Halifax, N. S., August 30, 1882.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

SECOND ARTICLE.

In resuming our account of the Convention, we should do injustice if we failed to mention how well St. John treated the body. Everything seemed to conspire to make our visit to the sister city agreeable and pleasant. The weather was most unexceptionable, clear, bright and warm. St. John was perhaps never seen to better advantage. The Leinster Street Church has a commanding situation from which an extended view is presented across and beyond the peninsula on which the city

We shall not attempt to describe the city and its institutions, as they are now known to so many of our readers. Our opportunity of making an examination of them was also limited by the demands of the Convention. Meetings were held three times each day—each one having an extension before closing, and with meetings of Boards and Committees in the intervals, so that we were unable to do more than attend them. Taking a cursory glance any one might say of St. John as the Apostle Paul did of Athens- I perceive that ye are a very religious people,' for in nothing is the city more noted than for the number and style of its church edifices. In rebuilding after the fire, each body seems to have vied with the others in the costliness of these structures. All have more or less of ornamentation, and nearly all we believe are also ornamented by a good-sized debt. The Methodist Centenial on Leinster Street is a massive stone structure of vast proportions, and will hold probably 1,600 or 1800 people, with a vestry furnished with near 600 chairs. It has also a fine library and numerous class It would seem as if it is intended to meet all demands till another centenial. It is said to have cost \$120,-000, a large portion of which is ornamental. The city in all its newer parts consists of substantial brick or stone, with much architectural taste and variety. The new Post Office and Custom House are magnificent buildings, far in advance of present demands. The sidewalks are principally of asphalte, a great improvement on the former ones of wood, or our Halifax brick and stone.

The oldest of the Baptist Churches -Brussels Street, has been greatly improved by removing a portion of the side galleries, and placing the organ on the platform. The other two-Germain and Leinster Street Churches are handsome substantial edifices, with all modern conveniences and arrangements for church work.

THE CONVENTION.

On MONDAY morning the Convention having learned of the dangerous illness of Rev. Alexander MacArthur, special prayer was offered on his behalf in the opening devotional exercises. After the reading of the Minutes of the previous sitting, Dr Day moved that the clause of the Acadia College report referring to the proposed Academy in St. John, be expunged. Dr. Sawyer stated that the parties most concerned with any matters affecting the College were the Board of Governors. He thought the interests of the College called for the undivided efforts of all its friends until the whole of the existing debts were removed. Then the Convention might well undertake the founding of Academies, if necessary, in St. John and other places.

Rev. J. H. Hughes did not believe that the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society had died. He believed tion and it was carried. that the Academy could be run cheaper in St: John than in any other place, there being better opportunities to get extra teaching. It would be believed run itself if once started. He thought the Governors of the College should let them alone in establishing an Academy in St. John, and then after two or three years it would send 10 or 12

students every year to Acadia. Dr. Saunders said he thought that as soon as the Convention was convinced that the time had come for having an Academy in St. John they would put The Report is a lengthy document, their hands in their pockets and help and contains many things which are in its establishment. The question now already known to our readers. We

Le bis sh

it had, he was prepared to favor it, yet | columns with the details. he advised unity in the matter.

Dr. Hopper thought the report should be again referred back to the

Dr. Rand thought it should have a full and fair discussion now, and a decision come to on the question.

Dr. Hopper said if the Academies at Horton were not full there must be something wrong which should be rectified. He had been deceived by the School System sustained by the Government. It had not produced pupils for the College, but he believed this one would be much more likely to do so. The trend of all the New Brunswick Academies was now to the New Bruuswick University, where students become lost to Baptist influences. We want our students to attend a Christian

Mr. Wm. Cummings was requested to again present the matter of removing the debt, and he came forward and after naming that he felt constrained to give \$3000 succeeded in getting subscriptions as follows:

