

understanding that all his time, as well as that of Dr. Crawley, should be given to Theological instruction. Mr. Welton is expected to be in his place and commence his labors at the opening of the next College Term. It is hoped that students for the ministry will avail themselves of this provision.

DESTRUCTION OF MAIN COLLEGE BUILDING BY FIRE.

On the evening of the 2nd of December last the main College Building was discovered to be in flames. The fire spread with great rapidity, and in a very short space of time the building erected under such peculiarly sacred auspices and endeared by so many hallowed associations, was utterly consumed. The President's residence, the Academy Hall and Recitation Rooms, the College Recitation Rooms, the Library, Chapel, Museum, Laboratory and Dormitories for about thirty students, were all swept away. The books and pictures in the Library were saved, most of the former were in a very damaged condition. The philosophical apparatus was also rescued with some damage, not however sufficient to prevent the work of the Scientific Department from being effectually carried on during the Term.

IMMEDIATE ACTION OF THE BOARD.

A meeting of this Board was summoned for the 6th of December, and notwithstanding the lateness of the season, and the shortness of the notice given, a very full attendance was secured. Measures were immediately taken for the erection of temporary buildings for class rooms, etc. It was decided at once that subscriptions should be solicited throughout the Provinces for rebuilding. A public meeting was held at Wolfville the same evening, attended with very cheering results. Nearly nine thousand dollars was subscribed, not only by parties resident in that place, but by Governors and friends from a distance. Cordial expressions of condolence and sympathy were received from the chief educational institutions in both Provinces, which are hereby gratefully acknowledged. A canvass for subscriptions throughout the Provinces was begun and carried forward. About thirty thousand dollars have been subscribed. This, however, must be largely increased in order to defray the liabilities now incurred.

ERECTOR OF NEW BUILDINGS.

Your Board met again on the 1st day of March last, when plans from different architects for a new College Building, and also for a Seminary Building were submitted for inspection and choice. After some delay one for each was fixed upon; tenders were advertised for, and in June last the tender of Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, N. S., for both buildings, for the sum of thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars was accepted. A handsome College Building, some two or three hundred feet to the north of the premises, on a portion of the ground formerly occupied by the College, a tasteful and convenient building for the Female Department of the Academy is also in process of construction.

On the ninth day of July last the corner-stone of the one was laid by A. Longley, Esq., M. P. P., and of the other by Mrs. J. K. Lovett, of Yarmouth, with appropriate public solemnities. Both buildings, by the terms of the contract, are to be completed by the first of July, 1879.

ENDOWMENT.

The work of endowment under the agency of Rev. I. Wallace, of Nova Scotia, and Rev. R. D. Porter, of New Brunswick, was carried on with a fair degree of success up to the time of the fire, when it was thought that the pressing needs forced upon us by that calamitous event would justify some delay in soliciting funds for endowment while the work of canvassing for the Building fund was going on. Hence we cannot report such favorable results as at the conclusion of last year's operations.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

This institution, under the able supervision of Principal Tufts, with a superior staff of instructors, has continued to maintain its high reputation during the past year. ATTENDANCE.—There have been 88 pupils in the Male Department and 80 in the Female Department during the year. This number would have been largely increased had the teachers been disposed to admit some who did not appear to be of that class which it is desirable for such an institution to retain. Horton Academy is not a reform School nor an Infant School, and your Board consider that in reference to requisites for admission it will be better to raise rather than lower the standard.

DEPARTMENT.—With some few exceptions, promptly dealt with, the department of the pupils, their ardor in the pursuit of learning, and their progress are all that could be desired. Your Board have great pleasure in recommending the youth of our land, and especially of our own Denomination, to seek instruction at Horton Collegiate Academy. ACCOMMODATION.—The Academy, as well as the College, has suffered greatly in this respect on account of the fire. The temporary building for the Academy has, however, served a useful purpose. The old Academy Boarding House, reserved for the last two years for the use of the young ladies, is inconvenient, unsuitable and contracted in its limits. Your Board, however, in the design for

the new Seminary have consulted the convenience and comfort of the pupils, and trust that at the beginning of next year, it will be in a habitable condition.

