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BIBLE WORK BY BAPTISTS.

Our brethren in the United States are very much agitated over a questiou which has arisen as to the best method of obtaining supplies of bibles and distributing them at home and in foreign lands. This is a matter in which we also are interested. We have no separate Bible Society in Canada, but have done all our Bible work through the organizations of our American brethren and British and Foreign Bible Society.

In order to have a proper understanding of the matter it may be well to refer briefly to its history. In reference to a widely published notice, delegates representing all the evangelical denominations met in the city of New York May 8, 1816, and organized the American Society upon what was regarded as truly Catholic principles. The Society secured the active co-operation of the Baptist denomination for many years. Through it the circulation of the sacred volume was carried on upon the home field and the Society also printed Bibles for Foreign Mi-sionary operations when translated and required by Missionaries. In accordance with this principle, Dr. Judson's Burmese version, acknowledged by all competent judges as a most faithful and successful translation of the scriptures, was printed by the Society Sithout question. In fact all this work was done to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. In 1835, however, aid was asked for the public tion of a Bengalee New Testament, translated by Baptist Missionaries-Messrs. Pierce and Yates -in which baptizo and its cognates were rendered by vernacular words signifying "to dip," in exact harmony with Dr. Judson's Burmese version. There had already been manifested some symptoms of anti-Baptist sentiment in the Society and this request respecting the Bengalee version brought the matter to an issue. The Society refused to publish this version and an open rupture followed. This resulted in the Baptist people organizing a separate Society called the American mity: and Foreign Bible Society. Through this for some years the Baptists did all their Bible work. Subsequently the work was divided and the Baptist Publication Society, organized at Philadelphia, took charge of a large part of the home work. The establishment of the Bible Union, a society which aimed to give a faithful version of the Bible to the Euglish speaking peo, le-commonly spoken of as a "Baptist Bible" -bad an important bearing upon the whole question, for although the move ment was not successful in its chief design, it was instrumental in creating a serious division in the Baptist body and many became alienated from the A. & F. Bible Society so that when the old Bible Society in 1879 made overtures of reconciliation and rescinded the obnoxious resolutions of 1836, a large number of leading Baptists were found ready to return to that organization upon what was regarded as a satisfactory basis of co-operation and unity. The patched up peace, however, was

carried into active operation. A large Brunswick would accomplish much told double that amount. An agent has number had advocated the propriety of good. Moreover, for ought we know, doing this work through the medium of it may be that the motto " New Bruns- way hedged in, and very little has been the Publication Society and the Mis- wick for the New Brunswick Baptists" sionary Union, others advise a united is a very good one. These questions, New Brunswick he has found many of effort to revive the A. & F. Bible however, form no part of the issue Society (which for some years has been which is forced upon the consideration little scheme of their own to beed an doing a quiet work and has succeeded of the Baptist Convention. The matter sppeal for the partnership business. in keeping its organization intact) while involves one of the plainest principles \$30,000 is wanted to found an Academy some were in favor of starting a new of moral philosophy, and all attempts for New Brunswick ! What will the society which should supersede this to mislead and befog must prove utterly Convention have to say about this latter organization which would thus futile. It is not a question of "disloyal- matter? Is the compact of 1874 of cease to exist. In order to settle the ty to Nova Scotia Baptists or to Nova ro force or effect? Can the most difficulties of the case and to promote Scotia institutions of learning;" for as solemn obligation and responsibilities harmony and a united effort in the the good brother who penned the words voluntarily assumed be thrown off at Bible work, a committee, representing we have quoted well knows, Nova will like a cast-away garment? What the several interests, was appointed at the anniversaries in New York last learning. The question is simply and May to take steps towards a settlement purely one of loyalty to the Baptist of the whole matter. This committee, after much deliberation and advice from all those directly interested in the one. Prior to 1865 Horton Collegiate Academy was under the direction and various Baptist Societies which have control of the Nova Scotia Baptist taken an active part in Bible work. have decided to adopt the course in-Education Society. In that year the curiosity. dicated in the communication below trust was transferred by Legislative which we have just received from the enactment to the Board of Governors of Acadia College, in accordance with Secretary.

