

The Constitution was altered so as to give one Vice-President for each of the Associations comprised in the Union. Rev. Dr. Cramp was re-elected President; and the following as Vice-Presidents.

- Rev. E. M. Saunders.
Rev. D. A. Steele.
Rev. M. P. Freeman.
Rev. W. G. Parker, and
Rev. J. F. Murray.

The accounts of the Treasurer were referred to a Committee, and the meeting adjourned to meet again on Saturday evening.

THE ADJOURNED MEETING

of the Union was opened by prayer by Rev. Dr. Sawyer. After the Minutes of the preceding meeting had been read the Report of the Committee was called for and read by J. W. Barss, Esq., as follows:—

Your Committee to whom were referred the Account of the Treasurer of the Baptist Missionary Union report as follows:—

That whilst presuming upon the correctness of the payments and receipts as stated in the account, yet they consider the items extended too much in detail and too much unclassified to be easily understood. They have therefore endeavoured to condense and arrange the payments and receipts under different heads, so far as they could do so without the aid and assistance of the treasurer, who, had he been present, would have aided in the placing of items under their proper heads, of which they were doubtful. But we recommend in future that the Board condense their account for publication, and arrange the payments and receipts for the various services of the board under suitable heads.

Especially would we recommend that the Book and Tract department be separated from the other account, so that a knowledge of its financial state may be readily apprehended. And to do this they suggest that an inventory of the stock on hand at the date of this account be taken, to make a starting point for future operations.

They regret that they had no method of arriving at the true state of the Board's financial standing, as no statement is made of indebtedness to Missionaries, Agents, or Publishers. This they hope will be avoided in future.

They recommend that the Financial year of the Board close on the last day May in each year hereafter, and that no receipts or payments be entered on the accounts after that date. And in submitting their accounts they would suggest that so far as possible all the amounts due for missionary labor or otherwise be stated; and also that an approximate estimate made of the probable amount that will be required to carry on the work of the board efficiently for the year to be entered upon.

All which is respectfully submitted, J. W. BARSS, Chairman.

Rev. I. Wallace, on behalf of the Committee appointed to confer with the New Brunswick brethren, reported that those brethren did not feel disposed to union.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Board be directed to have the reports printed next year, so that copies of them may be placed in the hands of the members of the Union at its Annual Meeting.

N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, at 10 a.m., the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Central Baptist Association was convened in Granville Street Baptist Church. This Association comprises the Baptist Churches in the four central counties of the Province.

The services commenced by singing the hymn:

"Come Holy Spirit from above."

The Moderator of last year, Rev. E. M. Saunders, made a few appropriate remarks, and called upon Rev. J. E. Goucher, of Truro, to offer prayer.

Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A. M., of Wolfville, was elected Moderator.

Brethren B. H. Eaton and A. J. Stevens were appointed Secretaries, and R. N. Beckwith, Treasurer; also, Brethren A. W. Clark, Assistant-Treasurer, and J. W. Barss, Auditor.

Among those invited to take seats, and participate in the deliberations of the Association, was the Rev. J. Wheaton Smith, D. D., of Philadelphia, who has been spending a short vacation in the Eastern part of the Province.

Rev. I. Wallace, Prof. Welton and W. E. Hall were appointed to read the letters from the churches, and the amounts contributed to the various benevolent objects of the denomination.

The committee of arrangements reported the preaching appointments for the Lord's day. The following is the list of places and preachers:

- Granville St. Baptist Church—11 a.m., Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.; 7 p.m., Rev. A. Cohoon.
North Baptist Church—11 a.m., Rev. J. L. Read; 7 p.m., Rev. W. E. Hall.
Gerrish Hall—11 a.m., Rev. D. Freeman; 7 p.m., Rev. J. C. Bleakney.
Dartmouth Baptist—11 a.m., Rev. J. W. Bancroft; 7 p.m., Joshua Eaton.
Fort Massy Presbyterian—11 a.m., Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D.; 7 p.m., Rev. J. Clark.
Salem Congregational—11 a.m., Rev. R. R. Philp; 7 p.m., Rev. I. J. Skinner.
Grafton St. Wesleyan Church—11 a.m., Prof. D. M. Welton.
Dartmouth Presbyterian Church—11 a.m., Rev. W. H. Warren; 7 p.m., Rev. D. A. Steele.
African Baptist Church—11 a.m., Rev. I. Wallace; 3 a.m., Rev. J. Meadows; 7 p.m., Rev. J. Williams.
Mission House—4.30 p.m., Rev. I. Wallace.
Cemetery Gate—4 p.m., Rev. W. E. Hall.
Hammond Plains—11 a.m., Rev. Jos. Murray.
Sackville—11 a.m., Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.
Richmond Presbyterian Church—11 a.m., A. J. Stevens.
Poplar Grove Presbyterian Church—3 p.m., Rev. D. M. Welton.
Infants Home—Rev. T. C. Delong.
Fentimbury—Bro. Wm. Cummings.
Brookfield—Bro. C. Spidle.
Committees were appointed
For Arrangements.—Revs. E. M. Saunders, A. S. Hunt, John Miller, Dea. D. Thomson, Brethren S. Selden, and J. W. Rhuland.
Questions in Letters.—Revs. Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Cramp, J. C. Bleakney, I. J. Skinner, J. L. Read, E. O. Read and Bro. W. Cummings.
Delegates to the Convention were appointed viz. Brethren J. W. Johnston, Hon. Judge McCully, E. D. King, and J. W. Barss.