OBITUARY.—It is with unfeigned sorrow that your Board are compelled to report a vacancy in the teaching department of the Academy, caused by the death of Mr. Bernard P. Shafner, A. B. This gentleman was a graduate of the class of 1877. At the opening of the Academy in September last he accepted the position of Assistant Teacher. During the year he discharged the duties of his office in such a manner as to command himself heartily to the pupils in both Departments, to his fellow teachers and to your Board. Gifted with a peculiarly winning and affectionate disposition united with great firmness, thoroughly versed in the knowledge he undertook to impart, he was truly "apt to teach." During his winter vacation in Digby Co. he was highly successful in securing subscriptions for the Building Fund. He had set before him as his life work the ministry of the Word, and had already become a useful and acceptable preacher, but the Lord had other designs for him. Of a robust form and with the appearance of exuberant health, no one could have anticipated so early a close to his earthly career. His death took place at Yarmouth, on the 28th of July last.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.—Your Board at the close of this Jubilee year of our operations can congratulate the Convention on the position we occupy. There has been progress and in the right direction. Our Institutions gain year by year a stronger hold on the affections of the people. We may expect still further enlargement and success. Let us look to God. In his name we have set up our banners. To his glory we devote all our efforts, and in humble dependence upon Him we would order all our doings.

All which is respectfully submitted, STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

The following is the Treasurer's Summary:

Received towards the Endowment Fund, Year 1877-78. On Notes, Pledges, and Subscriptions, \$1,823.00 One payment on Legacy, 200.00 \$2,023.00

Acadia College Endowment Fund Comprises:— Mortgages, \$35,827.68 Toronto Debentures, 4,000.00 Provincial Debentures, 6,813.33 Yarmouth Debentures, 5,700.00 Cash in Bank, 22.12 \$52,363.13

Notes of Hand, and Pledges, 31,500.00 \$83,863.13

INCOME—YEAR 1877-78. Received from Churches, \$328.52 " " Rents, &c., 538.00 " " Diplomas, 34.00 " " Provincial Grant, 2400.00 " " Interest, 3074.63 \$6,375.15

EXPENDITURE—YEAR 1877-78. Paid Salaries, \$5,290.00 " for Insurance, 118.00 " Fuel, Postage, Stationery, Janitor—care of rooms, Librarian, Printing and Fuel, 323.68 " Repairs, 252.74 " Treasurer, 150.00 Due Treasurer, 923.10 \$7,075.52

A. DEW. BARSS, Treasurer. Wolfville, Aug. 1st, 1878.

Also deposited by St. John Committee in the New Brunswick Bank about \$2,000.

Monday afternoon was occupied in a free discussion of the College Report in its financial aspects as well as in its change of location on the grounds at Wolfville. There was, as usual, great freedom of enquiry and a readiness on the part of the Governors of the College to afford all needed information and explanation of the accounts submitted by the Treasurer. These will appear in detail in the Year Book. The above summary will shew the position and standing of the College in regard to its Funds.

The discussion made it evident that the brethren generally in all parts of the Provinces are deeply interested in the operations of the institutions at Wolfville. We are obliged to hold over our notes of the subsequent public meetings both Educational and Missionary.

There is now great activity in political circles. This may be expected to continue for two or three weeks longer until polling day. Meetings are being held in the various counties on behalf of the rival candidates. It is curious to observe the different estimates put on these meetings by the organs of the two opposing parties.

PATRIARCHAL.—Rev. Dr. Cramp preached at Wolfville on Sunday morning the 25th ult. In the course of his discourse he gave an account of a sermon he had preached sixty years ago in London, on the 24th of August, 1818, a printed copy of which he had with him in the pulpit at Wolfville. Dr. C. has preached two or three times recently. His friends will be pleased to learn that he is enjoying comparatively good health.

The builders at Wolfville are making good progress. They commenced putting up the first piece of timber for the frame of the College on the 1st of August. They have it now boarded in and a large portion of the walls walls lathed. They have also the Ladies' Seminary up and boarded ready for the roof. A good month's work.

The Minutes of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association with the Annual Report of the N. B. Baptist Home Missionary Society have come to hand.

We would suggest to the Clerk of the Association that in future, in the column of Present Membership, if, instead of the blanks where the churches did not send letters, they were filled up with the numbers in the last Report, it would give a nearer approximation of the actual number of members in the Association and so enable one to form a more correct idea of the Statistics of the Churches.

