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News from the Churches.

PORT HAWKESBURY, C. B.—Rev. W. H. Robinson, writes March 5th:—“The church here has, in some measure, been blessed though not to the extent for which we had hoped and prayed. Still God has given us a few sheaves. At the conference meeting in February one candidate was received for baptism, and at our last conference our hearts were gladdened by another expressing his desire to do the will of Christ and to follow him in the ordinance of baptism.”

PORT MEDWAY.—Dear Editor,—It has been your privilege of late to report good concerning Zion. Such news must ever be in demand. Suffer a word from Port Medway. The Master's cause here is generally low, but we are not forgotten. During the present pastoral year several persons, mostly sojourners among us, have been hopefully converted, and some backsliders reclaimed, while now others are saying to the pastor, “Brother, remember me in your prayers.” Oh, for “a refreshing from the presence of the Lord.” If some good brother would only pay us a visit, and help us out of the old ruts, it would be refreshing. I would here express my thanks to those very thoughtful ones among my people who came in upon us with the month of March, and left us again the richer by some four or five cords of good dry wood, one of the many expressions of loving and appreciative remembrances received from them during the past two years.

By yours fraternally,
R. H. BISHOP.
March 5th, 1883.

AMHERST.—The good work of ingathering is going on all around us. At Sackville Bro. McDonald is in the midst of a very gracious revival. At Dorchester Bro. F. O. Weeks is bringing in sheaves, and the little band is becoming stronger. Bro. Gates, at Moncton, is having large accessions, the result of his own steady labors and the assistance of Bro. Chubbuck. Bro. McLean is greatly encouraged at Parrsboro'. He is the man for the place, and we pray that he may be long spared to us. To the eastward brethren Freeman at Great Village, Miller at Greenville, Miles at Portauquique, and Martell at Onslow, are all gathering a harvest. Our own services are marked with Divine power, and are well attended. The people have a mind to work. We had an unusually large attendance at conference and communion, and baptized six on the 4th inst.

FIRST MONCTON, N. B.—Pastor Gates informs us that seventeen more were baptized on Sunday last; and adds, the outlook continues most hopeful.

Rev. P. S. McGregor of New Glasgow, preached in Dartmouth, on Sunday last, morning and evening.

Rev. E. J. Grant is expected to return to his charge this week. His health is restored by the four weeks in the East.

Rev. Alex. McArthur of Granville Street Church, exchanged last Lord's Day evening, with Rev. Dr. Burns, and the previous Sunday with Rev. Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Wiggins attempts an explanation of his prognostications and also the reason of their failure. Very much depends as all human affairs do, on “if.” It had been at just a little different time it would have been just as he said. How very wise!

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.
The Baptist Year Book, 1882.

Mr. Editor,—In a late issue of the MESSANGER you notice the publication of the “Baptist Year Book” for the Maritime Provinces. I regret very much that its statistical tables are not so complete as they might be. Who is to blame? Not the indefatigable Secretaries of the Convention, who have given an amount of time and labor to this work that few would be willing to give. There is no reason why the statistics of the “Year Book” should not be complete in every respect. If the clerks of churches would only remember that they are writing for publication the history of the denomination for the year, if the pastors of churches would only remember that the respectability of their standing is, more than they suspect, involved in the intelligent correctness of the Reports from their churches, and if Association officers would only remember that the Secretaries of the Convention cannot furnish statistics without the Association records for the year, we would not so often be compelled to blush on finding our “Year Book,” as a complete record of the denomination and its work, inferior to the published reports of our Presbyterian, Methodist, or Episcopal friends. To a few men scattered all through our Associations and churches the denomination has entrusted the responsibility of compiling its history. They pride themselves on being faithful to other trusts; why not to this? But there is another matter in connection with our “Year Book,” one that has been too long overlooked. Its publication costs annually from \$230 to \$250, and this amount is taken out of the general funds contributed for other purposes, and to any one of the three Boards would prove a very valuable sum at the end of the year. The American Baptists publish their Year Book and sell it, as any other publication, for 50 cents per copy. The Baptists of Ontario and Quebec publish a Year Book similar to ours, and sell it for 10 cents per copy, and the whole edition is rapidly bought up. Why cannot maritime Baptists do the same, and thus save a comparatively large sum? Possibly no action of the Convention would successfully introduce the change. The most practical way would be to begin now. Let us pay the expenses of the present year! If each church, on receipt of the parcel of “Year Books” sent to them, would remit to Prof. Keirstead, Secretary of Convention, at Wolfville, a sum equal to 10 cts. per copy, or more if they choose, and then not forget to make an early order for a sufficient number for next year, it would be but a small amount from each church but a considerable sum in the aggregate. Brethren, let us try it this year.

