

For the Christian Messenger. Kings County Baptist Ministerial Conference.

The Baptist Ministerial Conference of Kings County assembled in the Vestry of the Baptist Church, Canard, on Monday Sept. 1st, at 10 1/2 A. M. The following brethren were present:

- President, - Rev. S. W. DeBlois. Secretary, - Rev. S. March. Treasurer, - Rev. S. B. Kempton. Revs. Joseph Murray, D. Freeman, Dr. Welton, George Thomas, of Rosslyn Bay, Mass. O. S. C. Wallace, of Spencer, Mass. Brethren H. K. Eaton, Joshua Ellis, A. F. Chipman, Wm. North, J. W. Margeson, S. Strong, C. Roscoe, and Wm. Eaton.

The subject of Home Missions in Kings County occupied a large share of attention, and preliminary steps were taken to supply the destitute portions, more especially on the North Mountain.

A Committee was appointed to ascertain the precise condition of certain districts lying between Hall's Harbor and Scott's Bay, and to consult with adjacent churches, consisting of Revs. D. Freeman, S. B. Kempton, Joseph Murray, and Bro. Harding Sweet, and to report at the next meeting.

Revs. Dr. Welton, David Freeman, Joseph Murray, and S. B. Kempton each presented a sketch of a sermon preached on the preceding Lord's day for discussion and criticism, and many valuable thoughts were elicited upon the subjects thus brought to the attention of the Conference. Some of the discussions were lively and animated—and doubtless proved profitable to all present.

The Rev. Dr. Welton preached an earnest and forcible sermon in the evening to a deeply interested audience from Isaiah ix. 7, and John iii. 30. Subject: "The growing power and influence of Christ's Kingdom." Revs. Joseph Murray, S. March and S. B. Kempton also taking part in the exercises. A collection for Home Missions was taken at the close.

The Revs. S. W. DeBlois and Dr. Sawyer were requested kindly to favor the next Conference with papers assigned them at the last meeting.

Rev. S. B. Kempton to prepare a sketch of a sermon.

Voted that Rev. Dr. Sawyer be respectfully requested to prepare a paper on the subject of receiving State Aid for Secular Educational Institutions for presentation to this Conference.

The Secretary tendered his resignation of the office held by him, and Rev. S. B. Kempton was appointed pro tem.

The next meeting is appointed to be held in the Baptist meeting house at Upper Aylesford, the first Monday in October at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. Joseph Murray to preach the sermon in the evening, and the Rev. S. McCully Black to be his alternate.

N. B.—The Pastors of the churches, and one delegate from each church, and the Licentiates of the churches have each and all a right to a seat in the Conference. Let there be a full meeting next month.

STEPHEN MARCH, Sec'y. Canning, Sept. 2, 1879.

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Bro. Selden,—

Please allow me to acknowledge the following donations to the Beaver River Church building fund, and to state that I am about to visit many of the churches in the Province for the purpose of soliciting funds to assist in building our houses of worship. Our people in this section have done nobly in the work of rebuilding, but there is still a deficiency of more than one half the cost of the burned building; the two smaller houses now in course of erection will cost about the same as the one burned. We are greatly in need, will not all try to help us?

- Rev. G. O. Gates, Liverpool.....\$1 00 Mr. Robert Reed, Hill Grove..... 1 00 San Ah-brah, Newton..... 5 00 Collections in Westport Baptist Church.....13 17 Collections in Freeport Baptist Church..... 5 09 A Friend, Westport..... 4 00 Thos. C. Peters, "..... 2 00 Edward Sutherland..... 0 75 James Worrall..... 1 00 J. P. Nowlan..... 1 00 Livingstone Coggins..... 1 00 Henry Titus..... 1 00 M. G. Syda..... 1 00 C. E. Payson..... 0 50 H. E. Payson..... 1 00 Joseph Sutherland..... 1 10 Frank J. Sutherland..... 4 00 Bowers Brothers..... 2 00 Obed H. Glaven..... 2 00 Charles Hicks..... 1 00

- B. Harvey.....\$2 00 Herbert Davis..... 1 00 Arthur Collins..... 1 00 Cormick McDermand..... 1 00 Wallace Coggins..... 0 50 J. D. Payson..... 1 00 Mrs. Albert Welsh..... 1 00 James Collins..... 1 00 Ethel Davis, senr..... 1 00 Rev. L. B. Gates..... 1 00 Mrs. Rockwell..... 1 00 Andrew Coggins..... 1 00

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Halifax, N. S., September 10, 1879.

BAPTIST CONVENTION AT TRURO.