On examining the N. B. Home Mission Report we find that the Board have had nine missionaries employed during the year, and the aggregate of their labor is 6 years and 9 months, or 351 weeks of missionary labor, on which they have expended the sum of \$857.00.

The editor of the Westeyan, instead of grappling with Rev. D. G. McDonald's arguments in his letter, seems to think he can better satisfy his readers by carping at what he imagines was a mis-spelt word or two in the manuscript he refused to publish. It appears that Mr. McDonald (not yet "Doctor McDonald") happened in one place to leave the a in "what" unfinished, and in "destroying," the second letter looked like an i, and then, oh, horrible! in the word baptism—used perhaps twenty times—in one place the p looked like a b. Noble disputant! What cleverness such discovery indicates, almost equal to the man who, to serve a purpose, would falsify the lexicons.

"Spartan" wishes to ask Would it not be well to remind some men who indulge in long prayers and write long obituaries that they are sometimes a little too lengthy, or Would it be better to have a chair in our Theological Department that would take special pains to remind our preachers that the forbearance of our fallen race is not unlimited.

"THE PECULIAR PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTISTS."

This is the title of a pamphlet recently issued by the Rev. C. Goodspeed, M. A., late of Woodstock, Ont. It is logical and learned, and deserves extensive circulation.

Mr. Goodspeed shows "that Baptists alone maintain the obligation of all Christians to adhere to the exact rule of Scripture in reference to ordinances as well as doctrine—that they alone reject all idea of sacramental efficacy—that they alone restrict membership in the church of every sort to believers—that they alone maintain the absolute separation of church and state—and that they alone have been always the champions of religious liberty." He shows further that whereas infant baptism is the child of baptismal regeneration, the unscriptural practice being the natural out growth of the unscriptural dogma, the errors against which our peculiar principles are arrayed, are the fruits of infant baptism. This proposition is largely and powerfully illustrated. It appears conclusively that for the membership of the unregenerate—for the union of Church and State—and for intolerance in its various forms, the world is indebted to infant baptism, which is the mother of numerous and destructive evils.

The learned are now generally agreed that our view of the mode of baptism is correct. It is of great importance, in our opinion, to press the argument which Mr. Goodspeed has so clearly and forcibly set forth. The thanks of the denomination are due to him.

Mr. Goodspeed's pamphlet is printed by Dudley and Burns, Toronto.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our missionaries suffered greatly in the early part of the year, with the exception of Mr. Sanford, who escaped the attacks of fever which prostrated his brethren, and has been able to give attention to the erection of a mission house at Bimlipatam, furnishing accommodation for his own family and for Miss Hammond.

The church at Vizianagram numbers twenty-eight members. The regiment that was stationed there, and in which there was a church, presided over by Anthravady, the native pastor, is removed to Toungoo, Burmah, where it will come into connection with our American brethren.

There have been three baptisms and one death at Bimlipatam; one baptism at Kotopardy, in the Jeypore district, and three deaths. The church at Bimlipatam consists of eight members. There is a flourishing school at that place.

At Chicacole a congregation is gradually being gathered. Two persons were baptized there, June 30. One of them had broken caste a year ago, but had been prevented from making a public profession by the violent opposition of his relatives; when they saw, however, that he was firm to his new principles, they desisted.

Two native preachers have been kept at work; a Sabbath School has been formed; and "it gives us great pleasure to report," Mr. Armstrong says, "the acquisition of an efficient man for colporteur employment. Paulus has distributed 2947 books, containing about 115,200 pages." They have been purchased by the people. About 1000 tracts have been given away. A girls' school has been also formed.

The health of the missionaries being now restored, it is hoped that we shall soon receive reports of their active operations in evangelical labour, and of the divine blessing attending it. Let the people of God be earnest in supplication for such an outpouring of the Spirit as has been vouchsafed in other parts of Telugu-land. The Lord takes pleasure in answering "effectual fervent prayer."