The Association resumed at 10 o'clock on Monday morning by devotional exercises. The congregation joined in singing,

"Jesus thy boundless love to me, No thought can reach, no tongue can tell."

Rev. W. E. Hall read the 72nd Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph Murray. Rev. S. W. DeBlois, appointed last year, preached the Associational Sermon, taking for his text Psalm lxxx. 17, "The Son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself." One of the reporters for the Association says very truly of the sermon: "The theme deduced was, God makes men, and strengthens them for the accomplishment of His own designs. The subject was treated in that peculiarly felicitous style for which the preacher is noted, an artless simplicity of delivery, combined with wealth of illustration, precision of language, breadth of treatment, and boldness of appeal. The best criterion of the sermon was that it was listened to with great attention by an audience composed of elements differing much from an ordinary congregation, men who as ministers are accustomed to the same lines of thought, and others who are the representatives of the membership of the churches."

The Circular Letter from the Association to the Churches was read, by the Clerk, as the writer was absent. The subject of it is "Striving together for the faith of the gospel."

The Association decided to hold its next session at Hantsport—having had an invitation two successive years.

The Committee on Questions in Letters presented their report as follows:

REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions in Letters report that three letters have been placed in their hands. First, a letter containing the question whether "it is compatible with Baptist principles to withhold letters of dismission from members in good standing when they have removed from the place, and have requested their letters to join other Baptist churches of like faith and order."

In the judgement of the Committee, to refuse to grant letters of dismission in such cases as the one described is not in harmony with the principles and usages of Baptist churches.

The second letter is from the brethren who now maintain worship in Gerrish Street, Halifax, and who in their communication state that they have organized a church, and request admission into this Association, as the Third Baptist Church of Halifax.

It appears from the letters sent to the Association, that a large number of these persons are still members of the North church, Halifax, not having been dismissed from that church for the purpose of forming a separate organization; and that they profess to have formed themselves into a distinct church, although, as they themselves acknowledge, by taking irregular steps. Your Committee have not deemed it necessary to take into consideration the various points of difference between the North Church and the separating brethren, which, it may however be stated, are of a very serious nature. Inasmuch as it is not the custom of the Association to receive churches

which have not been formed in a regular and orderly manner, the Committee cannot recommend the admission of this church.

But your Committee express their earnest desire that measures may be adopted for the reconciliation of the North Church with the seceding members; and they trust that there will be a willingness on all sides to make such concessions or acknowledgments as may be justly required, so that brethren may walk together in unity and peace, and the interests of the Saviour's kingdom among us be saved from harm. When that reconciliation has taken place, which it is hoped will not now be long delayed, the way will be opened for the customary recognition of the new church, and its admission into the Association.

The third letter is from a church in Pleasantville, Lunenburg Co., containing a request for admission into this Association, and referring to the delegates and clerk of the Bridgewater Church for the facts concerning the formation of their body. It appears from the letter of the Bridgewater Church sent to this Association that the members residing in Pleasantville and vicinity were regularly dismissed to form a new church, and we learn from the brethren to whom reference was made, that the new church has been formally received into the fellowship of the neighboring Baptist Churches. Therefore your Committee recommend that the church in Pleasantville be admitted into this Association.

The second clause brought forth a warm discussion which was participated in by Brethren J. W. Johnston, Dr. Sawyer, Revs. A. S. Hunt, E. M. Saunders, I. Wallace, A. Cohoon and Hon. Dr. Parker and J. W. Barss, Esq. Subsequently the following resolution was adopted.

That the North Church and the brethren worshipping in Gerrish Hall be recommended to call a mutual council for the adjustment of their differences, if they shall not be able of themselves to render the aid of a council unnecessary.