We commend this matter to the careful attention of our brethren. It is quite probable that at our approaching Convention in St. John we shall be asked to appoint delegates to represent us at Saratoga in November in reference to this matter :

CONFERENCE ON BIBLE WORK.

Scotia Baptists have no institutions of is the meaning of the Covenant en-Convention of the Maritime Provinces. tion? Surely, the Visitor and the The facts should be familiar to every brethren of the Southern and Eastern

a resolution of the Baptist Convention passed in 1863. Thereupon the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society was disbanded, and the management of the Academy was entrusted to the College Governors resident in Nova Scotia, who were constituted a Special Committee for that purpose. Thus matters continued until the meeting of Convention in Portland, New Brunswick, in August, 1874. Early in that year, in accordance Dawson, Campbellton, N. B. with resolutions passed by both the New Brunswick Baptist Associations, the property in Fredericton, known as the Baptist Seminary had been sold and the proceeds, some \$5,000, securely invested at interest, and it was thought by brethren at the Portland Convention that the time had come when the various Provinces might be drawn more closely together and a new educational policy adopted. Accordingly the following resolution was moved by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, one of the Nova Scotia Governors, seconded by Rev. Thomas Todd of New Brunswick, and, after an animated and enthusiastic discussion, passed unanimously : Resolved,-That the Board of Governors of Acadia College be instructed to petition the Legislature of Nova Scotia to repeal the Section of the Amended Act of Incorporation which provides that the Governors of Acadia College resident in Nova Scotia be a Committee to take charge of Horton Academy; and that the management and control of Horton Academy be hereafter vested in the Board of Governors of Acadia College. This resolution, the meaning and significance of which it was impossible for any one to misunderstand, was adopted without protest from any quarter and immediately atterwards, on the good faith of the compact, then formed another resolution which was passed with equal unanimity throwing responsibilities upon the Board of Governors

methods by which this policy should be equipped Baptist Seminary in New count was \$2000; it is now, we are SUNDAY AT TRURO was the great day. All the churches been in the field, but he has found his had addresses from members of the Y.M.C.A. At 4 o'clock in the afteraccomplished in the way of relief. In noon a meeting for men only was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. About 400 the brethren are too hard at work on a were present, Mr. Budge of Montreal, presided. At the same time a meeting of about 300 women was held in the lower Hall, Mrs. Dr. Burn-, presiding. Both meetings were exceedingly interesting and will be long remembered. Farewell meetings were held in the First Presbyterian and the Baptist Churches. The interest was well sus tained and no loss of time. On Monday morning the delegates came on to Halifax in an extra, car and

gagements which we Baptists have occupied much of the time in singing entered into with each other in Conventhe hymns of the Association. On arriving in the city the visiting delegates being guests of the Halifax New Brunswick Baptist Associations Association, were taken on an excurwill be ready to explain. We shall sion on the harbor. They visited the await their justification with no little Northampton, and other points of interest. They dined at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at one o'clock, and in the after-

noon were shown through the Citadel, THE Y. M. C. A. Convention of the the Gardens, and other public resorts Maritime Province met in annual Ses-After which they were ontertained at sion at Truro, on Wednesday and a garden party at the residence of Mr. Thursday of last week. The following Maclean. are the officers elected for the ensuing The meeting in Association Hall on year: Monday night was crowded with young

President-Hon. P. C. Hill.

Vicz-Presidents-Judge Hensley, Charottetown ; G. F. Atherton, Fredericton Wm. Cummings, Truro; A. C. Thompson, Moncton; Dr. Botsford, St. John.

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this; whether the fact of these young men being brought into the church without their own consent was not regarded as relieving them largely of the respon-ibility they should feel in the matter. If such is their character surely they should not be held as members of any christian church.

Dome Refus

Nova Scotia.

On Wednesday last we were visited by a severe thunder storm such as is rarely known here. It seems to have extended over a large part of the Province. The schooner Moonlight lying at anchor near Meagher's Beach, was struck about eleven o'clock, and the mainmest was shattered to splinters, leaving only about six feet above the deck. A deep groove was also cut in the foremast about two inches wide, and perhaps 15 feet in length. The men were all below asleep. If they had been on deck they would probably have been killed. But for the heavy rain that was falling, the vessel

barns were struck and burned to the ground with their contents, viz, 9 tons hay, 10 geese and 2 waggons. Eight cows were got out without injury. The loss will amount to \$520. Mr. Bonnell is deserving of aid; his neighbors have already started gathering timber to build at once for him.

