

less than it had been in our work of foreign missions.

Rev. S. B. Kempton said the appeals of our brethren for missions had touched our hearts, and made us ready to give our coats, but now that education appeals are presented we were desirous of giving our boots, and all we had for the promotion of the welfare of our own youth.

Rev. E. M. Saunders called up a number of cases in which parents had rejoiced over the benefits—intellectual and spiritual—which their sons and daughters had received at Horton, and where the blessings so received had come back in rich profusion on their homes and their friends—sometimes in revivals of religion of an extensive character.

Rev. S. March confirmed the remarks made by the Moderator and others. He had learned to value education early in life from the lips of a pious educated mother, and believed that the education of woman was the highest work we could attempt.

Rev. Dr. Sawyer said he was thankful for what he had heard from the brethren. Whilst feeling highly desirous as a motive power, yet it must not be too much relied on—feeling and fact must go together, and be our guides in this work.

Rev. S. referred to the plan presented to the N. S. governors of the College, for the erection of a New Seminary building and the action taken upon it as a very practical and reasonable one, and spoke of the design of it as taken from a successful institution of the kind at Ottawa.

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men to occupy the many vacant places in the home field, and sending forth men prepared to preach the gospel to our people in the destitute parts of these provinces.

We find that we have omitted in the proper place some of the more important features of the Monday's session.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. S. B. Kempton, and unanimously carried by a rising vote:—

In view of the wonderful mercy of the Lord in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the churches composing this Association during this year, by which so many precious souls have been brought out of darkness into light, and so many saints have been quickened and such testimony given to the truth of the gospel,

Be it resolved, That we express on our records our sense of the Divine goodness, our obligation to give thanks unto the name of the Lord and our sincere desire to devote heart and life more entirely to his service.

It was also resolved, That Rev. J. L. Read be requested to furnish brother Selden a copy of his sermon preached before the Association, for publication in the Messenger.

We need hardly say that we shall be happy to insert that excellent and well prepared discourse in our columns.

Another resolution passed on Tuesday was as follows:—

Resolved, That the churches be requested to embody in their letters in future the state of Temperance within the sphere of their respective churches, and that a committee be appointed to consider in what way the Association can best grapple with the evil of intemperance.

It was also resolved,—

Whereas, it has been stated that the Act for the Registration of Births and Deaths has been omitted in the Revised Statutes of this Province, and that this important service is thus likely to be interfered with very injuriously.

A vote of thanks to the friends at Canard for their kindness and hospitality during the Session was heartily responded to, and the meetings brought to a close with expressions of gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings experienced, the harmony that had prevailed, and the bright prospect of future good to the churches and the world from this gathering of the followers of our Lord and Master.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

The combination between the different Presbyterian bodies at the recent meetings of Synods in Halifax has been effected by an agreement on the following basis:

PREAMBLE.

The Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Church of the Lower Provinces, holding the same doctrine, government and discipline, believing that it would be for the glory of God and the advancement of the cause of Christ, that they should unite, and thus form one Presbyterian Church in the Dominion, independent of all other churches in its jurisdiction, and under authority to Christ alone, the Head of His Church, and Head over all things to the Church, agree to unite on the following basis, to be subscribed by the Moderators of the respective churches in their name and on their behalf.

BASIS.

1. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the Word of God are the only infallible rule of faith and manners.

2. The Westminster Confession of Faith shall be the subordinate Standard of this Church: the larger and shorter catechisms shall be adopted by the church and appointed to be used for the instruction of the people;—it being distinctly understood that nothing contained in the aforesaid confession or catechisms regarding the power and duty of the civil Magistrate shall be held to sanction any principles or views inconsistent with full liberty of conscience in matters of religion.

3. The Government and Worship of this Church shall be in accordance with the recognized principles and practice of Presbyterian Churches as laid down generally in the "Form of Presbyterian Government" under "the directory for the Public Worship of God."

(This basis was adopted unanimously.) The aforesaid churches further agree to the following resolutions:—

RELATIONS TO OTHER CHURCHES.

1. This church cherishes christian affection towards the whole Church of God, and desires to hold fraternal intercourse with it in its several branches as opportunity offers.

be agreed on, receive ministers and probationers from other churches, especially from churches holding the same doctrine, government and discipline with itself.

MODES OF WORSHIP.

3. With regard to modes of worship, the practice presently followed by congregations shall be allowed, and further action in connection therewith shall be left to the legislation of the United Church.

4. A fund for windows and orphans of Ministers.

5. Recognizing all Colleges now held by the negotiating bodies.

6. On Rights of Property.

7. On Home and Foreign Missionary operations.

8. The fullest forbearance is allowed to any difference of opinion as regards denominational grants.

These resolutions were all passed unanimously, with the exception of the "third" on the Modes of Worship, to which two recorded their dissent.

