

a large number of young ladies will make use of these privileges, as the shorter course of the Seminary will be found to be better adapted to the demands for the education of young women. The Board believe that the English department of the College is now in a condition of great efficiency. The accession of Dr. Schurman to the staff of instruction has been a great gain, which we hope may be long continued. The Board, understanding that Dr. Blaikie of Edinburgh, whose testimonials were of the highest character, would accept the situation if it were offered to him, appointed him to the place last June, but before their communication reached him he had accepted an appointment at Bristol, England.

The Board believe that the work done in Horton Academy is creditable to both teachers and pupils; though it would probably be better, if the students would spend a longer time in the Academical department. The Board have to announce the retirement of Professor Tufts from the Principalship of the Academy. This has been permitted solely in consequence of Prof. Tufts' earnest solicitations to be relieved from some of his more pressing responsibilities, as he felt that his health was failing under the stress of labor to which he has been subject for some years. The Board cannot let the occasion pass without placing on record an expression of the great value of Prof. Tufts' services as head of the Academy for the past eight years, and their testimony to his cheerful and unwearied efforts to promote the success of our institutions at Wolfville.

The Professors connected with the Theological department report that five students have been connected with the classes in New Testament Greek, nine in Hebrew, six in Theology, and twenty in Homiletics. Dr. Crawley has continued to give instruction in N. T. Greek, and Dr. Welton in Hebrew and Theology. These Professors have performed much hard labor in connection with the department, and are worthy of the sympathy of the denomination. The demand for Theological education at Acadia is too strong to be disregarded, and it is the purpose of your Board to make the department as efficient as possible in the circumstances.

Under the head of Finances, the Board say, they have been considerably pressed during the past year by the financial condition of the College. This will be set before the Convention by the Treasurer's Report. For two or three years previous to the last, the annual income did not equal the expenses, notwithstanding the fact that the Convention has given a larger revenue to the College than in previous years. This deficiency has been largely increased during the last year, by the failure of one source of income. The Board made a careful survey of the state of their finances last November, and decided that they could not continue to be held by the legal and moral responsibilities which lay upon them, unless some special efforts could be made to enlarge the income of the College. They wished that the interests for which they were responsible should be promoted in harmony with the general plans of the Convention, and therefore they have patiently waited till this time to see what might be the more mature development of those plans, hoping that a stage would be reached when they might satisfy the claims of the obligations which rest upon them by co-operation with the representatives of the other Boards of the Convention. The College Board are pleased to see indications that the time is near when the general scheme for the benevolence of the denomination shall be vitalized by one directing and stimulating mind, and they believe that the Convention will not permit the present occasion to pass, without adopting some plan by which the desired co-operation can be effected, and our educational institutions placed on a firmer basis, and thus made more useful to the people by whom they are supported.

There have been sums received on Endowment Fund since August 1, 1880, \$4,140.55, which with the previous amount to the credit of that Fund amounts \$87,881.88. The income from all sources for the past year was \$8,931.22. The expenditure for the past year was \$9,348.00. Liabilities still outstanding amount to three or four thousand dollars.

Rev. C. Goodspeed being called upon, addressed the Convention on "the College and the Ministry," and shewed that the College is one of the necessities of the churches. He divided student life into two periods—the careless and the deciding, and shewed

that injurious influences surround the student in the latter period. The tendency of a government College, he believed was against the ministerial work. We should have regard to the spiritual benefit as well as mental culture.

Rev. Dr. Welton showed that our denominational work should be regarded as a whole. Our Missionary work necessarily embraced Home and Foreign. In connection with both, our educational work was essential, not merely religious but secular also, and both could be most effectually given in combination.

Rev. S. W. DeBlois referred to the recent efforts made to raise the ghost of consolidation. He expressed the opinion that Acadia did not need any such aid. The favor of God, shewn year after year, made it plain that Acadia is to stand and flourish, and he believed it would continue to confer blessings on our children and children's children.

