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(Continued from first page). FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Report of the Foreign Missionary Board was then read by the Secretary, John March, Esq., giving a number of highly interesting details of the operations carried on in the land of the Telugus, at the three stations occupied by the missionaries under the direction of the Board, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, and Miss Hammond, at Chicacole, Mr. and Mrs. Churchill at Bobbili, and Mr. and Mrs. Sandford at Bimlipitam.

Mr. I. C. Archibald, the last missionary sent out is also at present at Chica-

We have recently had in the CHRIS-TIAN MESSENGER several particulars mentioned in the Report, and we need not repeat them, but may copy the closing paragraph, which is full of weighty thoughts for every Christian on this great subject :

"In conclusion, the Board affectionately and earnestly entreat their brethren and fellow-helpers in the churches of the Maritime Provinces to remember that the enterprise in which we are engaged, for the dissemination of the Gospel in Eastern India asserts a claim on the sympathies and prayers and benefactions of us all, which cannot with safety, nor consistency with our avowed faith and confessed obligations, be set aside. A light has been put into our hands, not to be extinguished or hid, but through our instrumentality to enlighten the people that sit in darkness and in the region and shadow of death. Thus far, with our utmost endeavors, we have only been able to kindle up here and there a solitary taper amidst the surrounding gloom-to witness only occasionally a resurrection from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Our missionaries have only just begun to sow the seed of the everlasting Gosple in a systematic manner. The great field is still untilled. Disease and death will be constantly thinning their ranks. Reinforcements and succor will be needed more and more. They, with the millions of unenlightened souls about them call upon the churches at home to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers that had enslaved the minds and hearts of the millions in their land. The Board of Foreign Missions re-echoes the call, and urges with renewed earnestness that our people so blessed of heaven may bring their tithes of sympathy, of prayers and of money, with full consecration of heart into the treasury of the Lord, that his work may be carried on more successfully than ever, until at last out of Teluguland the "redeemed of the Lord shall come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their

The accounts of the Treasurer were not as satisfactory as in past years, seeing that all the invested tunds had been expended, and the money raised had been insufficient to meet the expenditure. In the afternoon strong expressions of disapproval were given to sending forth a paid agent to collect funds for the Foreign Mission Board, seeing that doing so to a great extent, put the Convention Scheme aside. If it were allowed that agents might be sent out by one or two of the Boards, why not by each one and all.

The adoption of the Report was moved by Mr. Faulkner, and seconded by Rev. Alex. MacArthur, who expressed his high gratification that such a work was being done by the Baptists of these Provinces.

Rev. A. Cohoon said it had been suggested in some past days that we should unite with the Upper Province Board in Foreign Missionary work. He wished to enquire if anything had been done in this direction in the establishment of a Theological Seminary for the Tulugus.

Mr. March replied that no action had been taken, although it had been under serious consideration. We have nine students at the school at Samulcotta at a cost of seven rupees each per month.

Rev. J. A. Gordon said he held that the pastor of every church should train his people to the duty of Christian work and benevolence.

J. W. Barss, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. G. F. Miles, and others opposed the employment of Special Agencies.

was a simple one. The Board must have this year \$5,000 more than they had last year, and if the ordinary means failed to bring forth the amount special | the Maritime Provinces. means must be employed.

J. W. Barss said he came to Halifax expecting to find a deficit of \$1,000, and had come prepared to give \$100

in sufficient to enable the Board to clear off the debt they had been obliged to

correct and kept with much neatness and care, and that it appeared that the receipts during the past year have been: Nova Scotia.....\$3,718 44 New Brunswick...... 3,403 93 E. Island...... 303 11

\$7,425 48

Last year Jacob Bradshaw, of New Brunswick, gave \$20,000 to be invested for Foreign Missions. The Board expended during the year \$8.331.66, and bave now in hand \$20,638.17. The assets of the Board are now \$23,738.17, but the interest of half the Bradshaw Fund goes to Home Missions.