Yours, &c.,
J. B. WOODLAND.
Cavendish, P. E. I., Feb. 27, 1883.

For the Christian Messenger.
Our North-West Mission.

What has become of it? The recommendation of the H. M. Board to send three missionaries to the North-West was unanimously adopted by the late Convention at St. John. The Secretary of the H. M. Board intimated that one was already secured. The Baptists of the North-West met shortly afterwards and magnanimously set apart three of the most inviting fields of labor in that country to be occupied by our missionaries. The American Home Mission Board, which is sending what help it can, generously consented to have our men occupy the three best places. The churches have been waiting for them ever since! Where are the men? What is the H. M. Board doing in the matter? I presume that the failure so far is accounted for in two ways. First—No candidates have offered. Where are our young men? The half-score entering the ministry in the Maritime Provinces each year; young men without families, and with life all before them; young men to whom God has given good intellects and good constitutions. Has devotion to the cause of Christ so waned

that the young men of the present day are unwilling to undertake the pioneer work that our fathers in the ministry performed? There is not a young man that has entered the ranks of the Baptist ministry during the last three or four years but might nobly volunteer to do four or five years mission work in the North-West even though salary was not guaranteed. Do we owe nothing to the Lord or to His cause? The majority of our young men would receive a training in pastoral and mission work, which would be of incalculable benefit to them: in after life, and doubtless reap a richer reward in the harvest field than they can reasonably expect at home. Brethren, don't be afraid to “attempt great things for the Master.” He allows Himself to be debtor to no one. The Presbyterians of Canada are expending \$15,000 on North-West Missions this year, beside the thousands spent upon their educational work in that country. They have forty missionaries located there. They are wise for the future. The Methodist Conferences of the Maritime Provinces, a body numerically smaller than that represented by our Convention, last year sent out five promising young men to the North-West mission fields. The Romanists are quietly sending scores of priests into that land of promise. All are alive to present duty and future prospects, except the Baptists!

The other reason for our failure is doubtless a lack of funds. A lack in the treasury of the H. M. Board, and not in Baptist pockets! I am not one of those who do not appreciate the hard toil which procures money, or the many wants to be supplied. But then do we owe our God nothing? Shall Christ make so costly a sacrifice for us, and we make none for him? In a little while “whose shall all those things be that thou hast provided?”

One thousand dollars will probably be sufficient to subsidize our three missionaries on North-Western fields. Can we not raise it in a month independent of our general funds, so that our men may go out with the opening of Spring? Are there not 100 Baptists in N. S., N. B., and P. E. I., who will contribute \$10 each for this special purpose, and send their names and money to Rev. J. A. Gordon or Rev. A. C. Moon, the Treasurer and Secretary of our Home Mission Board at Yarmouth, N. S.

Write down for the first ten
Your humble servant,
PHILIP.

For the Christian Messenger.
The Tabernacle.

Brethren in Christ, for the Master's sake we would appeal for your kindly aid and assistance. It can be rendered in many ways. First pray for us, but if you have the means, and knowing our need, shut your bowels of compassion towards us, we think, in God's sight, your praying breath would be spent in vain, and would be as acceptable to us as the kind offering made to me in the old country, when collecting to present one of our teachers about to marry with a Family Bible. Asking a rich old gentleman for a little cash to purchase the same, he said, “Really I cannot do anything, there are so many calls, but tell them they have my best wishes, and shall have my prayers.” The latter message was not delivered, and we all felt the poor fellow had special need to keep his prayers until they increased in worth, for it was evident he valued all help that was golden.

Dear friends, don't pay pity in postage, it is so cheap in Halifax as well as elsewhere. I have already received an ample supply, quite as much as I shall need to meet my bills in that coin. People admire and rejoice in the good work accomplished by my “indomitable perseverance and tact.” I think the last clause is how it is often expressed. But, brethren, a little oil of grace and salve of gold would help my spiritual, mental, and physical-going powers immensely just now, and save my poor earthen vessel from severe straining, which I am afraid will prove injurious. Remember to make everything snug and the way plain, we must receive within six weeks at least \$1,000. Please work for our bazaar; many helpers will make the burden light.

J. F. AVERY.

Recent Donations to the Museum of Acadia College.