An excellent Missionary meeting was held on Monday evening at which good speeches were listened to by a large audience. The speakers were Rev. I. Wallace, Rev. W. E. Hall. After these had spoken Rev. E. M. Saunders introduced a Mr. Benoit, a sailor from H. M. S. Sea-gull, a deacon of a Baptist church in England. He made a capital speech and gave the result of some of his own personal observation in foreign countries especially on the West coast of Africa where he had been stationed two and a half years.

We regret much that our space will not permit us to make use of our notes of this and the other addresses at this meeting for our present number.

The collection amounted to \$50.30.

Rev. D. Freeman, Rev. W. H. Warren, and Rev. John Clark also spoke with good effect.

A Public Educational meeting was also to be held last evening of which we shall give some account next week.

THE UNION OF THE PRESBYTERIANS.

The Witness of Saturday last gives a glowing account of the consummation of this great movement, which took place in Montreal, as follows:—

It is done: the Union is consummated peacefully, harmoniously, with all the deep undemonstrative enthusiasm characteristic of Presbyterians. Four streams that had long pursued diverse courses, converged and commingled on Tuesday, and became one strong "river." Long may its clear waters flow to bless and fertilize this wide Dominion!

The scene in Victoria Hall was indeed memorable. There first entered the Church of Scotland Synod of Canada, then the Synod of the Lower Provinces, then the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland. It was good to see brethren in the procession, on the platform, and taking heartsome part in all the proceedings, who were supposed to be under the painful necessity of standing aloof. The same spirit of love burned in all hearts, kindled every eye, quickened every pulse. Thousands of spectators flowed into Victoria Hall, but there were seats enough reserved for all the ministers and elders. The "Canada Presbyterians" were delayed by reading and dealing with the unreasoning "Reasons" of Dissent of Mr. Ross, the solitary final dissident. At last, as we were all becoming somewhat anxious, like the bride for the delaying bridegroom, they came marching in, a noble host, full five hundred strong,—tramp—tramp—away over to the most distant sections of reserved space—expectation, joy, delight beaming in every face. The large platform was occupied by the officials of the four Churches. It was good to see such a commingling of venerable "fathers," of "sons" in their prime, and of sons still bright with the

dew of youth. It was good to see such men as Dr. Topp, Robert Sedgwick, Principal Snodgrass, Dr. Bayne, James Bennet, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Macleod, John MacTavish, George Grant and Geo. Christie, Principal Cavan and Robert S. Patterson, P. G. McGregor and Isaac Murray, and many more,—men of standing and influence who once stood apart, or in different or even opposing ranks, now shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand and heart to heart.

By the time the "C. P.'s" had filed in the Hall was crowded with spectators, numbering probably 5000 people. The most perfect order prevailed throughout,—everyone seeming profoundly impressed with the spirit of the scene.

The singing of the Hundredth Psalm was grand: I need not say more about it. The details of the "Marriage" I have already recorded. The climax was reached when Rev. P. G. McGregor as the Senior Moderator, pronounced the four Churches ONE CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. There was then a universal giving of the Right Hand of Fellowship, and the emotions of all hearts found utterance in the simple sacred language of the Psalm 133: "How beautiful a thing it is and how becoming well." Gratitude, and joy like the joy of harvest, filled all hearts, and many eyes were dim with unbidden tears.—It is all over—no more the bitterness of all the sessions and disruptions, oppressions and troubles of a too stormy past: all over and buried in oblivion! Thank God, bless God for his great goodness. He has brought light out of darkness and this sweetness out of the Marahs of our pilgrimage—this honey out of the cruel and fierce lions that troubled the fold. Remember—what? No, rather let us forget the things that are behind and be wise for the future—if we can.

The calling of the Roll of the new "General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" came immediately after the Prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. P. G. McGregor: and such a Roll call! It occupied a full hour. Most of the names of the nine or ten hundred were commonplace enough: there were your inevitable Browns, Smiths, and Macs,—your Johns and Jameses, from Newfoundland to British Columbia—from many a cozy manse and from far off shanties in lonely mission fields. The Roll was eloquent after all—very eloquent to anyone who chose to give play to his imagination.

The calling of the Roll was followed by the election of Dr. Cook to the Moderator's chair.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey and their operations have been under discussion in the Imperial Parliament. Their proposal to visit Eton and hold a meeting there among the students was regarded by the aristocracy as a very bold step and a protest was largely signed against a series of meetings being held there. Nevertheless they held a meeting last week in a private garden near the College. It is said that the meeting was attended by 200 students, 15 masters, and 300 citizens. The Earl of Cavan, Lord Worthington, and Earl Russel accompanied Messrs. Moody and Sankey to Eton.

