

by which it has heretofore received its support, is somewhat embarrassing to the brethren placed in charge of the institutions.

We expect to receive, to-day, a number of copies of this handsome book, and shall be glad to forward them on receipt of the price—ONE DOLLAR.

THE CONVENTION SCHEME.

The present is a fitting time to invite the earnest attention of the churches of these provinces again to a consideration of the claims of our denominational enterprises embraced in the "Convention Scheme," in order that with the fullest possible information they may in the few months intervening before the close of the financial year, complete their arrangements for collecting and contributing the largest amounts possible for the various Benevolent Funds of the Convention.

The scheme adopted by the Convention at Truro in 1879, which has been in operation with varying success ever since, did not contemplate any new undertaking by the denomination, but it was designed simply to systematize and perfect organizations, and facilitate efforts made by the churches for raising and distributing the funds necessary for maintaining efficiently our denominational enterprises. The plan is simply that each Baptist Church member in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, be asked to contribute annually, such sums as shall in the aggregate equal at least one dollar each for the whole membership.

Who are the murderers? There are professedly religious papers who still call I. M. Killoch a murderer. He has been tried on the charge. He has been honorably acquitted by one of the most intelligent juries that ever sat upon a case, after a most protracted and exhaustive investigation, and still pious men call him a murderer!

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A glance at the tabulated statement shows a great want of uniformity in the amounts contributed by the various churches, and although the membership on the rolls is a very imperfect criterion by which to measure the strength and ability of the several churches, still it is evident that in many cases there must certainly be a want of organized and earnest efforts put forth for the raising of these general benevolent funds.

Some churches in each of the provinces have done nobly, contributing as much as one dollar and seventy cents per member, while in other churches the amount has fallen short of two cents per member, and in others nothing! In view of the great blessings which God has graciously bestowed upon us Baptists, above all others, in efforts to carry the benefits of the gospel into the regions beyond, as well as by building up and strengthening our influence at home, commensurate to our means and the labors expended, this financial record we have to confess is not creditable to our devotion and thankfulness.

When we consider our indebtedness to the gospel and to our Saviour, we must conclude that one dollar per year is a small sum for almost any one to give to Him, in return for the great bounties bestowed upon us during the year. Some devoted brethren have given ten, fifty, a hundred dollars and upwards, annually, and there certainly should be little difficulty in raising the sum contemplated by the Convention Scheme.

We do not apprehend that the small amount raised last year has resulted so much from inability, or a lack of liberality, as from a want of interest in the work of the denomination, and a sense of personal responsibility as God's servants; so that we have failed to appreciate fully our stewardship, and our indebtedness to Him who with the

gift of Christ has also "freely given us all things."

Some one has said that there were three kinds of Baptists, viz.—Mission Baptists, Anti-mission Baptists, and O-mission Baptists. We greatly fear that if the Baptists of these provinces should be classified according to the material support which they give to the mission cause, the large majority would be found in the third class. A consideration of the large number of our churches which were reported last year as having contributed nothing towards these missionary efforts of the denomination, should arouse us to renewed diligence and fresh efforts, in order that this year's record may be a great improvement upon previous ones.

Whatever opinions we may entertain respecting the plan chosen, we should certainly recognise the fact that it is our plan, adopted by our Convention, and it should receive hearty co-operation.

As the time approaches when we shall meet in annual gatherings, sum up the year's labours and compare results, the importance of immediate and organized effort being made in our churches is imperative, in order that in this as in every other branch of our denominational work, progress and ultimate success may be attained.

TURNING THE TABLES.—The Metropolitan Banner published in San Francisco in the interest of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, of which Rev. L. S. Killoch, D. D., is pastor, publishes the following:

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A strange occupation of the Lord's Day evening in a Baptist Church! "Tickets 10 cents," looks rather too much like business.

The approaching ANNIVERSARY WEEK OF ACADIA COLLEGE seems earlier than usual. The Anniversary is commonly on the first Thursday in June; as that comes on the 2nd day of the month it makes it several days sooner than it has been in some previous years. The season being so backward, too, we have scarcely begun to realize that the spring has so far advanced. By the time it arrives, however—two weeks hence—the buds, which are now fully formed, will present the foliage which they contain, freshly developed, adding beauty and life to what has so long appeared barren and desolate.

SOMETHING CONCERNING COTTON.—A project to form a company to establish a Cotton Factory in Halifax was started a few days ago, and \$150,000 was subscribed in two or three hours, and within forty-eight hours \$148,000 was taken up.

St. John and Montreal are also moving in the same direction. In our reference to Dr. Day's resignation last week, we omitted to mention that he expected to be in New Brunswick for a few days, after which he would be in Yarmouth. This word may be necessary for those who are transmitting to him Convention Funds.

Every act of sin is more injurious to him that commits it than it can possibly be to any other who suffers by it.

HOME MISSIONS.

The H. M. Board met in regular monthly session in the vestry of the 1st Baptist Church, Yarmouth, on Monday the 9th inst.

RECEIPTS OF THE MONTH. Convention Funds, N. S. 23 00 Solomon P. Shaw, Berwick. 1 00

REPORTS FROM BROTHERN TRUEMAN, Trimble, Fillmore, Shaffner, Howe, Henderson, Hayward, Grant, Kidson, Skinner and McGregor, were read by the Cor. Secy. Many of these reports were of a very encouraging character, and showed that the blessing of God was accompanying the word preached.

