

THE APPROACHING BAPTIST CONVENTION to assemble in Granville St. Church, on Saturday 25th inst. will partially commence its operations on Friday the 24th, inasmuch as the Board of Governors of Acadia College will meet in the morning of that day in Halifax, to prepare for presenting the interests of that and its kindred Institutions to the Convention on the following days.

For the past three years there has been a sort of rotation of the order of subjects coming before the body. In 1880 the order was, Saturday, Home Missions; Monday, Acadia College, &c.; Tuesday, Foreign Missions.

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The same order and rotation being observed this year, Home Missions will be attended to on Saturday, Educational Institutions on Monday, and Foreign Missions on Tuesday.

Besides this general order other matters will be taken up as they are brought forward for consideration. Each of these leading subjects is of very high moment, and will require all the wisdom that can be brought to bear upon them. There is abundant cause for thanksgiving. Whilst their financial aspects are formidable and are causing earnest solicitude among the brethren there is sufficient in their present aspects to shew that the labor put forth in every department is being accompanied by the Divine blessing.

Whilst the whole time of the Convention is usually taken up with business, yet it being all of a religious character it may be predicated of it that a Christian spirit will characterize all the debates. Baptist people are accustomed to think for themselves and having convictions, and generally the courage to give expressions to those convictions, there may possibly be at first some differences of opinion, and some warm and earnest speeches in the course of the debates. To keep order in these discussions it is needful that the President shall have a firm hold of his position and maintain it, so as to facilitate the business. It is usual for the President to be chosen from one of the other provinces—not the one in which the annual session is being held. The same rule is observed respecting the Convention Sermon which will be preached by the Rev. Henry Cross, of Germain St. Church, St. John, N. B., or his alternate, Rev. G. O. Gates, of Moncton, N. B.

It has been found profitable to hold a devotional meeting for a short time previous to each sitting of the Associations. Why should not this be done at the Convention? It is probable that this course will be pursued here. These meetings have sometimes been the means of much good, and besides have given a deeper religious tone to subsequent business meetings.

It is sometimes the case that only a small portion of the people where the Associations and Conventions are held, are able to attend the meetings in consequence of the additional work in the household, and so they lose a large part of the proceedings. We need hardly say that where this is the case a large part of the good that should follow is lost. This should be borne in mind by delegates, and effort should be made to enable all that is possible in the several households to attend all the meetings both on week days as well as on the Lord's Day.

The evening meetings are usually more of the character of public meetings—and of course of deep interest—although all the sittings of the Convention are open to the public.

Notice was given last year that a motion would be submitted at this session for a few necessary changes in the Constitution of the Convention. See Year Book page 23.

THE DEATH OF THE HON. A. M. COCHRAN took place on Thursday night last at Mailand. His health had been somewhat broken for some time past, yet not so as to prevent his attending to his private business, and to his duties as a Member of the

Local Government. He had lately returned from Cape Breton and appeared to be much better for the change. He was purposing to attend a lecture by Mr. Fraser, and took a short cut through the fields. Finding that he was not at the lecture, and that the other members of his family with the lecturer returned to his residence without him, an active search was immediately made, when he was shortly discovered in a field quite dead. It is supposed that he fell down as he was crossing the fence, and died from an attack of paralysis. Mr. C. was born at Newport in 1811, and was consequently in his 73rd year. He was generally esteemed for his amiable disposition, and regarded as a wise counsellor in public affairs. His funeral was very largely attended on Monday.

GUYSBOROUGH, 1883.

Mr. Editor,— Will you please inform an enquirer, how it is that our pedobaptist friends, Baptize, and then tell the people to believe, when our blessed Lord in his new will and Testament declares, "Whosoever believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Surely this is not after the pattern laid down for our instruction—but it is like putting the cart before the horse.

