

various ways; and causes to grow up under a healthy influence a class of persons who in after years will be the right guides of all with whom they come in contact.

The influence imparted in S. Schools acts upon Families and greatly benefits them. Children are made better for the knowledge they gain of Christian precepts and the requirements exhibited by Divine truth. Children in Sabbath Schools are taught to obey parents, to respect the rights of others and even to do good to enemies. Thus taught they are easily governed when young, and become more useful when grown up. Principles of benevolence are cultivated; the rules of Temperance strictly set before them; and this greatly assists the anxious parent in preventing the first violation of principles, which, when not nipped in the bud, lead to consequences the most perilous.

The Christian Church is especially benefitted by the training of the young in the Sabbath School. Children rightly taught will soon be the members of our churches. As their minds are influenced by early training, so on entering the church they are ready to engage in all its important duties. Being early taught Christian obligations they at once engage in fulfilling them, so when they profess to be followers of Christ, it becomes natural for them to be workers and not drones in the church. It behoves each church in our Association and each member of the same, to earnestly labor, uphold, and encourage this most useful and important enterprise.

Your Committee would on this Centenary year of Sunday Schools express great thankfulness that so much has been done in establishing and carrying on Sabbath School instruction during the period of 100 years now closing, and especially would they render thanks to the great head of the Church that our own Denomination in Nova Scotia has shared so largely in the general benefits. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. BARSS, Chairman.

For the Christian Messenger. Home Missions.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held July 12th, 1880.

Treasurer reported receipts of the month \$924.00.

Cor. Secretary read reports from missionaries, Edwards, Goudy, Jas. Spencer, Crandall, Mutch, Roscoe, Kidson, and Jordan.

A grant of \$50.00 per year from Aug. 1st, 1880 was given to the West Sherbrooke Church to assist in securing the labours of a pastor one fourth of the time.

REPORTS WANTED.

Missionaries are requested to report all work done up to July 31st, 1880, as the year closes at that date. This is required whether their quarters end at that date or not, as it will be necessary for all reports to be in the hands of the Cor. Secretary not later than the 8th of August.

FINANCE.

\$1600.00 in four weeks.

The Treasurer's Books will be closed about the 15th of August. Before that time we hope to receive \$1600.00, so that we may close the year without a debt.

The responses of late have been encouraging. A little exertion on the part of all will give us the amount needed.

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y. Hebron, July 15, 1880.

The Presbyterian College, Montreal, has received authority from the Quebec Legislature to confer degrees in theology. We are very sure that the College will make judicious use of its newly acquired powers. Knox College will ask and receive similar powers at the next meeting of the Ontario Legislature.—Witness.

The increase in the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church during the past four years has been less than 4 per cent. per annum.

We have received a printed "Report of the Grand Worthy Secretary" signed "Howard Stewart," giving a large amount of information to the body to which it belongs, comprising "Lodges," under various designations. But we fail to find from said Report what Lodges they are, or what the work they have in hand, any further than that "We are indebted to our Special Deputies for the splendid work they have done;" &c. Whether it is a Temperance, a Masonic or a Life Assurance body does not appear.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., July 21, 1880.

N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Although called the Eastern, the place of meeting this year, being at the extreme western point of Cumberland County, was even farther west than that of the Central Association. Being out of the ordinary travelling routes it was regarded as somewhat difficult of access, and a smaller number than usual of delegates were able to reach the place of meeting—Advocate Harbor.

We had planned to get there on Saturday, but found that "The best laid plans of mice and men Aft gang aglae,"

now, as they did when Burns lived and wrote. We were promised that the steamer Earl Dufferin would leave Windsor at 12.30, and go on the same evening to Spencer's Island—within two or three miles of Advocate. But on arriving at

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we found that the Earl was not on hand and did not put in an appearance till about 3 o'clock, p. m. We had therefore an opportunity of seeing a few friends in the royal town of Windsor. Like its ancient namesake it may be so called, because of its noble ladies residing there, who compare favorably with the one we all delight to honor living in the palace of old Windsor. The heavy rain on the previous evening had refreshed the luxuriant vegetation, and given brightness and beauty to all around. Nothing could be more charming than the view from the King's College campus, combining hill and valley, and the town on the land, and the Avon and the vast waters of Minas Basin.

Accompanied by the Windsor pastor we were soon off for Parrsboro. Our passage was a most unexceptionable one. With a stiff breeze and a thermometer at 86°, we could enjoy the lovely scenery on the banks of the river with its thrifty farms and shipyards on either side.

