

tion and then accompanied the brethren who went to Jerusalem to carry it, and that too when he was assured that his life was in danger, but he employed and sent out others to assist in making this collection. We read of at least three agents that were sent to Corinth. 2 Cor. viii: 16-24. We have the name of one of these. Even as good a preacher as Titus was sent on such a mission as this. What salary he was paid or what his travelling expenses from Ephesus to Corinth amounted to we are not told. One thing we do learn, Titus was an AGENT.

If then by a little speech the brethren can be stirred up to make voluntary, systematic contributions, follow that plan. When this will not accomplish the end, make big speeches, and let the preacher spend some time in the work. But if this fails, follow the scriptural precedent and send out agents to make the necessary collections.—Biblical Recorder.

For the Christian Messenger.

TRURO. THE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

Dear Brother,—

The Spirit is moving upon the face of the waters in Truro. The interest has been slowly but steadily advancing for several weeks. Our prayer and conference meetings have been occasions of spiritual enjoyment. There have been manifest, earnest longings for the outpouring of the Spirit and the salvation of souls. The last two Sabbaths we have had the pleasure of administering the ordinance of baptism. Last week the Young Men's Christian Association Convention met in our town. Representatives from all parts of the Maritime Provinces were in attendance.

H. Thane Miller from Cincinnati & R. McBurnie from New York were present and added much to the interest of the occasion.

The meetings were all largely attended. The discussions on very important topics were lively and compassed an extensive range of thought.

The spirit of devotion was diffused through all the exercises. The evening meetings were crowded, and the interest sustained till a late hour.

Best of all the Holy Spirit came down upon us. The hearts of Christians were moved to their inmost depths. Sinners were convicted of sin, and manifested a desire to be prayed for. The farewell meeting was held at the close of the regular services last evening. The large House of Dr. McCulloch's was densely packed. Our own House was also crowded. Earnest addresses were delivered by both visiting and resident brethren, and this most successful and pleasant Convention closed by the Delegates, as far as the crowded state of the house would allow, joining hands and singing.

"Blest be the tie that binds, &c"

We shall not soon forget these earnest young men. Their prayers and labours greatly encouraged us.

This organization ought not to be viewed as apart from the church. It is, to borrow the trite illustration of Thane Miller, "the hand of the Church put out to rescue Young Men from sin."

"The foot of the Church to go after the wanderers, &c."

May God bless them and make them a blessing.

J. E. GOUCHER.

Home Missions.

For the Christian Messenger.

OUR HOME MISSIONS, REMOVALS, &c.

Dear Editor,—

It becomes my duty to announce to the public that Rev. Isaiah Wallace has accepted the appointment of the Board, and is now the General Agent of the Union. He leaves at once for Cape Breton. Probably he will preach at Port Hawkesbury, on Sunday, 14th inst. After he has traversed the Island carefully, he will urge his way westward. Bro. Wallace carries his instructions with him, and will explain in detail, publicly and privately, the objects of his mission. We hope that pastors and Churches will aid him in his great work to the best of their ability.

When bro. Wallace accepted the appointment, he resigned as a member of the Board, and the following preambles and resolutions were thereupon unanimously passed by the Board:

"Whereas, This Board thought it best for the general interests of the denomina-

tion that the Rev. I. Wallace should be their General Agent, and repeatedly offered him the appointment,

And whereas, He now considers it his duty to accede to the wishes of the Board, and immediately to commence the work of the General Agent,

Therefore Resolved, That we regret that the necessities of the case are such as to demand the removal from us of bro. Wallace as a member of the Board,

And further resolved, That his uniform kindness and urbanity of manner as well as his mature judgment have rendered his services of much importance.

And further resolved, That we hope such success may crown his efforts in the General Agency work as will make him feel that he has been following the leadings of Providence.

I would further report that Rev. L. B. Gates has settled at Argyle. Bro. G. B. Titus has been appointed for three months to Osborne, Shelburne Co., under the immediate direction of Rev. W. H. Richan. Bro. A. H. Lavers is under appointment as colporteur, and Gardiner Tufts, Esq., will be employed in our colporteur work when his engagements cease with the Tract Society.