Our venerable friend has given us a hard question to solve. We cannot tell how it is. The latest development of this matter, which troubles many of our pedobaptist friends themselves, is, according to the N. Y. Independent that it is only an act of consecration. Here is what that high authority on the subject, says:

"The only valid element in infant baptism is the consecration of them by their parents to God. Whatever name be applied to it, it is all consecration and nothing else. They are not regenerated by it, nor in it. They are not made children of God. God is not propitiated to them thereby. Indeed adult baptism is nothing more than consecration. It has no mystic quality. It is a sign, nothing more, of the act by which a man puts off the filthiness of the old man and puts on the purity of the new man. In accepting baptism a man promises to be spiritually clean; that is to consecrate himself. In this he expects the aid of the Holy Spirit—indeed has already had it. But repentance and consecration is all he can do or can express by the symbolism of his own act. Therefore repentance and baptism go together—repent and be baptized—as the inward experience and the outward expression of consecration."

This would seem to be about the last ditch—to use the military figure. When it is conceded that Christian Baptism is an act of submission and obedience to Christ, as well as of consecration, away goes Infant Baptism and all its troublesome surroundings, and our brethren will then rejoice with us in freedom from the dangerous errors connected with religion by proxy.

We have received a brief note from Dr. J. G. MacGregor wishing to make a correction of the figures in his former letter. He says:—

Sir,—Permit me to correct an error I have just detected in the statistics given in my letter published in your issue of the 18th July. The value of grounds, buildings &c., of Denominational Colleges in the United States should have been \$23,912,687 and the total property of those Colleges, therefore \$44,705,620. Hence my general statement of the relative values of the property of denominational and non-denominational Colleges was somewhat inaccurate. The property of the latter is not one-fourth greater but slightly less than that of the former; and the property of the average non-denominational College is not 8 1/2 times, but only about 3 times as great as that of the average denominational Colleges."

Subscribers in arrears will do us a great favor by sending on the amount due without delay.

A PRAISEWORTHY OBJECT.—"None name it but to praise." This is true of that unsurpassed remedy, "Hayward's Yellow Oil." It cures pain and inflammation, whether from sprain, burn, bruise, or frost bite, lame back, rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, croup, deafness, and is for internal and external use.

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Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. The College Agency.

Dear Editor,—

It may not be uninteresting to many of your readers to learn how the work of raising funds to liquidate the debt on our Institutions at Wolfville is progressing in the West, to which field I was appointed by the Agency Committee. After the Anniversary Exercises in June I visited Lockeport, where the Western Association was being held, and yet, though informed that nothing could be done there in the way of raising funds for our Institutions, because the people were building a costly church, I met a most hearty reception and the most praiseworthy liberality. About \$2,500 was pledged, and we confidently expect more will be done, especially by the ladies. They have already inaugurated a new movement,—an educational committee or association has been started to look after the educational needs of the church and congregation in connection with our Institutions at Wolfville, whose interests they will aim to promote at home. I trust great good will result from this departure. Would it not be a good plan to have an educational organization in each church or town? And now, all praise to the noble men and women of Lockeport whose hearty and generous response to the appeal of the College Agent has gone a long way to insure the success of the effort to free our beloved Institutions from debt. They gave me an impetus the accelerating effect of which is wonderfully assisting me to-day. After leaving Lockeport our good friend at Jordan Falls not only assisted me but also the College in our onward journey. Then Yarmouth Co. nobly responded with over \$3,000, which, together with what had been pledged during the past year, makes \$4,000 for Yarmouth County. Only five years ago Yarmouth County contributed \$13,000 to the Endowment Fund. Certainly Yarmouth has done nobly. Since leaving Yarmouth I have been working in Annapolis and Kings Counties with gratifying success in some quarters. For instance, Kentville contributes some \$1,800 to College Funds. Mr. George Woodworth, the editor of the Western Chronicle, completes my first \$10,000 with a \$500 subscription. And now we are nearing the end of the canvass and the end of the Convention year. We need some \$6,000 yet to complete the amount. The field is nearly all gone over. It will require the greatest effort to raise this sum. But a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull all together will bring our Institutions into the long and ardently desired haven of freedom from debt! If only the people of Kings and Annapolis Counties will do their part, we believe the whole amount can be raised? Will they?

Yours truly, A. J. DENTON, Financial Agent. Wolfville, Aug. 8th, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger. Recent Donations to the Museum of Acadia College.