THIRD ARTICLE.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

The Committee appointed at the session of 1878 to revise the Constitution presented their Report in a printed slip. The changes suggested are in the following articles:—

I. This Convention shall be known as the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

III. The membership of the Convention shall be composed as follows:

4th. Any member of one of these Churches who shall have contributed towards the objects of the Convention fifty dollars at one time, previous to the 27th of August, 1879,—or one hundred dollars at one time after that date, shall be a life-member of the Convention.

5th. The President and Faculty of Acadia College, being members of any of the Churches above mentioned, shall be ex officio members of the Convention.

VI. There shall be a Board of Home Missions and a Board of Foreign Missions appointed by the Convention, each consisting of fifteen members of the body, five of whom shall retire each year in the order of their appointment, but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Five members shall form a quorum of each Board.

VIII. The Convention shall also appoint a Ministerial Education Board, and a Board for the management of a Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund, each of which Boards shall consist of nine members of the Convention, three of whom shall retire annually, in the order of their appointment, but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Three members shall form a quorum of each Board.

X. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any session, written notice of the proposed alteration or amendment having been given at the last meeting.

After some discussion, and provision being made for calling special sessions, it was adopted.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT AT ACADIA.

During the discussion of the Report of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, it was shewn that while the Faculty were doing their utmost to maintain the Arts Course in the highest possible state of efficiency, they were seeking to make the Theological Department equal to all the demands of the body. Rev. Dr. Sawyer called attention to the fact that a distinct Theological Department had existed 18 years ago under the direction of Rev. Dr. Cramp, and more or less at other times since. That the recent appointments were but a resuscitation of what had formerly existed, but with a more distinct and definite character.

Rev. A. Cohoon offered a resolution to refer the report back to the Committee with a request that the clause respecting the Theological Department be amended by a more definite statement as to the management of the Theological Department.

The following addition was consequently made.

In this connection the attention of the Convention is called to the following resolutions passed at a meeting of your Board on the 5th day of June last:

1. Voted that Dr. Welton be requested to take charge of the Rhetorical Department in Acadia College.

2. Whereas at the meeting of this Board in June, 1878, action was taken in reference to the Theological Department, which the present state of our funds and the existing emergencies of the Institution will not justify; and whereas that action points to the establishment of a full course of post graduate study as embodied in the Report of the Theological Department presented to this Board to-day.

Resolved, That such action be necessarily modified for the reasons above stated, and that a Committee be appointed to wait upon Drs. Crawley and Welton, and communicate to them the substance of this and the preceding resolution, and convey to them the feelings and opinions of the members of this Board in reference thereto, said Committee to consist of Dr. Parker, Bro. Saunders and Dr. Rand.

The Church at Hillsborough, N. B., having invited the Convention to hold

its next annual session with them, said invitation was unanimously accepted.

FINANCIAL SUGGESTIONS IN CONVENTION SERMON.

The Committee appointed to consider the statements made in the Convention Sermon, and to offer practical suggestions thereupon, presented the following as their report:

1. That a sum be raised for our denominational Objects of Benevolence equal to a dollar a head of our whole membership.

2. That this sum, equal to about \$36,000 be divided among the several departments, upon the following scale:

Table with 2 columns: Department and Amount. Includes Home Missions (\$14,400), Educational Institutions (9,000), Ministerial Education (900), Infirmary Fund (900), Cost of Collecting (1,440), Surplus Fund (360), and Total (\$36,000).

3. That a standing finance Committee, consisting of three suitable men, be appointed by the Convention to take charge of the financial operations of the body, with power to employ such means for conducting the same upon the foregoing scale, as they may deem advisable.

Quite a number of brethren spoke more or less on this matter. After which the report was adopted and the following brethren appointed to carry it into operation: Rev. G. E. Day, for N. S., John March for N. B., and Rev. D. G. McDonald for P. E. I.

Revs. E. M. Saunders, J. W. Manning, and the Secretary E. M. Kierstead were appointed the Committee to superintend the publication of the Year Book.

A resolution was presented by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, having reference to future legislation respecting the grants to Colleges in Nova Scotia. This was ably discussed by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Dr. Rand, and Hon. Dr. Parker. Opinions were strongly expressed that no denomination as such, had any right or claim more than another to consideration in any future distribution of public money for Collegiate Institutions.

THE PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL MEETING on Tuesday evening was very largely attended.

The subject presented for Higher Education in all departments were ably presented by Rev. Dr. Sawyer. He contrasted the fine accommodations now provided at Wolfville, with the former inconvenient arrangements. With these handsome buildings and the spacious College so finely adapted to the purpose for which it is intended he regarded them as not to be excelled by any institutions of the same grade in the Dominion of Canada, or in New England. He did not fear comparison with any.