PARRSBORO.

Reaching Parrsboro the steamer was soon left aground at the wharf, so that the remainder of the journey could not be by water, and we were obliged to seek for land conveyance. But we could find no horses or driver ready to go till early morning. It then was agreed that we start at 2 o'clock.

Parrsboro Village is not one of the "finished cities" of our province. Progress is evident on every hand with its shipment of lumber, and coal, and the railway terminus. New houses are being erected, and since we were there last it has been considerably increased. After calling on the pastor's family, and another friend we retired with the intention of preparing for a long day. Just before the break of day between 2 and 3 o'clock we were on the way over an excellent road proceeding westward. Soon after starting the sun broke forth behind us throwing its scintillations on to the tops of the high hills in the distance, and crowning all the landscape with golden brilliancy. Now we come to the base of an abrupt mountain height covered with tall trees which seems to forbid our proceeding further, but find by a slight turn that we make a gradual rise along its side, and again, when reaching its summit and after having a view of the opposite shore, Cape Split, Scot's Bay and the north shore of the counties of Kings and Annapolis, we begin to descend and find ourselves at Diligent River; then a similar experience brings us to Fox River. Climbing over the hills again we reach Port Greville, a place in which much taste is displayed in the residences of the people and indications of shipping, and other business, appear. Beyond this we find more hills and higher, and deeper hollows without any intermission. The road is a continuation of ups, in one case of a mile at a stretch, and then downs of about the same distance, where, it would appear that at some remote period the water has rushed out into the Bay forming deep gulches where now small streams only are left.

As we approach the end of our journey we find other teams proceeding in the same direction. Looking from the summit of one hill, we could see all across the intervening valley, and watch them climbing up, so far off that they looked like flies.

Coming to Spencer's Island we find a large ship of 1400 tons in process of construction, but all is quiet, and nothing but preparation for the Sabbath services appears.

We arrived at the place of meeting, Advocate Harbor, about 9 o'clock, and around the doors of the sanctuary we find several brethren already gathered, awaiting the new arrivals.

The Association had held its meetings for organization on Saturday with the usual devotional exercises.

The following is the list of Delegates:—

Advocate Harbor.—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Deacons A. W. McLellan, Jacob Spicer, Eber Field, Brethren Capt. Wm. Knowlton, and R. W. Spicer.

Tracadie.—Brother A. W. Jordan, Licentiate.

Folly Lake.—Rev. T. B. Layton.

Upper Londoulerry.—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Great Village.—Revs. M. P. Freeman, Wentworth.—T. B. Layton.

Amherst.—Rev. D. A. Steele, and Rev. Wm. George.

Williamsdale and Millvale.—Rev. D. McLeod.

Wallace and Pugwash.—Rev. H. Bool.

Lower Economy.—Brethren Charles McLellan, and Daniel Stewart.

Parrsboro.—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Deacons Samuel Spencer, F. L. Jenks, and Brother Elijah Spencer.

West Brook.—Deacons Stephen Roscoe, J. T. Blenkhorn, and Brother H. Mills.

Maccan.—Deacon Wm. Blenkhorn.

Goshen.—Rev. A. Freeman.

Portauquique.—Deacons George Davidson, John Robinson, Brethren Andrew Thompson and Robinson Thomson.

Truro.—Rev. J. E. Goucher.

River Hebert.—Rev. Isaac R. Skinner, and Brother John Barnes.

Isaacs Harbor.—Rev. A. Freeman.

2nd St. Mary's.—Rev. A. Freeman.

Diligent River.—Rev. J. F. Kempton, and Brother T. Bentley.

Delegates from Western Association.—Rev. L. M. Weeks.

Delegates from Central Association.—Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D., and Deacon S. Selden.

Invited.—Deacon Israel Broderick, Brother Michael Atkinson, and Rev. E. M. Kierstead.

Rev. J. E. Goucher was elected Moderator; and Revs. M. P. Freeman, and Augustus Freeman, Secretaries, Brother Robert Spicer, Treasurer, and Rev. T. B. Layton, Assistant Treasurer.

The various Committees were appointed and arrangements made for carrying on the business; with prayer meetings each morning from 9.15 to 10 o'clock.

The appointments for public worship and preaching on the Lord's Day in the various places in the neighbourhood were as follows:—

At Advocate, Baptist Church—Morning, Rev. Dr. Tupper. Afternoon, Rev. J. E. Goucher. Evening, Rev. W. George.