1883. April 15.—Two Nelves and one insect case; donor, C. R. Higgins, Wolfville. April 28.—(1) Collection of the Colorado Beetle (potato bug), with eggs. (2) A Salamander. (3) A Dollar Fish. (4) A collection of Native Shells; donor, A. T. Pineo, A. B., Wolfville. Mr. Pineo also loaned to the Museum a valuable collection of Native and Foreign Shells. April.—1 box of Shells; donor, E. L. Coldwell, Oregon. May 15.—Specimens of soft Argillaceous Sandstone from "pencil quarry" at Cold Brook, Kings Co.; donor, Thos. Griffin. May 24.—Several specimens of Stilbite, Neulandite, Calcite, and Acaialite, (red Chabazite), from Partridge Island and Swan Creek; donor, A. E. Coldwell, Wolfville. June 1.—Five Foreign Coins; donor, W. C. Balcom, Hantsport. June 8.—Globe Fish and Tropical Nut from East Indies; donor, Master John Durkee, Yarmouth. June 8.—Lusus Nature in an ear of Corn; donor, J. W. Corey, Acadia College. June 16.—1 Salamander; Miss Heales, Wolfville. June 16.—Slates from Webster's Brook, containing the fossil, dictyonema Websteri; donor, A. E. Coldwell. June 16.—A "Tan Lay-Out," or outfit for playing the Chinese game of tan-tan, captured at Portland, Oregon, along with 44 Chinese gamblers in April last. There is a tin-tray divided into compartments for holding the outfit consisting of about 100 brass coins, (cash), about 50 zinc coins, a ball-shaped brass dish, a large number of black and white porcelain disks, a package of Chinese-figured cards and another of plain red cards, two Chinese pens, two account books, and a tan stick. There came with this outfit a pair of chop-sticks, a Chinese purse, and a copy of the indictment against the Chinese gamblers; donor, E. L. Coldwell, Portland, Oregon.

I have also received two packages containing all the smaller articles of an opium "lay-out," or outfit of an opium den. Mr. Coldwell, at considerable trouble and expense, has forwarded these articles, and has kindly promised to send the larger articles by express. When they come I will acknowledge them more fully.

Yours, &c., A. E. COLDWELL. Acadia College, Wolfville, Aug. 6th, 1883.

Notices.

NOTICE.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Session of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces will be held with the Granville Street Church, Halifax, N. S., commencing on Saturday, August 25th, 1883, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Forms for returns have been sent to the churches. Additional copies may be had on application to the Secretary at Apohaqui, N. B. The Secretaries will be at the place of meeting an hour before the opening of the session to enrol members of Convention under Secs. 3, 4 and 5, of Art. III. of Constitution.

E. M. KRISTEAD, Sec'y.

Convention Notice.

Persons who propose to attend the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, meeting with the Granville Street Baptist Church, Halifax, on Saturday the 25th of August next, as members in their own right or as delegates from churches, are requested to forward their names, the church appointing them, and their P. O. Address to the undersigned. Such members and delegates will be notified of the place where they will be entertained.

R. M. KING, Sec. of Com. N. B.—All delegates and members are requested to have their names handed in not later than the 17th inst, in order that suitable accommodation may be secured for them by the Committee, and that they may be advised of the same. R. M. K.

CONVENTION.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.

The Committee appointed by Convention have completed travelling arrangements for this year as follows:

DELEGATES and members who have paid one full first-class fare on coming to Convention will be entitled to return free upon presenting to the Railway Station Agent or Steamboat Clerk a proper certificate of attendance signed by the Secretary of Convention, on the following lines:

Intercolonial Railway. All lines of Railway in New Brunswick. The Union line of Bay and River Steamers, N. B. The N. S. Steamship Company. The P. E. I. Steam Navigation Co. Fishwick's shore line of steamers—"Edgar Stuart" and "M. A. Starr." Certificates to state name of boat by which delegate came in every case. Certificates on all these lines will be good until Sept. 1st. The Prince Edward Island Railway will issue return tickets for one first-class fare to DELEGATES coming to Convention on 22nd and 24th inst, such return tickets will be honored up to the 30th inst, but only on presentation to conductor of Certificate of attendance. The Western Counties Railway will issue return tickets to DELEGATES coming to Convention over their line for one and one third first-class fares, and will require no certificates. The Windsor & Annapolis Railway and The Halifax and Cape Breton Railway will give tickets to return for one-third first-class fare upon presentation of certificate of attendance to DELEGATES who have paid first class fare in coming to Convention. This privilege to extend to 31st inst. DELEGATES who pass over two or more independent lines of travel must obtain from Secretary of Convention a separate certificate for each.