1		
3	Wm. Cummings	3,000
3	Hon, D. McN. Larker	1,000
	Mark Curry	1,000
3	Rev. R. D. Porter	100
	Rev. D. G. McDonald	50
	William Miller	DI.
	LIODA MOTOD	1117
	H. H. Chute	1,000
	R. N. Beckwith	100
	J. C. Dumaresq	DI
	Dr. Rand	100
	Dr. Rand	100
	" C. Goodspeed	10
	" L. Wallace for Lower Granville.	0 10
	" G. O. Gates	10
	" J. A. Durkee	10
	J. S. Tites, June	10
	J. W. Stevens	10
	Rev. W. H. Porter	5
	" T. A. Higgins	10
	" J. S. M. Young	5
	A Friend	1,00
	A Lady	5
	Rev. D. G. Macdonald for Sackville ch	10
	H. R. Cunningham	10
į	Misses Hart	10
	C. E. Whidden	5
ĺ	L. E. Whidden	10
3	J. S. Trites.	10
	In the AFTERNOON SESSION	

College Report was again before the Convention.

Dr. Sawyer said he did not see any sufficient change in the condition of affairs to withdraw the clause of the report. The Report was laid on the ed to perform the duties of Secretary

The Rev. J. A. Durkee introduced a resolution concerning the denominational press as follows:

Whereas, In the opinion of this Convention, the interests of the Baptists, of the Maritime Provinces can be best served by the use of a single denominational strong organ; therefore

Resolved, This body look with favor upon the immediate inauguration of equitable measures designed to accomplish that object.

We were not present when this motion was introduced. The closing paragraph in our last, was, in our absence, taken from an inaccurate telegram in one of our daily papers. We copy the following report from the St. John Sun:

E. D. King thought such consolidation of their press wholly impracticable. The first move towards such a step would be more thorough consolidation in the denomination, and as there were divisional interests among them, so must there be papers to give voice to those

Mr. Durkee replied, strongly pressing his resolution, and claiming that the consummation of his project would advance the best interests of the denom-

Dr. Rand said they only wanted as many organs as they had sectional interests, and if unity prevailed, one was quite

Rev. Geo. F. Miles did not consider the resolution sufficiently explicit to vote upon intelligently. He wanted to know what they intended to do in the matter supposing they passed it? Were they going to form themselves into a printing establishment?

Rev. Mr. Durkee said all he sought was the moral support of the Conven-

Rev. J. C. Blakeney moved that the resolution be laid on the table, as the representatives of the Baptist papers were not present.-Lost.

A vote was then taken on the resolu-Rev. Dr. Bill moved a committee be appointed to confer with the proprietors

and editors of the denominational papers with regard to consolidation. Dr. D. F. Higgins thought they had got the cart before the horse, and the the resolution before the Convention should have been passed before Mr.

Durkee's resolution. Rev. Mr. Miles spoke against this resolution also as being compromising. The motion was put to vote and lost.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Report of the Foreign Missionary Board, was read by the Secretary, Mr. John March.

was, Had the time come? He was shall therefore make a summary and in June two persons from Akalatumpra.

uncertain whether it had or not, but if give the substance without filling our

The first paragraph-" Meetings," shews that the Board has held seven meetings during the year.

The second paragraph - "Trials," states that-

Death swept away three of the wisest and most trusted of its members and councillors, and its faithful and indefatigable Secretary-Treasurer felt it to be his duty to remove to another and less arduous field of labor. Added to these have been the lack of interest in the the Board naturally looked for assistance, the falling off in the amounts subscribed and the growing demands for enlarged expenditure upon an empty treasury. And yet these very trials have served the purpose of uniting the members of the Board more closely together in their determination to carry on the work entrusted to them, with vigor and fidelity, and with a firm trust in God and the | p. 4.

In the third-" In Memoriam," very affectionate tribute is paid to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Cramp, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, and to that of Rev. W. A. Corey, and the Hon. A. McL. Seely.

