

Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, AUGUST 25, 1869.

We have thought it better to give the Official Minutes of the Convention in preference to any digest we might have prepared of the proceedings.

We should be glad to be able to give this week a full as well as fair account of the Convention meetings. This we cannot possibly accomplish.

The visit of the brethren Drs Warren, Hovey and Webster, from Boston, was much enjoyed by all present. Their preaching on Lord's day was of the first order, and their speeches on Monday evening gave tone and weight to the deliberations which will be of the highest value.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

HALIFAX, N. S., Saturday, August 21st, 1869.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, met this day in Granville Street Church, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The following list of members is not perfect. Some members having arrived since they were taken. Their names will appear when published in pamphlet form.

NOVA SCOTIA MEMBERS.

Granville Street Church, Halifax.—Deacons D. McN. Parker, T. H. Rand, R. N. Beckwith, and A. Robinson, and Bro. H. N. Paint.

North Church, Halifax.—Brethren J. F. L. Parsons, Wm. Brown, Norman McDonald, D. McPherson, and P. H. Crowe.

Hillsburg.—Rev. A. Martell.

Lower Granville.—Rev. Isa. Wallace.

Pine Grove.—Rev. W. H. Porter.

Liverpool.—Rev. A. H. Munro.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmut.—Rev. Dr. Tupper, Deacons Jacob Nelly, Thomas Baker, Leason Baker and H. Goucher.

North Sydney.—Brothers W. T. Armstrong, L. C., and N. H. Dobson.

1st. Horton.—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Dr. Bars, Srd. Cornwallis.—Brethren James Bligh and Henry Lovett.

5th Cornwallis.—Rev. D. Freeman, Brothers L. C. Woodworth J. S. Witter, J. E. Rand.

Anchast.—Revs. D. A. Steele and G. F. Miles.

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

Windsor.—Rev. D. M. Welton.

Bridgewater.—Rev. S. March.

1st. Cornwallis.—Brothers M. Beckwith, Henry Eaton, Benjamin Eaton.

Truro.—Brothers Wm. Faulkner, Wm. Cummings, David Page, Jason Walker.

Papineau.—Rev. E. Clay, M. D.

St. Mary's Bay.—Rev. L. B. Gates.

Kempt.—Rev. P. R. Foster.

Berwick.—Rev. E. O. Read, Bro. A. A. Pincio.

Upper Aylesford.—Rev. J. L. Read.

Chester.—Rev. I. J. Skinner, Bro. R. Smith.

Hantsport.—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Bro. W. A. Porter.

Nictaux.—Deacon S. I. Chipman.

New Germany.—Rev. W. E. Hall.

Falmouth.—Deacon Charles Bacon, Bro. Wm. Shaw.

2nd. Horton.—Brethren Albert Coldwell, Eben Martin.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MEMBERS.

Charlottetown.—Rev. John Davis.

Beleque.—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

P. E. I. Association.—Bro. J. B. McDonald, M. D.

The following Committees were appointed:—

ON NOMINATION.—Revs. J. E. Balcom, D. Freeman, W. H. Porter, I. E. Bill, W. S. McKenzie.

ON ARRANGEMENT.—Revs. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, A. S. Hunt, and Deacons S. Seiden and D. Thompson.

The Committee on Nomination reported in part. Report adopted.

The newly elected President—Rev. Dr. Cramp—took the chair, and read the Rules of Order. After which the following Committees were appointed:—

ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.—Revs. Dr. Cramp, J. Davis, Dr. Spurden, E. C. Cady and I. Wallace.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revs. Geo. Armstrong, W. S. McKenzie, Dr. Tupper, E. F. Foshay, J. Spencer, G. W. M. Carey.

TO AUDIT F. M. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.—Brethren Z. G. Gabel, Wm. Faulkner and M. Beckwith.

INVITED BROTHERS.

The following brethren were invited to sit with the Convention:—

Rev. J. G. Warren, D. D., Secretary of Am. Bap. Miss. Union.

Rev. A. Hovey, D. D., President of Newton Theological Institute, Boston.

Rev. A. Webster, D. D., Editor of Christian Era, Boston.

Rev. Jno. Coombs, Reoboth, Mass.

Rev. A. R. H. Crawley, Foreign Missionary from Burmah.

Brethren N. P. Kemp, American Tract Society, Boston, J. E. Banks, C. Cox, Watson Chipman, E. Woodworth, Rev. J. Spencer, St. John, C. F. Myers, Jno. Valentine.