R. M. KING, Chairman of Committee on Travelling Arrangements.

TO LADY DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONVENTION:

There will be a special meeting of delegates and members of the W. M. A. Societies on Saturday, the 25th of Aug., at half past 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Spring Garden Baptist Vestry, for the transaction of important business. A punctual and full attendance is requested.

M. R. SELDEN, Secretary N. S. Central Board.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.

Windsor Church.....\$200 00 Granville St., Halifax, balance. 129 76 Dartmouth, installm... 60 38 Wolfville, " 50 20 Kentville, " 21 75 Waterville, Hants, " 11 30 Lawrenceton & Valley West, " 10 90 Upper Stewiack, " 10 00 Falmouth, " 6 09 Annapolis, balance..... 1 00 \$501 38 G. E. DAY, St. John, N. B., Aug. 10, 1883.

P. S.—We hope the Churches will make another effort to enlarge the Convention Fund and send their collections as early as the 5th inst. G. E. D.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. As the accounts of the Financial Committee of Convention must close before the meeting of Convention, those churches which have not yet contributed, as well as those which have not closed their account with the Financial Agent, are kindly requested to forward their contributions immediately. Personal contributions for denominational enterprises will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged. A. H. LAYERS, Fin. Com. for P. E. I. Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 23, 1883.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Cow Bay, C.B.—Collected by Mrs. Martell.....\$ 6 00 Berwick.—Miss Effie Illsley..... 9 00 Weymouth.—Mrs. Thos. Hall..... 8 00 Hillsburg.—Mrs. G. F. Miller..... 7 00 Torbrook.—Miss C. Wheelock..... 13 40 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, August 14th, 1883.

TEA MEETING.—The North Kingston Baptist Church and Congregation purpose having a Tea Meeting on Wednesday, the 29th inst. Proceeds to be appropriated to repairs of the building and the church organ. Tickets 35 cts.; under ten years 25 cts.

The first General Meeting of the Subscribers to the Baptist Book & Tract Society will be held in the Vestry of the Granville St. Baptist Church Halifax, on Monday 27th inst. at which it is proposed to make some changes in the Constitution and Bye Laws. On behalf of Committee, GEO. A. McDONALD, Sec'y.

Received for Baptist Meeting House in Lunenburg: Tanook, Lunenburg Co.....\$23 00 " previously..... 18 30 From a Friend..... 1 00 A. J. Mader, Esq..... 1 00 W. J. Nelson, Esq., Bridgewater. 1 75 ISAAC GATES, Treas. B. E. F. July 17.

ACADIA COLLEGE. A meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College will be held on Friday, Aug. 24th, at 9 o'clock, a. m., in the Baptist Vestry, Spring Garden Road. T. A. HIGGINS, Acting Secretary. Wolfville, Aug. 8th, 1883.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Alex. McArthur. Sabbath School in the Spring Garden Vestry at 2:45 P. M. Prayer-meeting in the same place on Wednesday evening at 7:45.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2:30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2:30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:30.

DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Pastor Rev. E. J. Grant.

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

Moneys Received. Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, \$1. Mr. W. H. Hartwick, \$2. Wm. L. Hatfield, \$2. J. E. Hallam, \$3. J. H. Halsey, \$2. J. F. Tufts, \$2. E. W. Spicer, \$1. Christopher W. Sanders, \$2.50.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Acadia College. The next session of Acadia College will open on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. Matriculation Examination will begin on Wednesday, September 5, at 9 o'clock, a.m. Theological classes will be formed at the opening of the Term. A. W. SAWYER, President. Wolfville, N. S., Aug. 2, 1883. Aug. 8.