The report passed unanimously. The Committee of Nomination presented the following as their report:

1. That the next annual meeting of the Convention be held with the Bap tist Church, at Moncton, and that Rev. C. Goodspeed, A M., of Yarmouth, preach the Convention sermon, and that Rev. D. A. Steele, A. M., be his alter-

2. That the vacancies in the respective boards and committees be filled as

Board of Governors of Acadia College -In place of those whose term of office expires this year-Rev. S. W. DeBlois D. D., A. C. Robbins, Herbert C. Creed, A. M., Edwin D. King, A. M., Silas Alward, D. C. L, Rev. A. Cohoon, A. M. It is also recommended that the position accupied by J. R. Colhoun, on the above | fair state of things in each of the three Board be declared vacant, on account of Provinces. In amendment to this it was the Baptist Union in May next. his removal from the Province, and that C. B. Whidden, M. P. P., be appointed

Board of Home Missions-In place of those whose term of office expires this year. 'Mr. A. C. Robbins, Rev. G. E. Day. M. A., W R. Doty, Revs. A. Cohoon and J. L. M. Young.

Board of Foreign Missions-In place of those whose term of office expires this year-Mr. C. P. Baker, Revs. G. O. Gates, D. A. Steele, J. F. Bartlett and E. M. Saunders, D.D.

Board of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund-In place of those whose term of office expires this year-Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., Rev. J. W. Manning, and Mr. Stephen Selden.

Board of Ministerial Education-Simiiarly appointed-Revs. S. B. Kempton, J. W. Barss and D. F. Higgins, Ph. D. Finance Committee-Rev. G. E. Day, M. D, Mr. John March, Rev. A. H

Committee on the State of the Denomination-Revs. C. Goodspeed, A. M., T A. Higgins, D. D., G. O. Gates and J. O.

Committee on Obituaries-Revs. I. E. Bill, D. D., T. A. Higgins and E. N

-Rev. G. O. Gates, Messrs. R. M. King, H. Lovitt' T. B. Crosby, T. M. King, A H. Lavers and J. March.

Committee on Publication of Year. Book-Messrs. J. F. L. Parsons, R. M. King. Prof. Kierstead and Rev. G. O.

Committee on Arrangements of Annual Meeting of 1884-The Asst. Secretary, the Secretaries of the Convention Boards and the pastor of the church at Moncton. Committee to Supervise Editing and

Publishing of Dr. Cramp's History of the Baptists-Herbert C. Creed, Prof. Kierstead and Rev. S. B. Kempton. Committee on Constitution-Messrs.

B. H. Eaton, E. D. King, Rev. J. W. Manning, H. C. Creed, Silas Alward, Dr. Hopper, Rev's J. A. Gordon, J. A. McLean and G. O. Gates.

The TUESDAY EVENING session should have been largely appropriated to platform speeches on Foreign Missionary work, but the business had been so much delayed that it seemed necessary to go on with that rather than defer it to a later hour.

The Baptist Book and Tract Society was made the subject of resolutions rather as a matter of asking approval than as presenting the Society's business, which had been transacted at two previous meetings of the Society.

Rev. C. Goodspeed introduced the following resolution, which, after discussion, was adopted:

Whereas, It is of the greatest importance that our Sunday Schools and our people generally be supplied with sound literature:

And whereas, At the Convention held at Hillsborough in 1880, a resolution was adopted favoring the establishing of a Book and Tract Society to supply this pressing need:

Therefore resolved, That it is with the greatest pleasure we hear of the beginning of such a Society in Halifax, Rev. G. O. Gates said the matter of its prosperity up to the present, and of its bright prospect of ever increasing union long after they had separated matters in connection with various to the patronage of our people as the Baptist Book and Tract Society of

As there is also a colportage department in connection with this Society to circulate Baptist literature, we express our gratification and urge its managers to press on this most important work as towards clearing it off. He was glad rapidly as funds will permit throughout to find, however, that moneys had come the bounds of this Convention.

Mr. A. P. Shand asked the attention of the Convention to the subject of a Hymn Book for the use of the churches. The auditors reported the accounts It was partially discussed, and then laid on the table to be taken up subsequently.

> The REPORT OF THE FINANCE COM-MITTEE was presented by Dr. Day, showing what had been produced by the Convention Scheme in support of the various Benevolent Objects of the churches in Convention, giving in detail the amount received from each church.

