A.

Rev. Dr. Tupper referred to several who work, had contributed considerable sums to this and noticed one who had expressed his full satisfaction with the interest he had received for his money. He regarded it as a good investment.

Rev. I. E. Bill explained that the absence of monies from New Brunswick from the sums mentioned in the Report, was, that they had not been sent over in time, but it had which afflict the world, and of her is required Whereas Miss Minnie B. DeWolfe, formerly God's message of salvation so long as life an esceemed member of the Baptist Church of shall last. He suggested that the Baptist churches in the whole Dominion should be