Horton Academy AND ACADIA SEMINARY. The next session of Horton Academy and Acadia Seminary will open on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. The Governors will spare no pains to make these Schools worthy of the enlarged patronage of the public. It is important that students should be in attendance at the opening of the session. Applications for information respecting studies or rooms may be addressed to the subscriber. A. W. SAWYER, President. Wolfville, N. S., Aug. 2, 1883. Aug. 8.

THE BAPTIST BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY, 104 Granville Street, HALIFAX, N. S. LIST OF BOOKS. Daily Thoughts, by Talmage, per vol. \$0.75 Series of Sermons in 6 vol. " 60 Abominations of Modern Society " 35 Crumbs swept up, " 35 Sports that Kill, " 30 MACADLEY'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND, 5 vols. set, " 3.00 SEBASTIAN'S WORKS. The Baptist Messenger, per vol. 55 Treasury of David, " 2.00 The Metropolitan Tabernacle and " 2.00 Pulpit, " 2.00 Twelve Sermons on various subjects, " 30 Types and Emblems, " 90 Trumpet Calls, &c., " 1.00 Feathers for Arrows, " 75 Flashes of Thought, " 1.50 Illustrations, &c., " 75 Gleanings among Sheaves, " 45 BILLING SERIES, 7 vol. viz.: Christ's Glorious Achievements, " 30 Seven Wonders of Grace, " 30 The Spare Half-Hour, " 30 The Mourner's Comforter, " 30 The Bible and Newspaper, " 30 Eccentric Preacher, " 30 Good Cheer, " 30 400 Sermons, assorted, including Future Punishment and Baptismal Regeneration, each " 08 GOLD AND THE GOSPEL, per vol. 75 Apostolic Church, by Rev. W. E. Paxton, " 90 Behind the Scenes, by a Pastor, " 90 Origin of the Baptists, by S. H. Ford, " 60 Baptist Facts, by A. C. Dayton, " 30 Three Reasons Why, &c., by J. M. Pendleton, " 45 Baptist History, by J. M. Cramp, " 1.00 Hero of Truth, by C. E. W. Dobbs, " 30 The Church, by J. M. Stephens, A. B., " 60 The Little Baptist, by J. M. Martin, " 75 Peggily's Guide to Baptism, " 20 LIFE OF ADONIRAM JUDSON, by his son Edward Judson, pub. price, 2.00 Graves Deter Debate, in sheep, 3.50 To arrive—A large variety of Library books which will be sold at a SLIGHT ADVANCE above cost and importing figures, to suit Sunday Schools. ALSO—The Consolidated edition of 1, 2, 3 and 4, Moody & Sankey. Music 85 cts., words only 25 cts.; also, 1, 2, 3 and 4, Music or words, separate or combined. CULM ROCK, 50 vol. library, cheap, 25.00 40 vol. "Primary Library," for " 7.50 Send for Catalogue. N. B.—Remittances by P. O. O. should be drawn payable to Baptist Book and Tract Society or Secretary. GEO. A. McDONALD, Patronize the Baptist Book & Tract Society. Aug. 8.

TO DR. BENNET, 119 HOLLIS STREET, HALIFAX, N. S. DEAR SIR,—I have received the greatest benefit a man could receive from one of your pads. I was nearly dead with Dyspepsia. The benefit I got I would not part with for a thousand dollars. It saved my life. I am 72 years old. MICHAEL BENTLEY. Aug. 8.

NEWTON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION. FALL TERM begins Sept. 11th, 1883. Six Professors besides a teacher of Elocution. Also a course of Lectures by gentlemen not belonging to the Faculty. For further particulars address the President, ALVAH HOVEY, Newton Centre, Mass. 5 ins. Aug. 8.

RARE CHANGE! Fine Photos AT REDUCED PRICES. Best Cabinet Photos.....\$4 00 for 13. " Card "..... 2 50 " " Panel "..... 5 00 To all delegates and those accompanying them to the Baptist Convention to be held at Halifax, N. S., in August. W. D. O'DONNELL, (Opposite St. Paul's). Aug. 1. 4 ins.