GRANTS. 1. To the Port Medway field, a grant of \$150 for one year, to enable them to secure the services of Rev. R. H. Bishop, as pastor. 2. To the Murray River Church, P. E. I., \$25 for three months. Bro. H. G. Mellick is recommended to spend his vacation on that field.

MISSION APPOINTMENTS. 1. Bro. Jos. Brown, a mission of 12 weeks with the New Ross and Waterville Churches and neighboring stations. 2. Bro. W. F. Parker, a mission of 12 weeks to Port Elgin, Bayside, Cape Tormentine, Woodside, Shemogue, Baie Verte, and Point DeBate, etc. 3. Bro. I. C. Archibald a mission of 12 weeks to P. E. I. west, under the direction of Rev. E. N. Archibald.

RECOMMENDATIONS. 1. Bro. C. K. Harrington is advised to go to the Campbellton field, with the view of remaining at least one year. 2. Bro. E. R. Curry is advised to go to the Newcastle field, with the view of remaining one year. 3. Bro. C. S. Sturms is recommended to the River John field, with the view of his remaining one year.

MONEY NEEDED. We need at least \$3,500 between this and July 31st, 1881, to enable us to close the year free of debt. If all this is received, the total receipts of the year will be \$2000 less than the amount asked for, but if it is not received our Home Mission work must be greatly injured, as many of the stations that have been taken hold of must be abandoned, and the work which is beginning to look hopeful be greatly reduced.

Notices.

ACADIA COLLEGE, ANNIVERSARY WEEK.

The order of exercises will be as follows:—On MONDAY evening, May 30th the Governors of the College will meet in the College Library.

The Public Examination of the Academy and Seminary will be on TUESDAY, and on WEDNESDAY forenoon. Public Rhetorical Exercises of the two departments will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

On WEDNESDAY evening Dr. Schurman's Lecture on "Carlyle the Seer" will be given under the auspices of the Associated Alumni of Acadia College.

On THURSDAY the ANNIVERSARY of ACADIA COLLEGE. After the orations by the graduating class, degrees will be conferred, and other appropriate addresses given. The Alumni Dinner on Thursday afternoon in the Acadia Dining Hall.

The music for the Anniversary will be furnished by a choir from St. John, under the direction of Miss Hart, and it is expected that there will be a Concert on Thursday evening.

N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

All persons who expect to attend the Central Association, to be held at Billtown, Cornwallis, on the 25th June, are requested to send their names to the Committee of Arrangements as early as the 10th proximo. Will those coming by rail, kindly inform us by what train, and teams will be in waiting at Kentville, to convey them over.

H. P. SWEET, Sec.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED. Truro Church, instalment \$ 80 00 Liverpool Church, do..... 33 00 Lockport Church, do..... 103 04

G. E. DAY, Yarmouth, May 16, 1881.

P. S.—Our churches are kindly requested to forward their contributions as early as possible, as the Boards are greatly in need of funds. G. E. D.

N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Delegates purposing to attend the Association to convene at Paradise, on the 18th proximo, will please forward their names to either of the undersigned on or before the 4th of June, in order that provision may be made for their entertainment, and notice thereof given in due time through the Messenger.

Parties will be good enough to state whether they intend coming by rail or by their own conveyances. The Meeting House is not more than ten rods from the railway station. Parties arriving by the trains on the 18th inst., will be met by Committee at the station.

J. F. EATON, Chairman Com. A. LONGLEY, Secretary. Paradise, May 16th, 1881.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Woodville Knitting Circle,—Elias Kilcup.....\$12 00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, May 17, 1881.

RECEIVED FOR ACADIA COLLEGE BUILDING FUND. From Rev. G. F. Currie, Tunj, India.....\$25 00 A. D. W. BARRS, Treas. Wolfville, May 14, 1881. Christian Visitor please copy.

ACADIA COLLEGE. There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Library on Monday 30th inst., at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec'y. Wolfville, May 7th, 1881.

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GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. F. M. Saunders. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Bible studies on Friday evenings at 7.30.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30. DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Wilton R. Boone. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Moneys Received. J. B. Whidden, \$2; J. Soley, \$9; J. F. Larkin, \$2; A. McDonnell, \$2.50.

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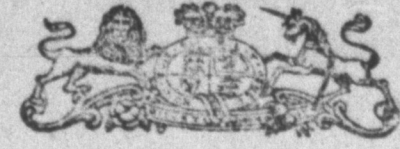
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Boylston and Pirate Harbor, under a proposed contract for four years from the 1st July next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Boylston and Pirate Harbor, or at the office of the subscriber

CHARLES J. MACDONALD, Post office Inspector. Post office Inspector's office, Halifax, 19th April, 1881. May 18. 3 ins.



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TENDERS.

TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Jeddore Lighthouse," will be received at Ottawa, up to the 8th JUNE next, for the construction of a Lighthouse Tower, with Keeper's Dwelling attached, and out-buildings, on Jeddore Rock, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia.

Plans and Specifications can be seen, and Forms of Tender procured by intending contractors at this Department, here, at the Agency of this Department, Halifax, and at the Custom House, Guysboro'. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Each Tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque of a Canadian Bank, equal to five per cent. on the whole amount of the Tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

WM. SMITH, Deputy Minister of Marine, &c. Department of Marine, &c., Ottawa, 8th May, 1881. May 18. 2 i.



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