Voted, That the Secretaries and Rev. E. M. Saunders be a Committee to superintend the printing of 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this Convention.

The Committee of Arrangement reported as follows, for Lord's day services:—

GRANVILLE ST. CHURCH.—Rev. W. S. McKenzie, 11 A. M.; Rev. A. Hovey, D. D., 7 P. M.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.—Rev. J. Davis, 11 A. M.; Rev. Dr. Cramp, 3 P. M.; Rev. Dr. Warren, 7 P. M.

BREUNSWICK ST. CHURCH.—Rev. A. Webster, D. D., 11 A. M.; Rev. D. M. Welton, 7 P. M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Rev. A. R. H. Crawley, 7 P. M.

RICHMOND.—Rev. D. Freeman, 11 A. M.; Rev. J. E. Balcom, 4 P. M.

NORTH WEST ARM.—Rev. J. Kempton, 7 P. M.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. I. Wallace, 3 P. M.; Rev. M. P. Freeman, 7 P. M.

CEMETERY GATE, (open air).—Rev. G. F. Miles, 4.15 P. M.

ALBEMARLE ST., (do.).—Rev. S. T. Rand, 7 P. M.

BAPTIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH.—Rev. J. G. Warren, D. D., 7 A. M.; Rev. Geo. Armstrong, 3 P. M.; Rev. E. C. Cady.

METHODIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH.—Rev. S. B. Kempton, 11 A. M.; Rev. E. H. Jackson, 7 P. M.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—Rev. W. B. Boggs, 11 A. M.

ROCHE'S WHARF, (open air).—Rev. T. H. Porter, 4.15 P. M.

MARKET WHARF, (do.).—Rev. A. Martell, 1.15 P. M.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. E. C. Clay, 11 A. M.; Rev. T. Harley, 7 P. M.

POPULAR GROVE.—Rev. A. D. Steele, 7 P. M.

SALEM CHURCH.—Rev. S. W. DeBlois, 11 A. M.; Rev. A. Chipman, 7 P. M.

CHALMERS' CHURCH.—Rev. C. Spurden, D. D., 11 A. M.; Rev. Dr. Crawley, 7 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DARTMOUTH.—Rev. S. T. Rand, 11 A. M.

GRAFTON ST., CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Porter, 11 A. M.

KATE ST. CHURCH.—Rev. James Parker, 4.15 P. M.

The President read a Communication from Mr. Wm. B. McNutt, Secretary of Ex. Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association requesting an interview with the Convention.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to be presented to His Royal Highness Prince Arthur upon his arrival in this city, and that the following brethren compose that Committee:—

Revs. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Spurden, J. Davis, Dr. Tupper, T. Harley, J. Parker, G. Armstrong, G. W. M. Carey, T. H. Porter, E. M. Saunders, W. S. McKenzie, D. O. Parker and Brethren S. Seiden, Hon. J. McCully and Hon. D. McN. Parker.

While the Committee of Arrangements were completing their Report a hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Brethren E. C. Cady and Geo. Armstrong.

The Committee of Arrangements further presented their Report, which, after being slightly amended, was adopted as follows:—

President.

Rev. J. M. CRAMP, D. D.

Vice Presidents.

Rev. G. Armstrong, Wm. Faulkner,

" C. Spurden, D. D. J. H. Harding,

" G. W. M. Carey, Jos. Shaw, Esq.

Secretaries.

FOR NOVA SCOTIA—Rev. Isiah Wallace, A. M.,

FOR NEW BRUNSWICK—Rev. W. S. McKenzie, A. M.

Treasurers.

B. H. Eaton, Esq. Z. G. Gabel, Esq.

Board of Directors.

Rev. A. D. Thompson, Rev. W. H. Porter,

" A. S. Hunt, " Thomas Todd,

" I. E. Bill, " A. Martell,

" R. D. Porter, " D. M. Welton,

" James A. Smith, " W. A. Coleman,

" W. G. Parker, " J. E. Balcom,

" G. F. Miles, " James Parker,

" G. M. W. Carey, J. W. Nutting, Esq.

Award Longley, Esq. S. L. Chipman, "

John Fisher, " A. S. Blenkhorn, "

John King, " Jesse G. Harding, "

Asa Coy, " A. W. Masters, "

J. F. J. Parsons, Esq.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. I. Wallace.

Monday Morning, August 23rd.

The Convention reassembled this morning according to appointment. President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Spurden.

The Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That an Address be prepared and presented to the Governor General Sir John Young, now in this city, and that the Committee appointed on Saturday last to prepare an Address to His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, prepare said address.

Resolved, That this Convention adjourn at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of participating in the reception of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, and meet again at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That the Sermon of the Convention be delivered at 10 o'clock to-morrow, and that the Convention meet at 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That Rev. G. F. Miles with Bro. Ackhurst be appointed to arrange for conducting the Members of the Convention in the reception of Prince Arthur.

Adjourned at 11 o'clock, with prayer by Rev. T. C. Delong.

The Members of the Convention went in procession to the Dockyard, and joined in the reception of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur.

Monday Afternoon.

The Convention met according to adjournment, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Hall.

The Secretary of Acadia College read his Annual Report. The Treasurer of the College also read his Annual Report.

The following brethren spoke on the Reports, viz.: Bro. W. Cummings, Revs. Dr. Tupper, and E. C. Cady, and James Johnston.

The discussion on Reports was suspended to make room for the reception of the Delegation from the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association. A written address was read by one of the delegates, and speeches followed by other members of the delegation.

Resolved, That a Committee of three, one from each Province, consisting of R. N. Beckwith, of Nova Scotia, and Rev. T. Harley, of New Brunswick, and Rev. M. P. Freeman, of P. E. Island, be appointed to take into consideration the memorial of the Y. M. Christian Association now before the Convention.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Monday Evening, 7 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

The Reports of Secretary and Treasurer of Acadia College were adopted.

The Report of the special Committee appointed by the Governors of Acadia College to propose a plan for raising the needed funds to meet the current expenses of that Institution, and referred by the Governors to this Body, was read and spoken to by Revs. E. F. Foshay, J. E. Balcom, Bro. H. C. Creed, Revs. E. C. Clay, M. D., J. G. Warren, D. D., A. Hovey, D. D., H. P. Pickard, D. D., (Wesleyan.) J. Davis, A. W. Sawyer, D. D., the President of Acadia College, E. C. Cady, Bro. T. H. Rand, and Revs. G. F. Miles and W. H. Porter.

It was stated by one of the speakers that Rev. J. E. Balcom intended at no distant day, to offer his services without salary, to undertake an Agency for endeavoring to raise the Endowment of Acadia College, and subsequently so stated by Bro. Balcom.

It was voted, That the Convention having listened with much satisfaction to the statements of the Rev. J. E. Balcom, do hereby request and empower the Board of Governors of Acadia College to secure his services as Agent, for the purpose of completing the Endowment Fund.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

It was voted, That the Convention do continue its present session to Wednesday next.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Porter.

We have received the following circular from Rev. J. B. Simmons, the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Society of the United States with a request for publication. With all the demands on our Nova Scotia Churches and brethren, we are unable to press this matter upon them as having strong claims upon their benevolence. Still some may feel it in their hearts and may be able to aid them in raising their African brethren from the degradation in which they have heretofore lived. We rejoice to see that our brethren of the United States are engaged in so noble an enterprise and we can but wish to hear of its being well sustained, and the object successfully carried into effect:

SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS CALLED FOR. FIVE THOUSAND PLEDGED.

Whereas, it is well known—1st. That one person in every eight in the United States is of African descent;—

2nd. That the great mass of them are just rising into manhood;—

3rd. That the majority, who are religious at all are Baptists, and hence no denomination should feel and do so much for these people as we should;—

4th. That the united testimony of all thoughtful Christians, both South and North is, that the colored people need above all things else, truly pious and educated Pastors, Deacons, Bible School Superintendents and Teachers trained up from their own ranks;—and

5th. That to do this great work of sustaining Missionary teachers and preachers in the South, at least \$75,000 ought to be raised and expended by the Baptist denomination during the current Society year.

Therefore Resolved, That, we the Committee of five, of the American Baptist Home Mission Board, entrusted particularly with this work of Freedmen's Education, pledge ourselves to raise in the churches with which we are connected, one fifteenth of the above named sum; that is \$5000; and pay the same into the Treasury of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, at Room 12, No. 39 Park Row, New York. And we earnestly urge churches and individuals to respond promptly and generously to the calls of Secretary Simmons, as he shall ask for the other \$70,000.

JUSTIN D. FULTON, WILLIAM HAQUE, L. A. GRIMES, THOMAS ARMITAGE, NATHAN BISHOP, } Committee.

The following is said to be the first response to the above:—

DEAR BRO. SIMMONS:—My heart is specially enlisted in our work