Other clauses of the Report were passed. On the Financial Clauses being read J. W. Barss, Esq made a few brief remarks, and said he did not agree with the remark that Boards of the Convention were not to be arraigned. He held that they were to be and must be arraigned whenever necessary whether they be missionary or educational. He now arraigned the Board of Governors of the College, and believed they had done wrong in incurring such a debt as it was shewn they were turnded with. Formerly, he said, they had been able to declare themselves out of debt.

The Governors had been appointed to take care of the institution but they have not done so, they have been going back. He had spoken of the governors and now he would speak of the people. They expect the College to do with \$5000 what they cannot do except they have \$10,000. Unless some alteration is made or some larger sum is provided there will still be a deficiency of three or four thousand dollars.

Dr. Sawyer said the statements of Mr. Barss were correct and it would certainly require \$10,000 to carry on the work for the ensuing year. He here showed the various sums of income besides the Convention Scheme. We need from that source \$3,700. There is an accumulated debt of more than \$2,700.

Mr. H. Lovett thought that an effort made to increase the number of students in the Academy and Seminary would be effectual in enlarging the income.

Rev. E. M. Saunders thought it very fortunate that we have a friend like Mr. Barss who is willing to tell the unpleasant truth that we need a larger revenue for Acadia College. He was glad, too, that Mr. B. had directed his benevolence to Home Missions, and to seek an exposure of what some might imagine would damage this institution, but it would not. He had found since coming to Yarmouth that the interests of the College rested on the hearts of a large number of intelligent people here. He had no fears for the security of Acadia College. He wished to speak on Home Missions and Foreign Missions, but it seemed that his work was more with Acadia College. He believed that the Home Mission brethren could keep up that work on a very much more extensive scale. He showed that it is necessary to have the chairs filled with good men, men of first ability. We have them, and they are living at a rate far below their deserts. Several of the Professors have agreed to give up a large portion of their salaries for the sake of keeping up the character of the institution.

The Governors' and Treasurer's reports were adopted.

Rev. S. W. DeBlois moved That the only consolidation we need is a consolidated Endowment Fund. Adopted.

It was resolved that the invitation of the Leinster Street Church be accepted to hold the Convention there next year. The new members elected to the Boards, as reported by the Committee of Nomination, were:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. Dr. Day, Rev. W. A. Corey, Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. E. W. Kelly, J. H. Harding, Esq.;

FINANCE COMMITTEE—re-appointed, John March, Esq., Rev. D. G. McDonald.

The retiring members of the other Boards were also re-appointed.

It was resolved that Rev. J. C. Morse preach the Convention Sermon next year, and that Rev. D. A. Steele be his alternate.

Moved by Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D., seconded by Rev. A. H. Lavers, and Resolved, That the following telegram be transmitted to Washington by the President of the Convention:

To Secretary Blaine, Washington, U. S.

The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, now in session at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, offer united prayer to Almighty God for the life and restoration to health of President Garfield, and beg to present to Secretary Blaine their expression of profound regret, in view of the circumstances of imminent danger which now threaten the President's life.

Rev. J. W. Manning read the Report of the Committee on employing a Financial Agent as follows:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Convention that the Finance Committee procure an Agent for the ensuing year to secure the successful working of the Convention plan of raising funds for our respective Boards, and inasmuch as Acadia College is in special need of financial assistance that said agent be instructed to make special efforts on behalf of that Institution, and furthermore, as the Board of Governors propose to pay one half of an agent's salary, that said agent be under the control and direction of said Board in making the special effort for the College.

At the President's request Bro. J. R. Hutchinson came forward, and Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D., presented him the right hand of fellowship, and extended the sympathies of the Convention to him as our Missionary, the members standing during the address.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Secretaries for their services during the session.

On motion, the Committee on Dr. Cramp's History was re-appointed, with Dr. Armstrong chairman.

The thanks of the Convention were also tendered Dr. Rand for the dignity and ability with which he has presided during this trying session of the Convention. Dr. Rand made a happy response.

J. W. Barss presented the Ministerial Education Report.

Thanks were passed to Rev. J. E. Hopper for his sermon, and a request for publication in the Christian Messenger and Christian Visitor.