At the meeting of the Board held on the 15th November, 1881, the Rev. W. P. Everett, who had filled the office of permanent Secretary, since June, 1874, and more recently that of Secretary-Treasurer, tendered his resignation, and stated his intention of leaving as soon as come and expenditures being made possible for the United States. The up by the sale of bonds. The balance position was at once unanimously ten- to the credit of the Board in the Banks dered to Brother John March, but for of New Brunswick and India, is \$1,417, reasons given, he declined, whereupon | 23, and the value of the securities still the whole question was referred to a held is \$3,100. Of this, however, it is Committee with authority to present to necessary to hold a sufficient amount the Board such measures as they might to cover the legacies, the interest only deem most suitable for effectively carry ing on the work of the Board in future. On November 28th the Committee reported, nominating for the office of Secretary, Rev. E. W. Kelly; and for the office of Treasurer, C. F. Clinch, Esq.

The Board passed a kind expression of regret at the removal of Rev. W. P. Everett to the United States.

met when Rev. E. W. Kelly expressed his inability to accept the position of Secretary, and it was on motion unanimously offered to Brother T. H. Rand, D. C. L. On December 9th, the Board received Dr. Rand's reply in which he declined to serve the Board in that capacity, on the ground of his arduous public duties. Brother John March was then again pressed to act and at a subsequent meeting held on December 20th, he withdrew his objections and consentuntil the meeting of Convention. At the same meeting, Bro. Cuarles F. Clinch also expressed his willingness to fill the office of Treasurer.

The Report next refers to the action of the Board in reference to the departure of Rev. J. R. Hutchinson for

The need for reinforcement and the efforts of the Board to secure it, are shewn, and the appeals received from the missionaries are given.

In speaking of "The Work abroad,"

"Our Stations," the reports says . OUR STATIONS have not increased in number during the year, although the outposts at Chicacole and Bobbili have been pushed farther out and new ground gained. At each of the places named the Board own valuable mission premises, including lands, mission houses, school buildings, native houses, out-buildings, &c. The work upon the compound at Bimlipatam was completed last year. At Chicacole there has been some repairs and the building of a new wall around the whole place. Some further work will yet have to be done to provide the requisite accommodation, or the compound will have to be extended so as to take in adjoining property. This latter plan may be found to be the best and cheapest in the end. At Bobbili, the work of building was finished but it was found necessary to put extensive repairs on the bungalow, and to this Bro. Churchill has devoted considerable time and labor. The cost of the property is about rupees 7,500, divided up as follows: Mission house, Rupees 4,500; bungalow, Rupees 1185; Chapel School Rupees 840; outbuildings, Rupees, 545; Well and Wall, Rupees 430. The land is held under a forty years' lease from the Rajah, at a nominal rent. The lands at Bimlipatam and Chicacole are the property of the Board. The total value of all the property is over Rupees 25,000.

Our staff of workers include three male missionaries and their wives, and Miss Hammond; seven native preachers, seven colporteurs, four teachers, one colporteur and teacher, and three Bible

RESULTS.—It is not possible to sum up the results of the labors put forth, and set them down in figures. Eternity only can reveal what has been accomplished by the faithful work performed. We can however, report in addition to what has been said, that up to the end of 1881, Brother Sanford had baptized six persons, and in the month of March he baptized three more, making an addition to the church at Bimlipatam, of nine members. That church now numbers forty. At Chicacole up to the close of 1881, ten had been added by baptism. In February one men and two women were baptized at Akalatumpra, and two | Mome Hissions \$262.51 \$290.06 young men at Teekelly. At this place also one was added by experience! On April 6th three young men were baptized at the home station, one in May, and