Rev. E. N. Archibald writes most encouragingly from Shelburne. He says \$200 will be raised for the mission in Town, and \$175 outside. A subscription has been opened for the purpose of building a meeting house in Shelburne. \$1000 have already been subscribed and more will be raised there. The frame of the house is being sawed, and the foundation prepared. The outside of the building is to be finished by the first of December. Its cost will be \$2500. The building committee, although not professors of religion, are spoken of in the highest terms. Bro. Archibald has organized two Sabbath Schools which bid fair to do well. He is preaching to large and attentive congregations, and, so far, he has been working to the perfect satisfaction of the Board.

I regret to announce that Rev. W. H. Porter has decided to go to Brantford, Ontario. A little more than two years ago, he and bro. Wallace were associated with me in the good work here. We have laboured in complete harmony, and our Churches have been at perfect peace. It is but natural that I should feel sad at being again left alone. I hope, however, that those who succeed these brethren will be men of like precious faith, and cherish the same peaceable disposition.

If vacant churches, and ministers who are not settled, and those who may wish to change, would correspond with us, we should be happy to assist in making arrangements that would be satisfactory to all concerned. With the help of the Lord and of our brethren, we shall attempt this year to do a great work for God and for the denomination.

I leave this evening for a four weeks' vacation in New Brunswick. All letters and papers, however, can be addressed me at Yarmouth, and they will be forwarded.

G. E. DAY, Cor. Sec'y of Union. Yarmouth, Sep. 4, 1873.

For the Christian Messenger.

YARMOUTH, Sept. 4th, 1873.

Dear Bro. Selden,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums on account of the "Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union," namely:—

Table with 2 columns: Date, Amount. Includes entries for June 22, July 30, and August 25.

June 22. Treas. Western Ass. for French Miss. per Rev. Dr. Day \$274 44

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes entries for Wm. R. Doy, Dr. Cramp, and J. B. Kinney.

SAMUEL BROWN, Treas. N. S. B. H. M. Union.

P. S.—The French Mission being a separate Department of the Union, and dependent on special contributions for its support, further contributions will be needed to carry forward its work, until the next meeting of the Associations.

Francis Parker Esq., of Walton, father of the Hon. Dr. Parker of this city, was accidentally thrown from his wagon, a few days ago, and badly injured, but is now recovering.

Foreign Missions.

For the Christian Messenger.

EXTRACTS OF A LETTER FROM MISS NORRIS TO THE SECRETARY OF W. M. A. CENTRAL BOARD.

My dear Mrs. Selden,—

Your welcome words have made me very glad—that our dear sisters Miss Eaton and Miss Armstrong could come out immediately, and prepare for direct work among the women and children of our Mission. * * * I cannot tell how glad I am to hear that there is prospect of another mission family coming. * * * Surely God delights to do us good, that he has prepared this band of laborers, and the hearts at home to send them. * * *

The Lord has given me a blessed place in his vineyard, and he holds up my hands if ever they grow feeble; pray for us, pray for us, that in all things the will of the Lord may be done, and those measures adopted which he has already designed. I have not time to-night to write of the schools, but it is matter of wonder to all who see their progress, that the Lord has brought forward such a work here so rapidly. I shall have opportunity for opening a school for heathen Siamese Karens as soon as the dry season comes, I hope. In the meanwhile hands and heart are full with what God has placed before us in Tavoy. * * *

Rev. Mr. Colboro, of Rangoon, has been staying here for a few weeks, recruiting broken health, and has been a wonderful help and comfort to me in my work. I seem alone, perhaps, but the Master is always near. May his presence abide ever with you, and be specially present at those sisters' meetings, that bring Foreign Missions to a throne of grace.

Yours very affectionately, H. M. NORRIS.

For the Christian Messenger.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

WINDSOR, N. S., Aug. 22d, 1873.