The London Garden reports that there is a good prospect of American apples this year. In England the crop is a comparative failure, in Germany one-third crop only; in Holland one half a crop and in Belgium not half a crop-thus the prospects were never more favorable for shipments from America to England benefit to be derived from such Assoc- than they are this year.

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The Conference of Committees on Bible Work held an adjourned meeting at New York, July 28. There were present at the meeting. Drs. J. N. Murdock, C. B. Crane, A. J. Rowland, I.C. Wynn, B. Griffith, J. B. Thomas, D. B. Jutton, J. F. Elder, E. T Hiscox, C. C. Bitting, F. H. Kerloot, and Brethren Wm. Phelps and Charles Seidler, representing the following organizations : American Baptist Mis sionary Union, American Baptist Publication Society, American Baptist Home Mission Society, American and Foreign Bible Society, Domestic Board of Southern Baptist Convention and the New York Committee of Nine on Bible Work. Letters were read from Messrs. John H. Dean, Leonard Richardson, Dr. Armitage, Hon. G. H. Andrews.

After a long, kind, and thorough discussion, the following resolutions were adopted with very great unani-

Resolved, 1. That this Conference, composed of representatives from the Boards of the American Baptist Missionary Union, American Baptist Publication Society, American Baptist Home Society, American and Foreign Bible Society, the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the New York Committee of Nine on Bible Work, do hereby call general CONVENTION OF BAPTISTS, to consider and advise as to the best methods of conducting the denomination's Bible Work.

Resolved, 2. That in the judgment of the members of this Conference, the decisions of the proposed Convention should be regarded as morally binding upon the bodies we severally repres

Resolved, 3. That this Convention shall be composed of delegates from the bodies calling it, and from the several State Missionary Conventions or General Associations; that each of the organizations represented in this Conference of the gravest character: . shall be invited to send five delegates; and that each state Convention shall be invited to carefully select and send one delegate for every thousand members or fraction thereof; that where a convention or General Association has already heid its annual meeting, its General Board shall be requested to appoint and send

the delegates. hesolved, 4. That the time and place referred to the Committee of Arngements, consisting of Drs. B. Griffi-J. N. Murdock, E. T. Hiscox, J. F. der, and Mr. William Phelps. This mmittee have fixed upon Saratoga as e place, and Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1882

Whereas, There appears to be an immediate and pressing necessity of providing an enlarged boarding accommodation for Horton Collegiate Academy,

Therefore Resolved, That this Convention approve of the proposal to raise \$10,000 or thereabouts for such

iations. Secretaries-J. N. Shannon, Halifax; C. E. McMichael, St. John, N. B.; G. F.

On Thursday morning encouraging Reports of Associations were heard from the following places : Alma, Amherst, Campbellton, Central Horton, Fredericton, Great Village, Halifax, Middle Musquodoboit, Moncton, New Glasgow, Pictou, St. John, Stellarton, Spring Hill, Truro, Westville and Charlottetown.

An invitation was received to hold the Session of 1883 at Fredericton. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation. In addition to the several subjects connected with the work of the Associations, it was discussed and subsequently agreed, to employ an itinerant Secretary to visit Associations that need reviving, endeavour to resuscitate them.

The Executive Committee was chosen as follows:

J. S. Maclean, W. H. Wiswell, R. N. Beckwith, W. B. McNutt, J. C. Mc-Intosh, President. P. C. Hill, all of Halifax; J. E. Irvine, H. B. White, H. B. Jackson, all of St. John, N. B. F. W. Hales, T. C. James, all of Char lottetown, P. E. I.; J. K. Blair, Truro D. A. Duffey, Moncton; C. Primrose, Pictou; G. F. Atherton, Grafton, N. B.; T. S. Whitman, Annapolis; T. B. Robb, Amherst; J. J. Weddall, Fredericton.