Notices.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Aug. 12.—Per Rev. J. B. McQuillin, Isaac's Harbor Bap. Ch. \$ 12 00 Per A. A. Wilson, Pitt St. Mission School, St. John, 24 69 Per Jas. S. McDonald, Wolfville, N. S., Baptist Church, 32 12 Per Rev. W. P. Everett, Gideon Flick, Hollands Harbor, N.S. 1 03 Per D. P. Quigley, Amherst Baptist Church, \$40; Sunday School ditto, \$7. 47 00 Per John March, Leinster St. Baptist Church, St. John, 29 00 Per Thos. H. Hall, Temple Baptist Church, St. John, \$11.09; Rev. W. P. Everett, do., \$4.50; C. D. Everett, do., \$10. 25 59 Per Rev. W. B. Boggs, Capt. Anthony and wife, Cow Bay, C. B. 5 00 Sackville, N. S., collection, 1 50 Bedford do., 4 82 A Friend, Centreville, Carleton Co., N. B., 4 15 Per W. Faulkner, Truro Baptist Church, 100 00 Aug. 15.—Per W. Allwood, Brunsells St. Bap. Ch. St. John, 9 04 Per Rev. J. H. Robbins, Bear River Baptist Church, N. S. 15 00 Per Rev. W. E. Hall, Wm. McGill, Upper Wilmot Baptist Church, 4 00 Per C. Saunders, Dalhousie Baptist Church, N. B., 2 00 THOS. P. DAVIES, Treas. F. M. Board.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Mrs. G. W. Freeman, Amherst, \$2 00 Milton, Mrs. E. G. Freeman, 6 00 Onslow West—Miss Maggie McNutt, \$1.50 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y Halifax, Sept. 4, 1878.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO RE-BUILDING FUND; ACADIA COLLEGE.

Hon. P. C. Hill, \$50 00 Rev. Dr. Hill, 25 00 J. E. Irish, 25 00 H. G. Laurillard, 4 00 S. S. Forrest, 27 09 Mayor Richey, 25 00 L. M. Smith, 30 00 Mrs. R. F. Hart, 50 00 \$234 00 Previously acknowledged, 2548 00 \$2782 00 H. H. Blich, Sec'y. Halifax Committee.

The Baptist Church at Five Islands and Lower Economy will celebrate its fiftieth Anniversary with special services on Sept. 15th to 17th as follows:— Sabbath, Sept. 15th, special sermons. Monday evening, 16th, sermon by Rev. J. E. Goucher. Tuesday evening, 17th, a Sketch of the history of the Church will be read by the pastor, to be followed by addresses. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to ministers and other friends to visit us at that time. A season of deep interest is expected. That our brethren in the ministry may come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace is the prayer of the writer.

A. E. INGRAM. Upper Economy, Colchester Co., Aug. 30th, 1878. P. S.—These meetings will be held at Lower Economy. A. E. I.

The Sabbath School Convention of the N. S. Central Baptist Association will be held (D. V.) on Thursday, Sept. 19th, at 10 o'clock, a. m., sharp, in Upper Peregux, Cornwallis. All schools within said Association are requested to send their letter and delegates. S. S. workers cordially invited.

J. MURRAY, Sec'y. Waterville, Kempt Co., Aug. 10. N. B.—There was a slight mistake in my former notice. 19th inst. should have been September 19th. J. M.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The Ministerial Conference of Colchester and Cumberland, will meet D. V. with the Baptist Church in Lower Economy and Five Islands, on Monday 15th Sept. Preaching at 7 1/2. Pastors and Licentiates of the two counties will kindly take notice.

Letters Received.

W. A. Hutchison \$2. Rev. E. M. Kierstead 1 sub. A. J. Ledbeater, \$2. C. I. Margeson Esq., M. D., \$2. 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$3. Rev. J. D. Skinner, \$1, 1 sub. T. Dunlap, \$4.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Tea Meeting.

THE ladies of the Sewing Circle, assisted by the church and congregation, intend holding a Tea Meeting and Fancy Sale in Gaspereaux on Thursday, the 12th September, instant.

To add to the interest of the occasion, vocal and instrumental music will be provided. Proceeds to be devoted to renovating the church edifice. Door of the "Tent by the River" open at 2 P. M. Admission 10 cts. Tea 25 cts. Supper 35 cts. Children half price. By order, T. M. MARTIN.

N. B.—Should the weather prove unfavorable the meeting will be held on the first fine day after. Sept. 4.

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