Committees were empowered to fill up all vacancies occurring during the year.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong read the Report of Committee on Ordination, a very able and valuable document. It was adopted, and will be published in the Year Book. The Report on the State of Religion in the three Provinces was then read and adopted.

After the reading of the Minutes of the last sitting, at about 10 minutes before 12 o'clock, it was moved that the Convention do now adjourn to meet with the Leinster Street Church, St. John, N. B., on the Saturday following the 18th of August, 1882. The Doxology was then sung, and the Rev. Dr. Bill gave the benediction closing the session, one of the most—if not the most—remarkable one ever held.

W. M. A. SOCIETY MEETING.

THE W. M. A. SOCIETIES OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND P. E. ISLAND met with the Ladies of the Yarmouth Societies at the Convention held in Yarmouth, Aug. 23rd, 1881.

The President opened the meeting by asking the congregation to sing, "Jesus like a Shepherd lead us,"

she then read a portion of Scripture, and called on Mrs. Alfred Chipman to offer prayer. The President read a note from Mrs. Day, the President of the 1st Yarmouth Church Society, regretting that ill health prevented her from being present.

The Secretary of the Nova Scotia Central Board read the report of the year, and was followed by Mrs. March, who read the Report of the New Brunswick Central Board, and by Miss Hooper with the Report from P. E. Island.

Mrs. Manning then read a paper prepared for the meeting by Mrs. Armstrong; Mrs. Selden also read a letter from our Missionary, Miss Hammond, to the ladies meeting at Convention. By request, the Rev. Mr. George and Rev. Mr. McLauren addressed the meeting on the needs of the Foreign Mission field, and the open door for woman's work.

The President then introduced Mr. Hutchinson, who is soon to leave us for his mission work and home. He spoke of the pleasure he felt in the prospect, and trusted for himself and Mrs. H., that the sympathies and prayers of the people in the Provinces, would sustain and strengthen them while working for the Master in their new and untried field of labour. Reports were presented from Scotch Village, Newport; Woodstock, N. B.; Hopewell, N. B.; Canning; North Church Halifax; Temple Church, Yarmouth; Freeport; Pearsau; Margaree, C. B.; Amherst, and the Mission Band at Woodville. Suitable and pleasing singing was in-

troduced between these exercises. The following resolutions were carried.

Moved by Mrs. March, and seconded by Mrs. Alfred Chipman, That the Editors of the Christian Messenger and Christian Visitor be requested to insert in their pages the papers prepared by Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Hammond.

Moved by Mrs. J. T. Eaton, and seconded by Mrs. Selden, That in consideration of the past services and interest that our sister Mrs. Armstrong has taken in our W. M. A. Societies, therefore Resolved, That we feel it to be a cause of deep regret that our dear Sister Armstrong has been separated from us, and we therefore wish to tender her our loving sympathy and interest.

Moved by Mrs. March, and seconded by Mrs. James Masters, That Whereas it appears from the financial report of the Board of Foreign Missions that the balance of money to the credit of the W. M. A. Societies is so much larger than that of the Foreign Missionary Board, and Whereas, it is the aim of the W. M. A. Societies to assist by all possible means in giving the gospel to the heathen:

Therefore Resolved, That we request the Foreign Missionary Board to appropriate from the balance of funds now to our credit in their hands such an amount as will meet the outfit, and passage of Brother and Sister Hutchinson to India.

Moved by Mrs. Alfred Chipman, seconded by Mrs. Manning, That the financial year of each of our Societies, and Central Boards be arranged to coincide with that of the Foreign Missionary Board—namely to close with the Convention year, and that from this time each W. M. A. Society send to its respective Board, its annual report in July.

The meeting, which was throughout of a most interesting character, and more largely attended than usual, was closed with prayer by Rev. Wm. George. M. R. SELDEN, Secy.