Subsequent to the closing of the Convention of the Maritime Provinces, in the afternoon a Dominion Convention was held. J. S. Maclean of Halifax, was appointed to the chair, and Mr. Budge, of Montreal, Secretary

pro tem. It was shewn that there are 2631 Y. M. C. Associations in the world. The need of vigorous effort in the Western part of the Dominion was urged and that great responsibilities rest upon such Associations. Subsequently the body was organized by the election

men and was addressed by a number of

the visiting gentlemen on the great

REV. A. P. MCDAIRMID, the es teemed Pastor of the Baptist Church at Port Hope, Out., has been charged by Councillor Winslow, who is interested in a brewery, with using from the pulpit " insulting language to vex, to harrass and annoy" him, because he (Mr McDairmid) denounced certain proceeding on Dominion Day, and spoke of the "business brewing receives a mighty impetus from such doings on those days." At the trial before the Police Magistrate 'the charge was at once dismissed with costs to complainant on his own testimony." A lawyer had to be imported to conduct the case.

This is not the first time that been has tried to rule the pulpit. It may be well if it is the last.

A ministering brother has sent us list of fifty-three Baptist ministers of these Provinces who have departed this life since he entered upon the work in 1855, and draws from it the lesson How important it is to be earnest in the work for the Master while we have the opportunity of so doing. Our remark last week which sug-

gested this to him was that those ministers whose names we gave were present at the former Convention held with the Lainster Street Church, St. John, in 1864.

We were glad to receive the following telegram, yesterday, from the Missionary Secretary, John March, Esq., of St. John, N. B.

A card from Mrs Churchill dated Bimli, July 3rd, states that when Mr. C., reached Bobbili, June 30th, almost the first person he saw was St. John. She was launched on the day Kotiah the native helper who had been Queen Victoria was born, and although reported dead. They had not learned who was the author of the cruel hoax which cost them no little sorrow and anxiety, and expense. Mr. Sanford was expected home that week, Mrs. C., adds, send us a missionary to Bobbili this fall. At the recent general assembly of the Free Church of Scotland held in Edinburgh, the report on the State of Religion and morals gave a deplorable picture of the condition of those who should be the hope of the church and the strength of future years. It is reported to have said, a wordly spirit is exercising a blighting influence over many members of the church. Many of our young men never think of their need of a Saviour. Engrossed with the vanities of the world, they look on it as a proof of manbood to disregard all the principles of Divine truth. To nick name a thing traditional, however true or sacred it may be, is reason enough for rejecting it. There is abroad a spirit of lawlessness and insubordination. Lawful authority, whether in the state or in the family, has not that respect paid to it which it ought

The army worm has appeared in great swamas in the Western Counties of this province. It is to be hoped that the cool nights will soon send them off.

The N. S. Grand Division Sons of remperance held its Quarterly session at New Glasgow last week. It received an accession to its membership. The reports shewed an increase in the membership of 514 the whole membership is 8319. The order appears to be in a flourishing condition and the finances satisfactory.

At the meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture on Tuesday last a letter was read from the Secretary of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario. stating that the Dominion Government had appropriated \$500 toward the transportation of animals and articles from Nova Scotia to the Dominion Exhibition at Kingston.

The steamer Scud which has been running between Halifax and Boston the past two or three months, was suddenly arrested by running ashore near the Ovens at Lunenburg, on Tuesday afternoon during a dense fog. The passengers were at length taken off from the ship and it was soon found that there was no possibility of saving her.

Halifax is very badly off for market accommodation and in the summer the sidewalks around the Post Office and in Bedford Row are very much choked with the parties placing their vegetables and other things for sale all over the pavement. Complaints of this having been made by the occupants of the offices near, on Saturday last, His Worship the Mayor ordered all such things to the sides of the street. It was highly appreciated by the parties making complaints. Many expressed pleasure that Mayor Fraser had the courage to deal with this

Two eagles were shot at Salmon River, Colchester Co., on Wednesday, which measured 6 feet 6 inches and 6 feet 2 inches, and weighed 25 pounds and 8 pounds respectively.

Pictou farmers are suffering from the ravages of the cattle disease. One farmer alone lost 45 head of cattle.

Pictou collieries are unable to put out a sufficient amount of coal to meet the demand.