Aggregate amount.....\$26,821 68 From Nova Scotia...... 10,355 36 From New Brunswick...... 6,847 24 From P. E. Island..... Balance to credit..... Total contributed by churches 18,009 87 By individuals...... 8,811 8

The total receipts shewed an average of amount received of about 70 cents per member-Nova Scotia about 80

The discussion that followed developed the fact that New Brunswick had reported other moneys than those which passed through the hands of the N. B. member of the Finance Committee. The reports from the three provinces not being uniform, they did not present a fair and correct view o what had been raised for the denominational objects. It was proposed that the N. B. report be re-written before publication, so as to shew the exact and resolved that next year, and in future, the reports be prepared on a uniform plan in the three Provinces.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. T. M. King, and adopted :

"That the President and Secretary of this Convention be instructed to issue a circular to the pastors of the churches, drawing their attention to the importance of efficiently carrying forward the financial interests of the denomination under the Convention scheme, urging the churches through them to systematic effort in the collection of funds under that scheme, and that remittances be made promptly on the 15th January April, July and October in each year, to the Finance Committee for each

Tuesday evening it was supposed would be appropriated to Platform Addresses on Foreign Missions. The time had been thus far spent on matters of Convention business and it was getting late, Dr. Castle being called on for Committee on Travelling Arrangements an address on Foreign Missions. He spoke briefly on the vast field of operation in carrying out our Saviour's commission to his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He referred to the many illustrious men and women who had given themselves to this work and the numerous consecrated, valuable lives that had been given to the cause in foreign lands. He said he trusted that the progress of the cause would be such that for every church of 500 members there would soon be a missionary sustained to labour in the foreign field. He also hoped that the action taken by this Convention in combining with the Upper Provinces in Theological training would be the means of calling forth many more efficient men into this department ct Christian labor. It would be for the churches to offer earnest prayer for professors and students that they might have the blessing of God upon their efforts so that both the Home and the Foreign field might have large accessions from time to time of devoted men to preach the everlasting gospel.

Rev. G. F. Miles spoke on the directions given by our Lord, that because he had all power and would be with his servants, therefore they were to go forth every where and preach the gospel paid Secretary. to every creature.

declined to do so at any length. vention assured Dr. Castle and Dr. McVicar that the union formed by resolution would be a real bond, and the their time and talents to this branch interest that their addresses had awak- of mission work. ened in the minds and hearts of the delegates would prove a means of and gone to their homes.

esting field opening up in the North sionary Board. West for evangelistic labors. He anticipated that the union here formed in collegiate work would have the effect tant parts of the Dominion.

THE HYMN BOOK QUESTION

was here taken up for further consideration. Mr. Shand urged that the price of the Psalmist and all the books published by the Baptist Publication Society was a barrier to their being purchased as generally as they should be in our congregations. While other denominations were supplied with the Hymn Book used by them for about 15 to 30 cen:s a copy, the Baptist Hymn Book costs 50 cents, and the Psalmist 85 cents, he had made enquiry by correspondence, and assured the Convention that the Halifax Baptist Book and Tract Society, might supply a book equal to all our necessities for about 25 or 30 cents. He did not wish the Convention to assume any liability in the matter, but merely to appoint a committee with whom they might consult on the matter. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Baptist Book and Tract Society contemplated the arrangment and publication of a new hymn book, the following committee be appointed by the Convention to assist them :-

Revs. Dr. Hopper, G. O. Gates and F. D. Crawley, from New Brunswick; Revs. J. E. Goucher, J. A. Gordon, S. B. Kempton and Bro. Ackhurst, from Nova Scotia; and Rev. A. H. Lavers, of P. E. Island.

Dr. Castle expressed a desire that a deputation might be sent to the Baptist Convention of Ontario in October, and

On motion of Hon. Dr. Parker, the following were 'appointed delegates :-Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. Prof. Welton and Dr. Rand.

R. N. Beckwith, the Treasurer, read his report, which was adopted.

On motion, thanks were tendered to the President and other officers of the Convention for the very satisfactory manner in which the business had been performed during the session.