This gives an addition of twelve for the first half of 1882. One was excluded. The present membership is forty-nine. At Bobbili one baptism has taken place since the last report, making a

membership of five. At the two former stations there were reports of a number asking for baptism, and we are expecting to hear of other

additions by mails now due. School work is carried on at each of the stations as well as at several substations under christian teachers. nearly as can be estimated at present there are in these schools over one hundred and fifty children, all of whom are daily instructed in the truths of Chriscause of Missions among some to whom tianity. Some of the schools are in re ceipt of a small results grant from the Government and some belp from the natives, but their general support has to be provided out of the mission funds. Cost.—The total outlay for 1881-

January I to December 31-was as follows at the several stations: Bimlipa. tam, Rs. 4,555 a 1 p. 9; Chicacole, Rs. 2,352. a. 7, p. 9; Bobbili, Rs. 4,939. a. 13,

FINANCIAL. -At the close of the last Convention year, the Board held a cash balance in their hands of \$1,866,56, and bonds and securities to the amount of \$5,100. The receipts for the present year amounted to \$5,888 25, made up, as shown by the report of the Auditors, as follows: Contributions from churches

and individuals.....\$3,193.37 Women's M. A. Societies...... 2,309.29 Legacies..... 197.75

Interest on Investments and The expenditures amounted to \$8,586,18, the difference between in from which is available for current ex

Estimates of expenditure for the coming year have been received from our missionaries at Chicacole and Bobbili, and amount to something over \$4,-000. Adding \$2,500 as the amount of that which was to have come from Bim lipatam, had Brother Sanford returned in time, \$2,500 for equipping, sending out and supporting necessary recruits, On December 6th, the Board again and \$1,000 for actual unforeseen expenses, we have the full sum of \$10,000 as the amount which ought to be raised for Foreign Mission purposes during the ensuing year.

> Report till our next. The Report was received and adopted

without discussion.

The President read a telegram just received from J. W. Whitman, Emerson Manitoba, asking for a first-class dication of the near approach of a much minister to be sent to them, towards whose salary they would be able to give \$1,000 or \$1,200 a year. This was referred to the Home Missionary

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Secretary, John March, Esq., and the Treasurer, C. F. Clinch, Esq., for their valuable and gratuitous services of the past year.

tion to the fact that the Board had been obliged to dispose of their last invested funds and that whilst they had by this means expended more than they had received in the current year, they would now have no such source to look to, and some steps must be taken to raise a larger sum for the work to which they their ability to remove the sum during were committed. A committee consist the year. ing of B. H. Eaton, T. H. Rand and W. H. Robins, was appointed to take the matter into consideration and report.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE presented their report of what is known as the Convention Scheme.

Rev. Dr. Day for Nova Scotia. John March, Esq., for New Brunswick, and Rev. D. G. McDonald, for P. E. Island.

We here present the results of the year, and, for the information of our readers, compare the sums raised with those of last year in each of the three provinces, so that it may be seen at a glance what advance has been made in each respectively.

In Nova Scotia there was raised for 1882. 4 1881, Increase Home Missions. \$3,146.82 \$2,361.19 \$ 785.63 Foreign Missions. . . . 2,055.72 1,700.22 355.50 Educational Inst's. . . . 1,578.68 1,204.80 373.86 Exp. & Emergency... 533.64 Minis'l Relief and Aid. 184.56 Ministerial Education, 173.36 W. M. Aid Societies... †1,550.48

Total. \$9,223.26 \$6,783.56 \$2,439.70 The large increase in the W. M. A. Societies arises from the sum in the 1882 column being the receipts of a year and a half, arising from a change of time to make the year correspond with the Convention year.

John March, Esq., read the receipts

from the New Brunswick Churches Home Missions \$1,053.26 \$1,130.17 Foreign Missions.... 1,283.80 931.71 Educational Inst's.... 1,060.46 604.10 Emergency & Exp... 214.57 Mins'l Relief and Aid. 142.23 Ministerial Education. 59.41 M. Aid Societies. 692.84 Totals......\$5,216.01 \$3,774.35 \$1,564.78

The Prince Edward Island list of receipts was read by Rev. D. G. Mc-Donald, results as follows:

Expenses & Emergency. 32.21 Ministerial Relief & Aid. 16.09 W. M. A. Societies..... 183.00 was a section of the part of the part of the thought of the thought of the

The Monday evening Session had been announced as

A PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING. After singing-

"The morning light is breaking."