We were greatly surprised to read what our good brother, Rev. A. H. Munro, has written, in his letter on another page, but we are glad to be corrected if we have in any way misrepresented the objects of the Baptist Union of Canada. We certainly supposed, at the inception of the Union, that it was intended to supersede the necessity for the Conventions, East and West. If our brother will look at the constitution of the Union as given in the Baptist Year Book for Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba, 1881, he will perceive that the very first duty of the Union is "to elect the Board of Home Missions, West," after this all the other things are provided for,—educational, missionary, ministers' aid, &c. This does not seem to agree with what our brother affirms, that "local organizations must sustain and control Home Mission work," but perhaps from our greater distance we do not form a correct idea of the meaning of even the Constitution of the Union.

Mr. M. seems displeased with our reference to distance as being any obstacle to a practical union of the churches all over the Dominion. His effort to enlighten us has been but partially successful. Whilst the annual meetings are by the Constitution debarred from being held "farther East than Montreal, or farther West than Toronto,"—a distance of 333 miles apart—he concludes that "the average length of journey to be travelled by the delegates attending the Union will be less than that distance." But when held at either of said places it would be further than that for the churches west of Toronto, or east of Montreal.

Our brother's comparison between the Union and our Maritime Convention fails, seeing that he has taken the extremes of the latter, and only the more central parts of the former. With regard to the leading men standing aloof from the Union perhaps we have misunderstood the statements in the Canadian papers, and it might be difficult to prove who are "leading" men. Far be it from us to convey to our readers any wrong impression respecting our brethren in the Upper Provinces. We therefore accept our brother's correction and are willing to believe that even Dr. Davidson is not now opposed. The construction our brother has placed upon our remark "Baptists must do their own work in their own way" is, we beg to inform Bro. Munro, the very opposite of that we intended. It was meant rather as a defence of our Canadian brethren acting according to their own enlightened judgment, whilst we have a sufficiently wide field for all our powers.

We have a long list of acknowledgments from Rev. Dr. Day, which we are obliged to defer till next week.

Rev. JOHN McLAURIN preached in Granville Street Church, Halifax, morning and evening on Sunday last, two excellent sermons on missionary work among the Telugus in India, giving graphic descriptions of the condition of the people and the vast extent of the field of labor in that country—about sixteen millions of people, or at present a million to one missionary.

Rev. M. P. Freeman occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Church at Wolfville, on Sunday evening last.

Mr. BURDETTE addressed the Baptist Sunday School at Wolfville, in a pleasing and instructive manner.

Mr. Burdette expects to visit Halifax, for a few days shortly.

PERSONAL—Rev. W. F. Armstrong with his family removed a day or two ago to Rosindale, Boston, Mass., where he has for a limited time accepted a call to the pastorate. Correspondents are requested to address him accordingly.

Another of the aged standard bearers in our Israel has fallen. The Rev. SAMUEL MACLEOD of Uige, P. E. I., passed away to the better land on Tuesday the 23rd inst., in his 85th year. His remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of people on Thursday last. Our aged brother was formerly actively and very usefully engaged in the christian ministry. He was ordained at Belfast, P. E. I., in June 1840. He had consequently been forty-one years in the ministry. For several years past he has been prevented by the infirmities of age from exercising his office. We have no further particulars of his life or death, except the assurance from a friend that "he was ripe for glory and the tomb." We shall probably have something further soon.

He has been a warm and faithful friend to ourselves and the Messenger from the time of our first connexion with the paper.

OBITUARY NOTICES.—We trust that ministers and others who send us obituary notices will make them as brief as possible. In ordinary cases, ten to fifteen lines of printed matter ought to suffice. Of course if the deceased friend has filled a prominent place in the denomination, we are ready to accord more room. At present we have a sufficient number of obituaries on hand to fill several columns of the BAPTIST, and we will be reluctantly compelled to cut down most of them.

We copy the above from the Canadian Baptist for the benefit of our readers. We can fully sympathize with our brother in this matter. We have occasionally ventured to abbreviate such notices, and remove what we have regarded as superfluous words and sentences and sometimes repetitions, and in certain cases we have by so doing incurred the life-long displeasure of the writers. This of course has caused us much trouble, as we know that persons under such affliction, are very sensitive, and need the sympathy of friends, yet are not always in a condition to discriminate between the claims of private friendship and the public demands.

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