An old vessel, the schr. Dove, hailing from Nova Scotia was the other day at

not of long duration. In 1880 it was	be
felt to be indispensible to publish an	ra
edition of Dr. Judson's huge and cum-	th
bersome quarto Bible in much smaller	El
sype and form. It was also necessary	th
to revise Dr. Mason's version in Karen,	88
and as these two versions were the only	
ones in those languages and were used	
by all denominations who sustained	С
missions in that country, aid was asked	U
of the American Bible Society for the	
work. And notwithstanding the fact	
that Dr. Judson's version had been	in
originally published by the Society the	co
request was peremptorily refused unless	w
certain changes should be made in the	01
rendering of the word Baptizo which	ti
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mind respecting the policy of doing their able enterprise. We have no doubt, heavy burden upon the Board of Gov. P.E. I. 9; International Committee own Bible work, there was far from too, that considered apart from all other ernors of Acadia College. Last year 2; Corresponding members 22; Total unity among them respecting the questions which might arise, a well the deficiency on current expense ac- 115.

B. GRIFFITH, Sec. of the Conference.

the time.

ONCERNING A BAPTIST SEMI NARY IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

This matter continues to be agitated certain quarters, notably in the lumns of the Christian Visitor. Last eek our contemporary had an article the" New Brunswick Baptist Educaon Society," the whole trend of whose | ly, on the destruction of the old College eachings appeared to be in favor of building, the Board of Governors with noring the Convention compact with the approval of Convention erected a s responsibilities and obligations, so new building for the College and a r as Horton Academy is concerned Ladies' Seminary incurring a further nd of building up a separate educational debt of some \$20,000, for which terest for the Baptists of New Bruns- mortgage has been given. Last year rick ! Now, we do not deny the in- the annual grant from the Nova Scotia erent right of Baptists everywhere to Legislature was withdrawn and it ive their money and influence for the may not be renewed. All these purpose of carrying forward any laud- things have conspired to throw a very Nova Scotia 40; New Brunswick 19;

purpose; sail sum to be expended by a judicious Building Committee.

Thus fortified and instructed, the Board of Governors moved promptly and within less than a year both resolu tions had been carried into effect. Horton Academy became the property of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, and a new Boarding House was erected entailing a debt of some \$12,-000 upon which interest must be paid annually. The Maritime Baptists had held

now an Academy, centrally located, whose buildings were ample and commodious and whose equipments were all of a very high order. Subsequent-

President-F. W. Hales, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Vice Presidents - J. C. Thompson

of the following officers :

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Quebec; Wm. McCully, Truro; J. E Irvine, St. John ; A. E. Hueston, Coburg, Untario; Mr. Summerville, Kingston,

Secretaries-D. A. Budge, Montreal; J. N. Shannon, Halifax ; A. H. McKay, Pictou.

A Committee for the transaction of Convention work was appointed. In the evening the Welcome meeting was

On Friday meetings were held which interesting papers were read on the different phases of Christian world done by Y. M. C. Associations. The meeetings were continued or Saturday the No. of Associations represented was as follows:

6 from Ontario. " Quebec. 12 " Nova Scotia " New Brunswick. " P. E. Island. The number of delegates present

was from Ontario 12; Quebec 11; to have. having seen sixty three years of service looks quite staunch.

It is reported that a petition has been flled in the office of the Halifax Prothonotary against the return of Mr. D. B. Woodworth, as representative of Kings County in the House of Com-

Ten thousand acres of land are being surveyed for stock-raising purposes by the Shelburne Stock-raising Company. It is said that a Canadian firm have

purchased all the cloth to be made at the woollen mill in operation at Yarmouth, at good figures for the sellers.

Reports from Margaree state that the salmon fishery this month has been the best known for years. Two gentlemen killed over eighty salmon within two weeks, while three others caught sixtysix. The pools are said to be literally swarming with salmon and sea trout.

It is reported that the Rev. John Walsh, D. D., Bishop of London, Ontario, is to be the successor of the late Archbishop of Halifax.

There was, a few days ago, at the new fish market at the head of the Ferry Wharf, a halibut which weighed 269 lbs. One of the largest that has been brought in for many years.

Montague, only seven miles from Halifax, shows as brilliant a record as California in its palmiest days in proportion to the number of men employed. and days's work done. From Straw-It might be profitable to enquire berry Hill mine at Tangier over \$100,-

what Infant Baptism has to do with '000 has been taken.