It was then moved that the Convention do adjourn to meet on the first Saturday after the 18th of August with the church at Moncton, New Brunswick.

By request of the President; Rev. Mr. MacArthur offered prayer, and closed the Convention with the Benediction.

The Board of Governors of Acadia College was in session all the morning of Wednesday, perfecting arrangements for the re-opening, making the alterations required in the departments of teaching, the curriculum, &c., &c.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY MEETINGS.

On Saturday afternoon, August 25th the members of the Societies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, present at Convention, assembled in the Spring Garden Hall.

Mrs. Manning opened the meeting by reading the 2nd Psalm, and Mrs. Joseph Kempton offered prayer. The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting. Mrs. Martell read a letter from Mrs. Williams, relative to the formaation of a General Society, which was then fully discussed.

Mrs. March said that the Societies in New Brunswick were of the opinion that it would be better to remain as they Martell. are, - and stated that it implied a want of confidence in the Foreign Missionary Board to desire to retain the funds of the Societies in the charge of a Treasurer of their own.

Mrs. Masters said that there were cruel custom of child marriage in strong reasons why we should not have any change. One was the expense connected with the employment of a

Mrs. Manning explained several Rev. S. B. Kempton was asked to matters, and shewed the importance of speak, but from the lateness of the hour | uniting into one General Society which should appropriate its own funds. She Mr. March, the president of the Con- rejected the idea of a paid Secretary being needed, feeling sure that there were sisters who would gladly give

Mrs. March offered objections to these views and explained several items given in the statement of accounts Dr. Rand spoke on the deeply inter- by the Treasurer of the Foreign Mis-

Mrs. Martell, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. J. Kempton, and others joined in the discussion, especially giving no counteof awakening all to the great need nance to the idea of want of confidence, of the gospel being carried to these dis- as the Boards have always received kind and courteous attention from the

Foreign Missionary Board. The chief reason for the proposed change being the very natural desire to be constituted on the same basis as our sister Societiein the United States and Canada, who both retain their own moneys and appropriate them through their Executive Boards. The Secretary read extracts of communications from Mrs. Rose of the United States, and Mrs. Freeland,

of Ontario, in confirmation of this point. The delegates of the Nova Scotia Societies were then invited to remain.

The President explained that in consequence of our sisters of New Brunswick and P. E. Island declining to unite in forming a General Society, it remained for the delegates from the various Societies in Nova Scotia to decide upon their own course of action. As the Central Board had completed the term of one year for which they been elected, it now became necessary to choose their successors.

It was then resolved that the present Board be requested to remain in office, and a vote of thanks was passed for the efficient service rendered by them to the Women's Missionary Aid Societies ever since their formation.

Mrs. Manning explained and elucidated many points and answered several

The Secretary read a copy of estimates sent in by the Canadian Missionary Board to the Ladies' Board, shewing what moneys would be needed at each responded. From these we learn that station. From this the delegates at their annual meeting selected such items as they felt willing and able to aid by an appropriation from their funds, which sum was then sent in to the Treasurer of the Board to forward to the Mis-

carried unanimously:

Resolved, That the Nova Scotia Central Board retain the money received from their Societies and make such appropriations of it as they see fit, in accordance with their constitution, sending their money through the Foreign Missionary Board. That the F. M. Board be requested to send to the Central Board at the beginning of every year a statement of the needs of the missions, so as to aid them in the ap propriation of their funds.

Mrs. J. T. Eaton then closed meeting with prayer.

The Annual Meeting of the Societies was held on Monday afternoon. A large number of delegates and friends were

Mrs. A. Smith presided. Singing, "Hail to the Lord's anoint-

Reading the Scriptures Rom. x. The Secretary read the minutes the meeting held on Saturday.

Mrs. March read the Report from New Brunswick. The Report from P. E. Island was

read by Miss Hooper. Singing, "Work, for the night

The Report from Nova Scotia wa presented by Mrs. Selden.