Rev. C. Goodspeed read the Scriptures. Rev. Dr. Bill offered prayer. The President, T. M. King referred

to the great commission given by our Lord before he, in person, left this world. He called on

Rev. Dr. Castle, who expressed his long cherished wish to come eastward and see the brethren of these provinces. He knew that the wise men dwelt in the east, and well they might, as they get the light of the sun an hour sooner than they do at Toronto. He had been glad to find some of them coming west, and hoped they had come to stay. They were much valued for their work. He thought the Baptists here had made a good beginning in their work, but much required yet to be done. He found by referring to Statistics that Nova Scotia had one Baptist to 14 of the population. New Brunswick had 1 in 23. P. E. Island 1 in 30, whilst Ontario had but 1 in 170, and Quebec but 1 in 650.

Ontario Baptists had made great advances. Toronto has to-day as many Baptists as were in all Ontario a very few years ago. He had often woudered tion of individual effort, establish good why there were two Missionary Boards of the Dominion. It was a little remarkable that their fields of Missionary labor were adjoining each other in India. He spoke for himself when he said he hoped there might soon be a union at home. Dr. C. noticed the great field of missionary labor in the North West. The Baptists of Manitoba are calling for help, and we should help them-\$1.00 expended there now would do more for them than \$10 a few years

Rev. W. H. Porter gave out a hymn which was sung. After which,

Rev. Dr. Mackenzie referred to the We must reserve the Treasurer's predictions of Scripture of gospel times, especially Rev. xiv. 6. He thought Christians often take a very imperfect view of the work of Missions. He quoted the views of Dr. Christlieb that the infidelity prevailing, was a plain ingreater spread of evangelical truth in the world. He drew a picture of the great change soon to be witnessed when the cause of Christ will be triumphant. He believed that the great work of the Church is to diffuse Christianity, rather than to defend it.

By request Mr. Wm. Cummings, named by the President—the "ways and means man" brought forth the effort A. W. Marsters, Esq., called atten- already well begun in removing the debt of \$33,000 remaining on the Institutions at Wolfville. The amount of subscriptions was made up to \$9,000.

> Dr. Castle said he regarded thes provinces as in a most prosperous con dition, that they owed much to the cause of God, and he did not doub

Dr. Douglass then gave a Telugi address and hymn, and afterwards pro ceeded to point out on a large map of India the location of our missions an described the people as the finest phy sically and mentally of the races India. He also gave a clear outlinof the principles of Buddism, and th need of the truth without any con promises being given to the Telugus.

After devotional exercises and a collection the meeting adjourned. On TUESDAY morning the Report on the state of the Denomination was

read by Rev. J. H. Saunders as follows :-- and met deter and to ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION. In reporting upon "the state of the

Denomination" your Committee would call the attention of the Convention to the fact that the duty assigned them not easily discharged under existing circumstances. We gather from the reports of our

churches to their severals Asociations, that the records of a large number of these churches are very imperfect. They are neither as full or accurate as is desirable. There is also a want of uniformity in the tabulated statements of the several Associations. Very great inaccuracies are found in the totals of the membership reported from year to year; so that our report is only an approximate statement of our mem-

Your Committee would suggest that the state of religion in our churches may be shown by a clear exhibit of our church finances, as well as by other subjects usually reported upon by this Committee. As our churches live in the

Spirit of Christ they must be aggressive and full of self-denial. Benevolence in giving is a fruitage of this spirit and a source of power. In each member of the church it ought to be found. Each member must also decide for himself in this matter of financially supporting the church in its mission; as in all other duties pertaining to christian life. Not by restraint, but willingly must they

That our members may come to right decisions, and be stimulated to proper action, your Committee recommend that a full and practical exhibit of facts connected with our great christian enterprises be systematically laid before each church by the pastor This would afford the membership an intelligent view of needs, and greatly encourage co-operation and active efforts for the spread of truth and righteousness. The work of our pastors in thus training our churches for holy warfare, should be supplemented by a powerful and cheap press.