PRESBYTERIAN STATISTICS.

The following are the statistics of the Churches of L. P. as given in their statistical Report to the late-Synod:— 139 congregations are on the list. 131 have reported. The 8 blanks are from vacant congregations.

There are probably double this number of "stations," many of which are incipient churches. 8 city congregations give an aggregate support of \$13,260; average \$1657 50. 15 town congregations give \$14,537; average \$969. 68 rural congregations give \$43,874; average \$645. 29 supplemented congregations contribute \$15,030; average \$518 each. The highest salary given is \$2600 (Fort Massey, Halifax). The highest salary in the towns is \$1240 (Truro). In the rural charges, \$940 (Stellarton). Some of the stipends paid are below \$400 a year. The total contributions for last year exceed those of the previous year by \$18,675; and the average per family by \$1.50: the rate having been last \$10 31 in 1872, and \$11 81 in 1873. Total raised in 1873, \$168,818. It is to be noted that over half a dozen congregations failed to report. Total adherents, 74,461. Families, 13,870. Churches, 249. Communicants, 18,082. Stipend paid, \$68,400. Stipend promised, \$70,301.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, at their late synodical meeting passed a series of resolutions on the question of public Education, which are not of doubtful character.

The following are the recommendations of the Committee on the subject:

1. That the office-bearers of this Church be directed to take such measures as they may deem proper for bringing the state of the educational question before the people under their charge at as early a day as possible.

2. That the people under our jurisdiction be recommended to withdraw their countenance and support from our public men, no matter to what party they belong, who will not decidedly pledge themselves to use their utmost endeavours to secure an impartial administration of our unsectarian school law, and treat our educational interests as of infinitely more value than the existence or triumph of any party.

3. That the Synod decidedly protest against any attempt of the House of Commons or others to deprive the Local Parliaments of their constitutional rights, and to force upon these Lower Provinces a system of education repugnant to a vast majority of the people.

4. That this Synod record their emphatic disapproval of the conduct of the administrators of the School law in Nova Scotia, in allowing its provisions to be openly ignored or evaded in favour of a particular denomination to the great detriment of the best interests of education throughout the Province.

The discussion of these recommendations the Witness reports as follows:— After several speeches the first recommendation was passed unanimously.

With regard to the second recommendation, Dr. Waters warned the Synod against rushing into politics. He would guard his own liberty by entering a dissent. Rev's. Messrs. Christie and Simpson coincided with Dr. Waters. Rev's. Messrs. Wilson, John Munro, Dr. McCulloch, and Mr. McNeil supported the recommendation. Rev. D. B. Blair moved the adoption of the recommendation. We have nothing to do with parties, but we must deal with Politics in the higher sense of the term. We have to confront Popery, and we must be guided by the light of God's Word. The Government that should not oppose the advances of Rome should not be allowed to stand a day. Hon. K. Henderson supported the recommendation in an earnest address. J. F. Blanchard Esq., strongly supported the motion. He felt that the Synod is of one mind on the subject, and he decried a plain, sound utterance. There is danger; it is at our doors. Professor McKnight insisted that education should be high above every other

consideration in our local Legislation, and the Synod has a right to insist on its being fairly treated. Dr. McCulloch would throw any man overboard who was not sound on the educational question.

At a subsequent sitting, the subject was taken up and the following action taken. The first resolution unanimously passed was

"The Synod calls upon the people of our Church to guard with the greatest vigilance the interests of our educational system, and to use vigorously all legitimate means to secure in every place its efficient practical operation. The Synod further expresses the opinion that those public men who are not prepared to carry out in their integrity the provisions of the law, should not receive the support and countenance of our people."

The second was:—

"That this Synod record their emphatic disapproval of the past and present administration of the School law in Nova Scotia, in allowing its provisions to be openly ignored or evaded in favour of a particular denomination to the great detriment of the best interests of Education throughout the Province."

To this the Rev. John MacKinnon moved the following amendment:

"That the Synod record its strong disapproval of the administration of the School Law in Nova Scotia, in so far as its provisions have been allowed to be evaded in the interests of a particular denomination."

After discussion, the vote was taken, when seventeen (17) voted for the amendment, and one hundred and twenty-two voted for the motion. The ayes and noes being called for, Mr. Pitblado's motion was carried by a vote of 150 to 2.

Dr. McCulloch moved a resolution to the effect that the Synod strongly protest against any attempt to change the School Law for the establishment of Separate Schools. He spoke of danger ahead. Mr. Forrest seconded the resolution. Dr. Gordon objected to the resolution. Others spoke at length, and on the vote being put, it was found to be unanimous in favor of Dr. McCulloch's motion.