Miss Selden read a letter and Report from our Missionary, Miss Ham-

Special prayer was then offered for the work in Miss H.'s care by Mrs. Singing, "One more day's work for

Mrs. Manning read a copy of a Memorial to be presented to the Queen, asking her to abolish the hurtful and

It was moved by Mrs. March, seconded by Mrs. Selden, and carried by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Sanford, our returned missionary, then addressed the meeting on the claims of the Saviour for laborers on the mission field, and the needs of the

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Canadian Board of W. M. A. Societies, inviting delegates from the Maritime Provinces to be present and take part in the Annual Meeting to be held in Toronto on the 11th and 12th of October.

Singing solo-Mrs. Nalder-"All day I have gleaned with the reapers."

Address by Mrs. J. T. Eaton, who spoke mainly of the need of appliances for increasing the interest in our Home

Miss Johnston spoke on the importance of bringing up the children in our families to love the mission cause, and to aid it by encouraging the Mission | Margaree 18 00

Bands and belping to organize them, so that the children may be interested.

Mrs. Nalder followed on the same subject, and spoke of the happiness of personal consecration to Mission work. Mrs. Jos. Kempton said that every church should have a Society. She thought the Central Board should appoint an Agent, who should visit places where there are no Societies, and en-

deavor to form them. Mrs. Jos. Kempton was requested to

act as Agent for Lunenburg Co. The meeting, which was one of the best ever held by the W. M. A. Societies, was then brought to a close by singing the missionary hymn.

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF W. M. A. Societies FOR NOVA SCOTIA.

Among the Reports from the various Societies represented by this Board there was one remarkable for its brevity; it says only "Faint, yet pursuing." And we feel that we can also say the same, as we look at the work accomplished this year by the united help of the Societies as a whole.

We wish we could report an increase in the number of our societies; but only forty-five have contributed this year, and no additional ones have been heard from. It is much to be regretted that so few of the Societies have responded to the Appeal of the Central Board by filling in and returning to the Secretary the Blank forms furnished for the purpose of obtaining better statistics of our standing. 51 of these were sent out to the Secretaries of the various Societies, and only 28 have there are 695 contributors to the Women's Foreign Mission work, that there are 1993 women in the churches represented by these Societies, also, that there are 265 copies of the "Missionary Link" taken. Mission Bands number 254 Members and have raised \$275,30.

During the past year we have had The following resolution was then to mourn over the loss by death of two of our Life members-Mrs. Tupper, and Mrs. S. C. De Wolfe, and two have been added-Mrs W. George and Mrs.

Amherst takes the lead once more by the largest amount contributed, and Windsor Mission Band heads the list among the young people.

Our beloved Missionary, Miss Hammond, has removed during the past year from Chicacole to Bimlipitam. We rejoice in knowing that much good work has been accomplished through her agency, and that the Master whose kingdom she is seeking to extend, still blesses and supports her in her arduous labours.

The other sisters in the Mission field, though not so much under our special charge as Miss Hammond are never forgotten by us, and their letters are always welcome, full of good news and of deep interest. Nothing especial has occurred in connection with their labours, except that in a recent letter from Mrs. Hutchinson, she mentions the great need of a Mission Chapel in the Town of Chicacole, where the population is the thickest, and the need of a building for this purpose most felt. Perhaps we could not put some of our available funds to a better use, than by helping our friends in this direction.

In taking up the burden of our work for another year, let each member seek more than ever to do all that lies in her power to assist those dear sisters who so much need our aid, our sympathies and our prayers.

On behalf of the Central Board, M. R. SELDEN, Secty.

TREASURER'S REPORT of the N. S. Central Board of W. M. A. Societies for the year ending July, 1883: To cash received from Societies \$95284

\$1271 79

To Interest in Saving's Bank.\$9 48 Postage, Stationery. Sundries\$5 67 Bal. in Treasury... 3 81 Amounts sent in to the Foreign

Miss. Board St. John, for the year ending July 31st, 1883

For Quarter ending, Oct. 31st, 1882.\$157 35 Jan. 31st, 1883. 235 85 April 30th, 1883. 313 52 July 31st, 1883. 565 07

Examined and found correct. L. M. SMITH, Auditor. List of Societies and amounts contributed for the year ending July 31st, 1883:

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