The Foreign Missionary Board met in the Baptist meeting house, Windsor, this evening at 7 o'clock. Members present: Rev. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Tupper, I. E. Bill, D. A. Steele, and the Secretary. Dr. Cramp was appointed to preside.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Bleakney. A large number of brethren, including Rev. C. H. Carpenter, returned missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, being present, were invited to seats with the Board.

Minutes of last meeting read and amended.

The Annual Report of the Board was read by the Secretary, and received for discussion. After remarks by several brethren, the Report was laid on the table till next meeting.

Adjourned till Monday 25th inst., at 9 a. m. Prayer by Rev. A. S. Hunt.

Aug. 25th, 9 A. M.—The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

A communication was read, from Rev. J. F. Norris of Foxcroft, Maine, concerning a mission house owned by him at Tavoy. The consideration of this matter was deferred until we are in possession of further information.

Resolved, That for the present year we allow our returned missionary, Miss DeWolfe, the sum of \$200, reckoned from the time of her arrival in Halifax, with the understanding that, if necessary, the Board can supplement this amount.

The Annual Report was taken from the table, and, with some slight modifications, adopted as the Report of the Board to the Convention.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Warren.

At 2 o'clock according to appointment the Board again met. Prayer by Rev. E. Hickson.

Resolved, That a designation service be held this evening in connection with the public missionary meeting, and that our brethren and sisters, the missionaries elect, be thus set apart publicly to the work to which they have been called, prayer being offered for them, and a charge given.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which was adopted. Adjourned to the call of the chair.

Aug. 27th.—The Board met at 9 A. M. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning.

The question of a place of residence for our missionaries for the first year was taken up, and after remarks by Revs. C. H. Carpenter, A. R. R. Crawley, and others, the matter was

reserved until the next meeting of the Board.

Revs. I. E. Bill and W. P. Everett were appointed a Committee to confer with the Treasurer in reference to preparing an abstract of his account for publication.

A committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Cramp, D. A. Steele, and the Secretary, was appointed to make arrangements for a farewell meeting in Saint John on the eve of the departure of our missionaries.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. S. March.

Aug. 27th 5 P. M.—The Board met at the call of the chair.

The question of the best place for our missionaries to reside for the first year was again taken up and discussed. Decision was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

Rev. Dr. Cramp was appointed Foreign Secretary, and Rev. W. B. Boggs, Home Secretary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the fact be recorded, that the churches to which our missionaries elect respectively belong, viz., the churches at North Sydney, C. B., Billtown, Hebron, Canard, and Wolfville, have, with most commendable liberality, provided for their outfit.

Resolved, That the Secretary address a Circular to all our Sabbath Schools in the three Provinces, with a view to enlisting the efforts of the children in a system of regular contributions to our Foreign Mission.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. Spencer.

W. B. BOGGS, Secretary.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 10th, 1873.

THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND THE HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

For many years past we have been looking forward to the churches of our province being united in one body for Home Mission work. We rejoice that our desire is at length accomplished. Our position has hitherto prevented us making any more direct reference to the consolidation. We were desirous that it should be effected with the hearty concurrence of all parties concerned, considering that it would be far better for them to continue to labor on separately as heretofore, rather than that any dissatisfaction should exist between the different sections, or any disaffection result in effecting the combination, and so the form of union be brought about without subsequent harmonious co-operation.

The brethren appointed by the Eastern Association having presented their difficulties to the recently held adjourned annual meeting at Windsor, and being satisfied with the explanations then given, and by mutual conference heartily agreeing to work with the Home Missionary Union, that may now be regarded as the organization to direct the mission work of the Baptist churches throughout this province.

The Board of the Home Missionary Society met on Wednesday last, that being the first monthly meeting subsequent to the above action, and came to a unanimous resolution forthwith to hand over its work to the Board of the Union, and to make no further appointments from that date. The Secretary is to apprise the Union Board of the appointments already made, said appointments to be paid for when completed, by the H. M. S. Board, and the balance of funds paid over to the Union so soon as it is legally qualified to receive them.