The following paragraph from the Christian at Work contains some good suggestions in the matter of Church music and the introduction of new music:—

In the Sunday School of to-day we have the most powerful educator of the people in sacred music. To teach a congregation a new tune, first give it to the school. If it is for the adult congregation to sing, the children can learn to sing it too. If it has a musical ring to it, the youngsters will sing it at school, on the way home, and at home. It will work its way into the ears, throats, and hearts of the parents. When the children have known it and sung it for a few weeks, give it out first in prayer-meeting; then some of the grown-up people will give it a lift, and the larger boys and girls who are at the meeting will help on delightedly. The next Sunday it will be safe to try that tune in church, and when introduced it will appear as a friend, rather than as a stranger. Then all the people, old folks and young folks, men and women, boys and girls, will enjoy a partnership interest in the new tune, and send it spinning along royally. This will prove a success where there is a good leader for the children, a good body of well-disposed children, and a minister in sympathy with religious and musical success of the whole congregation. One of its results, and by no means the least, will be that the children who attend church will be active partners in the work of worshipping the Lord, instead of the poor, silent, uninterested sticks that they are too often compelled to be, when neither hymn, prayer nor sermon is managed with any reference to their interest, or even to their presence.

The Baptists of England have learned of the intercession of Mr. Edward Young of Washington, at the court of Petersburg on behalf of the imprisoned Baptists in Russia. Our English brethren are second to none in their appreciation of religious freedom, and especially of any one who takes up the cause of their oppressed. Perhaps no man would be more popular with the English Baptists just now than Mr. Young. There is however, much yet to be done in England before the Baptists or any Protestant Church enjoy full religious liberty.

Notices.

The PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND Association will hold its seventh Annual Session at Charlottetown, commencing on Saturday July 18th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Canaan.—Mrs. A. Drew. . . \$39 00
Deerfield.—Mrs. M. C. Stubbert. . . 13 00
Do. Mrs. T. Uhlman. . . 5 00
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.
Halifax, N. S., July 15, 1874.

MONIES ACKNOWLEDGED FOR HOME MISSIONS.

YARMOUTH, July 4th, 1874.

Dear Editor,— Please acknowledge in the Messenger the following sums received:

From Central Association deposited at Wollville Bank Agency, Home Mission. . . \$333.31
" The late Widow Parker, Rawdon, bequest per Cred. 61.87 \$395.18
From 1st Baptist Church Yarmouth, per Dr. Day, Home Mission. . . \$335 00
" D. d. French do. . . 93.01 \$428.01
" Temple Baptist Church, per Rev. W. H. Warren, Home Mission. . . \$290.00
" Do. do. French do. . . 46 08 \$336.08
" Milton Baptist Church, per Rev. P. Gallahar, Home Mission. . . \$28.73
" Do. do. French do. . . 10 00
" 7th do. after account was closed Home do. . . 57.00 \$95.73

The annual account with receipts from all sources will appear in the Minutes amounting in all to \$6251.22

Yours truly,
SAMUEL BROWN, Treas.

July 7th.—I find since closing account that I should have credited the Union with cash advanced by Bro. Wallace To Martland Church. . . \$50.00
And to N. C. Saunders, (Lic.) . . 4.00

Which would have increased the balance to the credit of the Union to . . . \$1013.15
The amount will however appear to credit in new account.

Monies received from 2nd Digby Neck Church should read, for Home Mission. . . \$5.00
For French Mission. . . 5.00 \$10.10
S. B.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger.

DEAR BRO.—I will be again more than thankful for you to allow me to trespass on the columns of your loved Messenger, in inserting the following sums received for our Foreign Mission:

From 1st Baptist Church, Digby Neck, N. S., per Rev. John C. Moore. . . \$ 7.00
" 2nd Baptist Church Digby, Neck, N. S., per do. . . 7.40
" The Women's Mission Aid Societies of N. S., per Mrs. Maria Selden, Treas. & Sec. 231 66
" The Nova Scotia Western Association, per S. Selden. 748.00
" The Nova Scotia Central Association, per Rev. W. B. Bage. . . 380.27
" The interest on the Debentures in the hands of S. Selden, Esq. . . 58.40
" Indian Harbour, N. S., per Charles Covey, Esq., Treas. one quarter remittance of the annual sum given from this Church. . . 9 00

Total. . . \$1441.73

Z. G. GABEL,
Treas. F. M. B.

NOTICE.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, will meet this year with the Baptist church in Portland, St. John, N. B., Aug. 20th, at 10 o'clock A. M. All persons who expect to attend are requested to send in their address as early as the 10th of Aug., when cards will be returned, introducing them to the parties by whom they will be entertained during the Convention.

Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements,
S. M. McLeod,
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