We have religiously abstained from copying into our pages the abominable stuff which has appeared in print concerning H. W. Beecher and his accusers. The subject being unfit for free conversation in the family circle the least said upon it there the better. The jury now have the matter in hand and are expected shortly to give their verdict, or what is more likely, to disagree.

We have just received the continuation of the Journal of Rev. W. F. Armstrong to the interior of Siam. It will be resumed in our next.

Notices.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1875.

The N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION will meet in its 25th Annual Session at Great Village, Londonderry, on Saturday, the 10th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The N. B. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet with the Church at Butternut Ridge, on Tuesday, the 13th day of July.

The P. E. ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will meet in its Annual Session with the Church at North River, on Saturday, the 17th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND will commence its 30th Annual Session on Saturday, the 21st day of August, with the Baptist Church at Hillsburg, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS. June 19th—Per Rev. D. M. Welton, Windsor Baptist Church. \$20.25 THOMAS P. DAVIES, Treasurer, Foreign Missionary Board.

Dear Editor,— On leaving home last week there was handed me by Capt. Charles Eaton, of Black Rock, Cornwallis, a \$10 bill as a special donation to Missions, \$5 for Home Missions and \$5 for the Telougo Mission; the reception of which I hereby gratefully acknowledge, having paid over the money as designated. Thus God inclines the hearts of His people to aid these glorious enterprises.

Yours &c., ISA. WALLACE.

Halifax, June 28th, 1875.

NEW ACADEMY BUILDING.

Dear Editor,— Please allow me to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions to the above object:

- Kentville Church, Collection. \$ 6 00
Winkworth Chipman, Kentville. 5 00
L. D. V. Chipman, " 50 00
A Friend, " 10 00
Thos. H. Borden, " 2-00
Lower Granville, Collection. 6 00
Pine Grove Church. 20 00
Rev. L. B. Gates. 1 00
Mrs. C. McCully, DeBert River. 1 00
Collection at DeBert River. 3 63
J. Bew, Arichat, per S. Selden. 12 00
Damesque & McVene. 46 00
Previously acknowledged. 3460 95

Total. \$3,623.58 For the Committee, D. M. WELTON.

RECEIVED FOR WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETY.

- Berwick,—Miss Vidito. \$ 5 00
Amherst,—J. Logan. 20 00
Windsor,—Miss S. Shand. 17 00
Canard,—Miss L. Eaton. 1 37

To make Mrs. Boggs a Life Member of the W. M. A. Societies. \$25.00 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

Halifax, June 30th, 1875.

The N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION is to meet in Great Village, Londonderry, July 10, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Ministers and other Delegates are respectfully requested to send in their names to the Secretary of Committee without any avoidable delay so that provision may be made for their entertainment.

L. C. LAYTON, Sec. of Com. Great Village, Londonderry. June 14, 1875.

We have received a notice of marriage said to be by Elder Garraty, at St. John, N. B., but as it is without any signature or authorization we have some doubts about its genuineness, and defer its publication.

N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Persons sending their names with the design of attending the Association at Great Village will be informed as to their location by calling at the store of G. B. Layton or of L. C. Layton. Those who do not arrive until Saturday morning will find the Committee at the Meeting House.

P. E. I. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

As the Baptist Association of P. E. Island will meet with the church at North River on 17th July, delegates and friends from a distance intending to be present at the Association, will please correspond with the Clerk of the church, at least one week previously, so that suitable accommodation may be provided for them.

Address, FRANCIS BAIN, North River, P. E. I. North River, June 8th, 1875.

TEA MEETING AT GREENFIELD, QUEENS CO.

The ladies of Greenfield intend holding a Tea-meeting on the seventh day of July next, to procure funds to finish their Parsonage, all persons wishing to aid in a good cause will please give them their patronage.

There will also be offered for sale a few useful and fancy articles. Should the day prove stormy it will be held on the day following. Doors open at two o'clock, P. M. Tea forty-cents; for children under twelve years, twenty cents.

Committee: Mrs. GORHAM FREEMAN, Mrs. STEWART HUNT, Mrs. H. G. FREEMAN, Secretary. Greenfield, Queens Co., June 15th, 1875.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

A. J. Walker, (omitted before) \$20. Jas. H. Eaton, J. G. Ross, \$4. Rev. H. Achilles, S. Harlow, J. Bew, \$12 for Academy Building.

THE GREAT SALE

OF STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS

AT A. L. Wood's, GRANVILLE ST., IS NOW ON.

As our Stock is one of the LARGEST, CHEAPEST and BEST assorted in the city, intending purchasers will find it to their advantage to inspect our stock before buying elsewhere.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. A. L. WOOD, 109 GRANVILLE STREET, June 28.