We rejoice to see the Union Board taking hold of the work so vigorously, as shewn by the Secretary's letter in our "Home Missions" department.—Let the brethren, generally, join heartily in their efforts to make it a real Union, by holding public meetings, prayer meetings, and by contributions, and we doubt not God will bless us, and make us a blessing.

BAPTIST CONVENTION AT WINDSOR.

Our last week's account of the sayings and doings at the Convention may be regarded as a fair representation, as far as it went. We might, perhaps, be pardoned—having given then the lively summary by one of the brethren—if we should now put aside the brief notes taken at the subsequent meetings; and yet, when we regard the interests involved, and the importance of our brethren who were not present knowing as much as possible of what took place,

we do not feel that the subjects are yet exhausted.

The meetings of the Board of Governors—open to members of the Convention—were not the least interesting part of the proceedings. The work of the past year was made the subject of strict enquiry, and the plans and prospects for the future were examined with much minuteness by those Governors who cannot often meet with the Board, and by other brethren who take a deep interest in College matters.

On Tuesday morning, after the opening of the Convention, the Secretary read the Annual Report of the Governors, which shewed that the internal affairs of the College had been carried on with great efficiency. The Professors had exceeded the duties which properly belonged to their several departments by voluntary labor in the absence of other teachers. Forty students had been in attendance during the year. The young men had shown themselves actuated by a commendable love of learning, and a desire for improvement, and the intellectual and moral aspects of the College were pronounced in a healthy condition.

The President's report shewed that young men of different religious persuasions find their associations in the College as students harmonious, and spoke of the religious services and meetings of the students as highly encouraging and profitable. The Report mentioned that hopes were entertained of obtaining an instructor in Natural Science for the ensuing year. In financial affairs it stated that the annual appeal had brought in larger funds than in some former years. The effort to increase the Endowment had resulted in adding to the Fund twenty-seven thousand dollars in notes and cash.

The discussion of matters referred to in the Report was carried on in a somewhat conversational style.—Speeches did not seem to be the order of the day. The appointment of an Instructor in Natural Science was shewn by the President and several of the Governors as essential to the working of the institution. The income being unequal this year to this additional demand, it was stated by Hon. Dr. Parker that a special effort had been made by Dr. Cramp to obtain a subscription for one year towards this object. \$600 had been already subscribed, and it was hoped that the balance would be made up during the Convention.

Rev. E. M. Saunders in an able powerful speech shewed that whilst much had been said of the need of a Theological course in the College it had been supposed by some that it was less necessary to sustain the Course in Arts. In Nova Scotia the battle had been fought and it had been conceded that to exist as a College there must be no mistake on this point. The College proper must be sustained in our own hands. The question assumes a somewhat different aspect in New Brunswick. The discussion had brought forward opinions from some brethren that because a Provincial University existed in that Province it was less necessary to make provision for an Arts Course there, but it had been evident to reflecting men that the religious influences needed by Baptists could not be enjoyed in a State University. He regarded the proposal to give up the Arts Course and adopt in its stead a first class Theological Seminary as but a temptation to lead us away from an efficient College Course, which is at present indispensable. Let christian influences surround a student in his college course and let him have religious principles to guide him and Theology would be imparted all the time.

He referred to the experience of other countries especially to the State of Virginia where rather than be subject to a State University, the Baptists had determined on raising an Endowment of \$300,000 for their colleges and had met with the hearty co-operation of the Baptist people of that and other States.

Rev. C. Goodspeed shewed that the influence and tendencies of the New Brunswick University had been against personal piety, and antagonistic to Baptist principles and practices. It was almost invariably seen that students going there from Baptist families are by some means, especially if they are not subjects of religious principle, drawn away into some of the other religious bodies.—He knew this from being personally acquainted with quite a number who had proved its truth, although he had himself passed through the N. B. Provincial University and had been enabled to resist those