The Theological Department he said was not the newest portion of the work at Horton. It had always been demanded and the Institutions existed for the purpose of giving mental training to ministerial students.

The regular establishment of a Ladies Seminary is the latest development and this had been less noticed than it deserved to be. He thought we often took too narrow a view of the objects of higher education. We should seek to provide education surrounded with Christian influences, for young men generally, but more especially those who may enter into professional life. The scepticism so prevalent in the professions arose largely from a separation of Science from Religion. We should seek the promotion of Christian education for the people, and let the voice of God as found in His word be given to the world. Those who laid the foundation of the work at Horton were in perfect harmony with these principles.

Rev. E. M. Saunders shewed that now for the first time we are able to say that we have provided a full well rounded course of higher education for young ladies. He gave a resume of the early efforts that had been made to bring this about. He passed a high eulogium on the students in the College and Academy at Wolfville for their gentlemanly conduct.

Dr. Rand said he had greatly enjoyed his visit to Truro where he had spent five years of the happiest portion of his life. He had been reminded during this meeting of a lecture he had given some years ago on "Shall women learn the alphabet?" This had now been fairly answered in the affirmative. We have been told of the feast already provided at Wolfville, at which all are invited to partake. Dr. R. re-

commended that while efforts are made in this direction, special attention should be given to young persons showing special talent and superior abilities. These finer developments of mind would pay for high cultivation. The unbelief of the present day would be effectually met by having Christian men as professors in the Arts Course. Here is where the conflict with materialism is to be fought. The discipline of the Arts Course would afford preparation for grasping and contending with unbelief and infidelity. He believed the Christian church could not engage in a more noble work than in giving higher education on Christian principles. This work is closely connected with sending forth the gospel into all the world.

At the close of the Education Meeting the Convention resumed business. The Rev. J. W. Manning of Halifax was appointed to preach the Convention Sermon next year, Rev. E. M. Kierstead to be his alternate.

Rev. E. M. Kierstead was appointed Secretary of the Convention under the new Constitution—for the ensuing three years.

W. Cummings, Esq., Treasurer reported collections and donations amounting to \$123.01; less bills paid \$12.16.

The Nominating Committee reported the following Boards and Committees for the current year:

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD—Hon A. McI. Seeley, Rev J. M. Cramp, D. D., Rev W. P. Everett, T. P. Davis, Rev D. A. Steele, Rev G. E. Day, Rev W. A. Corey, Rev A. J. Wilcox, J. H. Harding, Rev I. E. Bill, Rev E. Hickson, Rev J. E. Hopper, C. F. Clinch, A. W. Marsters, John March.

HOME MISSION BOARD—Rev G. E. Day, M. D., Rev A. Cohoon, A. M., Messrs A. C. Robbins, J. C. Anderson, W. R. Doty, W. A. C. Randall, James Crosby, Rev J. Clark, Rev J. B. McQuillin, Rev A. H. Lavers, Rev H. N. Parry, Messrs Pearl D. Kinney, A. S. Murray, A. Simpson, John March.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION BOARD—Rev S. B. Kempton, A. M., J. W. Bays, J. MacDonald, Charles F. Eaton, Rev A. W. Sawyer, D. D., Rev S. W. DeBlois, A. M., Rev Isaiah Wallace, A. M.

BOARD FOR MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND AID FUND—Rev E. M. Saunders, A. M., Rev J. W. Manning, A. M., Stephen Selden, Hon Dr. Parker, J. F. L. Parsons, Rev J. F. Avery, Rev Edward Hickson, Rev J. A. Gordon.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR—Rev C. B. Welton, Rev W. P. Everett, A. Longley, M. P. R. E. Steeves, Esq., A. F. Randolph, Wm. Faulkner.

The Committees on Obituaries, and on the State of the Denomination were re-appointed.

Rev. D. G. McDonald moved and Rev. S. W. DeBlois seconded the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, there has been a falling off in the contributions for the present necessities of Acadia College, causing a deficiency, which must be supplied by the denomination, therefore

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly request the churches of which it is composed to forward to the Treasurer of Acadia College at their very earliest convenience a sum equal to an average of 10 cents per member to meet the present and pressing demands; and

Further Resolved, That the pastors of the various churches of the three Provinces be requested to take the matter in hand, and neither lose time nor spare effort to collect and forward the above amount:

And also that a copy of this Resolution be at once forwarded to every pastor and missionary laboring with our churches.

At about 11 o'clock the Convention adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church of Hillsboro, N. B., on the first Saturday after the 18th of August, 1880.