At Advocate, Methodist Church—Morning, Rev. D. A. Steele. Evening, Rev. Lewis M. Weeks.

At Spencer's Island—Morning, Rev. I. R. Skinner.

At Eatonville—Morning, Rev. T. B. Layton. Afternoon, Bro. A. W. Jordan, Licentiate.

At Apple River—Morning, and at Salem in the afternoon, Rev. Augustus Freeman.

The Letters from the Churches were read by Revs. H. Bool, D. A. Steele, and I. R. Skinner. Some of these were of a cheering joyous character, shewing considerable additions to the membership, the most conspicuous of which were Sydney 42; Parrsboro 14; Amherst 23; Margaree, C. B., 71; Brookfield 14; Five Islands and Economy 25; Greenville 19; Onslow West 9; Truro 7; Portauquique 6; Great Village 5; Advocate Harbor 9.

Appointments were made; among which were the following to be Delegates to the Convention to meet at Hillsborough, N. B., Brethren A. E. McKeen, Hans Mills, Wm. Faulkner and Charles B. Whidden.

On Saturday evening a Temperance meeting was held at which the Report of the Committee on that subject was presented, and warm earnest addresses were given by the Chairman, Rev. J. F. Kempton, and Rev. A. Freeman, A. W. Jordan, Wm. Blenkhorn, A. Thompson, Geo. Davidson, and A. McLellan.

On Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Tupper preached from 2 Cor. xiii. 11.

In the course of a few introductory remarks Dr. T. informed the congregation that 64 years ago he began his ministerial labors here at Advocate Harbor, and here he first administered the ordinance of Christian baptism. He had subsequently labored at this place for some time, but had not visited Advocate Harbor now for 32 years. He had come now with the anticipation that it would be the last time he would appear amongst the children and grandchildren of those to whom he formerly ministered. At his advanced age he

had no expectation of again visiting Advocate.

His discourse was full of kind and loving counsels and paternal solicitude for the future of the church in whose behalf he had so long ago labored.

Rev. J. E. Goucher preached in the afternoon on Joshua's counselling a courageous obedience to the Divine command. Joshua i. 9.

Rev. W. George preached an excellent sermon in the evening.

The meeting house was filled with a large congregation, in addition to which a platform erected on the side with a canvass covering afforded comfortable accommodation for quite a number.

On Monday morning the Association Sermon was preached by Rev. H. Bool, of Pugwash, from Songs of Solomon ii. 15, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." An excellent practical discourse which we shall shortly have pleasure in placing before our readers.

Immediately after the Sermon Rev. D. A. Steele read the Circular Letter to the Churches. Subject: "Defection from Christ."

The Moderator read a letter from the Board appointed by the Convention for the management of the Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund. After explanations asked and given by the representative of the Board present, it was resolved,

"That the Board of the Infirmary ministers' Fund be re-appointed and be instructed to consult with the Convention Board concerning the contemplated arrangement, and when that arrangement is perfected to hand over the funds and other property to the said Convention Board."

On Monday afternoon after the preliminary service, Rev. Dr. Tupper offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, from many of our churches considerable numbers are reported as 'non-resident members,' and it is obviously desirable that these should be directly connected with the Baptist churches within whose bounds they reside,

Therefore Resolved, That the Pastors and Secretaries of the churches to which such persons belong be affectionately requested to put forth strenuous efforts by correspondence with them, and the Baptist ministers where they severally reside, to induce them to request dismissals, and to unite with the respective churches near their present residence."

The Report on Education was presented by Rev. D. A. Steele, who, at the call of the Moderator, spoke briefly and said, a College was never finished, like a ship, but was always in a condition to have some improvements made to suit the demands of the times. He congratulated the Baptists on having a progressive body of professors who deserved their hearty support.

Rev. E. M. Kierstead alluded to the need of ministers for the churches, and as Home and Foreign Missionaries. Our hope under God is in Acadia College. He thought more prayer should be offered, especially for the students, who are surrounded by temptation—that they may give themselves to Christ and his work.

Rev. W. George shewed the great advantages of a liberal education. He believed that rich men do not enough realize the obligations of their position in these matters.

The Missionary meeting in the evening was deeply interesting and largely attended. Lively speeches by Rev. Dr. Tupper, Rev. W. George, Rev. H. Bool, Rev. J. E. Goucher and A. W. Jordan.