That we may have certain data by which to report progress, your committee recommend that the financial records of our churches be complete, full and concise. That blank forms be furnished the churches of this Convention for reporting in full all their benevolent operations, and their local expenditures, from year to year. By thus formulating and recording individual effort, and reporting in full the aggregate financial operations of our churches, we shall culture an appreciahabits in our members, and present ourselves more respectably before our fellow christians. The foundation on which Baptists rest is all-sufficient. It is for us to build thereon with skill and diligence. and and hamoslaw Mocland W

While no marked or general religious awakening has been experienced by our churches during the year, in many places the Lord has been pleased to give gracious evidence of his willingness and power to save souls. Many have turned to the Saviour and given themselves to his people in consecrated service. Our pastors and people have not labored in vain, nor spent their strength for naught. Quite a number of our churches have been strengthened and encouraged by additions, yet the ratio of our increase is far from satisfying the aspirations of the Lord's hosts; and far, very far, from meeting the necessities of the unsaved in our families and congregations. Enough has been accomplished to encourage us in holy endeavor. That so few sheaves have been gathered may well lead us to a careful review of our sowing; both as to the matter and measure thereof, many toe goineve of I

In the several religious enterprises of this Convention, your Committee can find abundant material for a report on the state of our denomination. A brief summary of our work in missions and higher education might afford instruction and encouragement to the workers; but it is well for us to remember that our state cannot be summarized on paper We are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people. We offer up spiritual sacrifices. Our status is felt but cannot be described in the languages of earth, or tabulated as human endeavors can be.

e	The statistics of the churches for the
4	year are thus recorded:-
e	Nova Scotta.
t	besetati william grange gover the deced.
g	Deaths Total
u	Western Association 66 334 77 117 10,350 Central Association 49 265 43 103 9,104 Eastern Association 61 58 46 41 4,610
of	176 657 24.06
d /-	New Brunswick. Southern Association 36 137 Eastern Association 43 127 Western Association 67 81 4,000
of	Attion to 180 18 146 345 1 11,76
е	P. E. I. Association 22 96 1,65
e	Totals344 1098 37.48
1-	ORDINATIONS.

Eight brethren have been ordained.

J. H. Fletcher, Kempt, Queens Co., N. S. E. H. Sweet, Port Lorne, N. S. 16. M. P. King, Hammond Plains, N. S. 21. Christopher Haverstock, Lower Stewiack. 5. W. H. Robinson, Port Hawksbury. March 16. R. B. Kinley, East Point, P. E. I. H. O. Herbert, Keswick, N. B. Edward R. Curry, Newcastle, N. B. Respectfully submitted, J. H. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

Several omissions were mentioned by brethren, especially the organization of new churches and the opening of new houses of worship.

We have not exhausted our notes, but must reserve the report on Home Missions and other matters, of the closing sessions of the Convention till

PERSONAL .- Rev. Wilton R. Boone, formerly paster of the African Baptist Church, Halifax, is attracting large audiences every Sunday at his Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Boone has been located in Ohio something over a year, and in that time has, we learn, received into the Church about one hundred and forty persons, sixty by

during th had app Kierstea Literatur lege. M age, and Elias K He is a New Br guished and sch uate, 1 Newton five yes pastor o sor, N. which h visitors The B congrat ing an

PROFE

ernors o

MR. favorab the Des years r last. hearty sphere Mr Acadia Y.,pre on Su

in the

supply

B. Ba

the pa

and u office. Re Milfo Darti was f Stree RE very symp

meet spec its b Kell of S Bur Uni

ther

in co