We have had but little to say on the discussion between Rev. John Brown and Rev. D. D. Currie, as, from the first, we did not anticipate any other more satisfactory result than that we now find on the subject. We should not now refer to the matter, or to the letter of Mr. Brown on another page, but for a base attempt, by a forgery, to impose on him and us, and the people of Paradise. Some person, who must be half an idiot, and more than half a knave, has written us the following:

PARADISE, SEPT., 1st., 1879.

My Dear Mr. Editor,—

Please insert the following in this week's Messenger.

Upon seeing the item in the last issue of the Wesleyan of our Bro. G. A. Best, have concluded to meet him in Wilmot Hall, on the evening of the 9th inst., which is Tuesday and blot out the stain which he claims to be upon my character. After which shall try to lift him from the pit into which he has fallen, "Set his feet upon a rock," and "create in his mouth a new song." REV. JOHN BROWN.

Such a clumsy attempt at forgery is worthy of the source whence it emanated. It is a poor cause that needs, or rests on, such support. We hope the writer will in future try and use his pen and postage stamps to some better purpose.

We perceive that DR. CRAMP'S HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTS has been translated, and published in the German language. A French correspondent of the Baptist Publication Society, writes the secretary from St. Etienne, "I am just now busy with writing an essay on Baptist History in French, a tongue in which we had hitherto no such thing, and all that I could consult with reference to English and American Baptists was Cramp's History in a German translation."

DR. CHAPIN one of the most eloquent of United States divines, lectured in the Academy of Music here on Friday evening on "Modern Chivalry," and on Monday evening on "Orders of Nobility." Large audiences assembled. His object on Friday evening was to shew that the chivalry of former ages was not at all superior to that of present times. True nobleness exists to-day of a far higher, and more philanthropic type than that of earlier days. The latter was a defence of useful labor, as the best evidence of true nobility.

One of our country pastors sends us the following Outline of a Sermon, as he says, for our information, that we may have sympathy for our country churches by knowing a little about their fare. He adds, "Of course you are not supposed to publish any of it." But we think that what is good for us is good for other people, and therefore, without revealing its source we take the liberty of sending it forth to do all the good it may beyond what it has done to us and his own people:—

"Text. Isa. xlii. 12, "A man more precious than fine gold." Intro. A true estimate of man's importance, (1) to the Church of Christ (2) to each individual man.

THEME. THE ESTIMATE OF MAN OR THE VALUE OF THE SOUL—AS SEEN—1. In the faculties with which he is endowed (a) the intellectual state, (b) the moral, (1) the conscience, (2) the heart, (c) the social under the proper influence of the other two, results in sweet fellowship with God and man.

11. In the light of God's interposition in his behalf, (a) notwithstanding the fall there was something so precious in man that it was right for God to love him. There is that which God cannot love; but beloved the world, (b). Love's estimate of its object is seen in the sacrifice that it will make to possess it. God gave His beloved Son that He might have or redeem men, (c) and the estimate of the Divine love does not terminate with the gift of Christ, the Holy Spirit is given that He may regenerate man, that God may have him as His adopted child.

III. In his (man's) possibilities. The world does not fail to value objects by these possibilities and (1) man may be judged before God, etc., (2) he may rise in a glorified resurrection body. (3) He has also the possibility of endless development or he may enjoy the holy culture of eternity. The human soul is precious.

Conclusion. And therefore (1) let the church of Christ arise to save the souls of men, for they are precious; and (2) let every man resolve to secure his own salvation for he is too precious to be lost."

Notices.

TEA MEETING.

The Ladies of the Kempt Baptist Church and congregation, residing at Brookville and Cheverie, providence permitting will hold a Tea Meeting and Fancy Sale at Cheverie Hall on the 24th September to raise funds for the completion of the Baptist Meeting House at Brookville. We trust our friends will not forget us on that occasion, as we are greatly in need of funds. Tea 30cts., children under twelve, half price. There will be a lunch provided for those who wish it. Should the day be stormy, tea will be served on the following day if fine.

MATLAND, HANTS CO.—Dear Brother, —Please acknowledge for me through the Messenger the following sums, to aid us in the purchase of "Parsonage Lot." From Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$1.00. A kind Sister in Rawdon, per Mrs. C. Tupper, \$3.00. Temple Church, Yarmouth, \$15.00.

P.S. The above \$3.00 was the proceeds from the sale of a gold ring. May the Lord abundantly honor such gifts of self-sacrifice. We feel grateful to all our friends for their kind remembrance of us.

Yours &c., G. N. BALLENTINE.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Bear River, —Mrs. John Harlow, \$8.00 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. Halifax, Sept. 9th, 1879.