The Association closed its session after the morning sitting on Tuesday.

After the business had been finished a very profitable devotional meeting was held, and after singing the Union Hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. A. Freeman, and the Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

The drive back to Parrsborough was accomplished pleasantly in the afternoon. On the next day we were taken in good time by the Dufferin to Wolfville just in time to take the train for Halifax, thankful to God for his mercies and favors.

WANTED.

Rev. E. M. Kierstead, the Secretary of the Baptist Convention, is desirous of obtaining a complete file of the Convention Minutes and Year Book. We have supplied him with a large proportion, but have them not for the years 1846, 1851, 1856, and 1877.

Will any one who has a copy of either of those years have the goodness to send them to the Messenger Office, and they will greatly oblige.

EDUCATIONAL.

On Tuesday last the Normal School of Truro had public closing exercises in the form of an Examination. Lieutenant Governor Archibald, Dr. Allison and a number of other visitors were present. The examinations were highly satisfactory. Eighty-two diplomas were awarded. Of these five were superior as follows, to Misses Lewis, Calkin, Boner, and Dickie, and Mr. Beckwith. The Governor General's silver medal was awarded to Miss Lewis, the bronze to Miss Quinlan.

A PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

was organized at Truro, on Wednesday with the following officers:—

President—Dr. Allison. Secretary—Mr. McKay, Dartmouth. Asst. Secretary—Burgess McKittrick. Executive Committee—The Principal and Professors of the Normal School, Provincial Examiners and Inspectors of Schools.

The Association then paid a visit to the primary department of the Model School, taught by Miss Russell, where they witnessed an admirable exhibition of the phonic system of teaching.

Principal McKay, of Pictou, read an essay on a course of study for the public schools of Nova Scotia, illustrated by a chart.

In the afternoon, Principal Calkin read a paper on the "Powers of observation." The Association then witnessed a lesson in drawing taught by Miss Smith, and a lesson in botany, by Miss Mary Hamilton, the pupils in both cases being young children.

Then followed a lengthy discussion on the papers read. In the evening a large public meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Governor Archibald presiding. Capital addresses were made by Dr. Allison, Principal Ross, Prof. Higgins, Chancellor Hill, and Dr. Sawyer.

Governor Archibald, on response to a vote of thanks, gave the concluding address.

On Monday morning Inspector McKenzie addressed the Association on school hygiene.

The following were appointed the Executive Committee of the Association: Misses Hamilton and Newcomb, Inspector Condon, Prof. Eaton, A. McKay, of Dartmouth; Mr. Elliott and Principal McKay, of Pictou.

Mr. Owen, of Lunenburg, read a paper on "Teaching History by Outlines and Diagrams." He illustrated the use of the genealogical chart.

In the afternoon Chancellor Hill read a paper tracing the advancement of civilization.

Principal McKay's conspectus was submitted to a special committee, consisting of Prof. Higgins, Principal McKay, Principal Calkin, Inspectors McDonald and Patillo.

The Association then adjourned sine die.

We learn from the Witness that Mr. Nelson the Edinburgh publisher was present for a short time, and expressed himself both surprised and very much pleased with what he saw and heard.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

REV. WILTON R. BOONE.

On Thursday last a Council was held in the African Baptist Church, Cornwallis Street. It met at 10 o'clock in the morning. In addition to the Delegates from the Churches there were present, by special invitation—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. J. W. Manning and Rev. John Miller.

Rev. E. M. Saunders was chosen Moderator, and Mr. P. E. McKerron, Secretary, Mr. Wilton R. Boone the candidate, being called upon, presented his credentials and related his christian experience and his call to the gospel ministry. These were regarded as fully satisfactory and the Council unanimously recommended the ordination, and made arrangements for the public services of the evening.

The evening Service commenced at 7 o'clock. After devotional exercises Rev. E. M. Saunders preached the Ordination Sermon from Ephesians iv. 8. "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

The Ordaining Prayer was offered by Rev. John Miller. Rev. Alexander Bailly then gave the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Boone and welcomed him to the Church.

The Charge to the Minister was then given by Rev. J. W. Manning, and the Charge to the Church was given by Rev. John Miller, and Mr. Boone pronounced the Benediction.

The excellent singing was a marked feature in the services.

Mr. Boone is a young colored man born in New Bedford, Mass. He has had a liberal education, passed through the Course at Newton Theological Seminary, and has now accepted an invitation to the pastorate of the African Baptist Church in Halifax.