For the Christian Messenger.
The following articles have been received since Nov. 3rd, 1882:

1. Beak of Albatross taken 200 miles off Cape of Good Hope; donor, John W. Dewis, student.
2. Six foreign coins; donor, W. C. Balcom, Hantsport.
3. Samples of first web of Grey Cotton made in Nova Scotia; given by the Windsor Cotton Factory.
4. Collection of relics from the old Fort at Annapolis Royal, forwarded by the Rev. G. E. Good, viz, Tinsler-box, steel, and flint; donor, Mrs. J. Healy. Grape shot, musket bullets, and four nails; donor, Willie Hall.
5. Five specimens of Lammonite, fourteen specimens of Heulandite, one very fine specimen of Scolocite; donor, A. T. Pines, A. B., Wolfville.
6. Six South American coins; donor, W. C. Balcom, Hantsport.
7. Two anklets, taken from a dead Zulu, South Africa, collection of seaweed from Western Australia, and bottle of seaweed from South America; donor, Mrs. Capt. William Falkner, Hantsport.
8. Fossil Shark's tooth and vertebra, from Cushman Phosphate Mine, South Carolina; donor, C. I. Margeson, M. D., Hantsport.
9. Fossil limb; donor, Herbert McCully, Academy student.

Yours, &c.,
A. E. COLDWELL.
Wolfville, March 8th, 1883.

Baptist Annuity Association.

Mr. Editor,—At a meeting of the Board of Management of the Baptist Annuity Association held at Fredericton this day, I was directed to request the insertion in the MESSANGER of the Constitution of the Association, adopted at a meeting held in Saint John, February 23rd, 1883; together with the names of the members of the Board of Management elected at that meeting. It is hoped that such donations to the capital fund may be received from friends in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as shall, as contemplated by the Constitution, extend the benefits of this Annuity Association to the entire Baptist ministry of the Maritime Provinces.

THEODORE H. RAND.
Fredericton, March 5th 1883

Whereas Jacob Bradshaw, of Hampton, N. B. has offered to donate the capital sum of Ten Thousand Dollars as a basis for an Annuity Association for the relief of disabled Baptist ministers of this Province, and their widows and orphans;

And whereas it is desirable to accept this generous offer and to increase the capital fund so as to apply to other Provinces on an equitable basis;

It is resolved, That such an organization be hereby constituted, as follows:

THE BAPTIST ANNUITY ASSOCIATION.
ARTICLE I.—This organization shall be known as “The Baptist Annuity Association,” the object of which shall be to make provision for the support of disabled and aged Baptist ministers of the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada; but the benefits of this Association may be hereafter extended to the Baptist ministers of other Provinces, should equitable arrangements be made to that end.

ARTICLE II.—This Association shall consist of ordinary members, beneficiary members, and life members.

ARTICLE III.—The officers of this Association shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and fifteen Directors. To this Board shall be entrusted the faithful management of the Association, and at all regular meetings five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Board of Management, and of the Association; to correspond with ministers, churches, and individuals; to visit personally associations and churches, and to use his best endeavors to extend the usefulness of the Annuity Association.

ARTICLE V.—The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Board of Management, and of the Association.

ARTICLE VI.—The Financial Secretary shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to carry on the correspondence of the Board of Management under the direction of the President, to receive and deposit all money in bank, or to invest the same as directed by the Board; to disburse all moneys upon the order of the Board; signed by the Pres-

ident or one of the Vice Presidents and countersigned by the Recording Secretary; to keep accurate accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Association, and to report upon its monetary affairs at the regular meetings of the Board and at the meetings of the Association. He shall give guarantees to the Board for the faithful administration of his duties—such guarantees to be at the expense of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.—The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as may be determined upon by the Association in session, for the reception of the reports of the Board of Management and its officers; for the election of officers; and for the despatch of all necessary business. Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time upon the order of the Board of Management.

[NOTE.—The first annual meeting shall be held at Fredericton, at such time as may be fixed by the Board of Management.]

The Board of Management shall hold regular quarterly meetings for the transaction of business; and special meetings may be held upon the call of the President and Secretary. Due notice of the meetings of the Board shall be given to all its members.

ARTICLE VIII.—At the annual meeting of the Association the Board of Management shall submit a report of its proceedings during the previous year for the approval of the Association. Such report shall contain a full account of the receipts and disbursements, the condition of the Capital Fund, and all other particulars necessary to a complete showing of the financial affairs of the Association; together with other information pertaining to the welfare of the Association.

ARTICLE IX.—The capital fund of this Association shall consist of donations, legacies, quarterly or annual payments of members and other contributions.

ARTICLE X.—All donations and bequests of Ten Dollars and upwards, unless otherwise directed by the donor, shall be added to the Capital Fund, and surplus money from all sources shall be added in like manner.

ARTICLE XI.—Ordinary members shall pay an annual subscription of one dollar to the funds of this Association.

Beneficiary members shall pay the annual fees required by the Scale, (See Article X.)

The payment of Twenty dollars at one time shall constitute the donor a Life member of this Association.

The payment of One Hundred Dollars at one time shall constitute the donor a Life Director of the Board of Management.

ARTICLE XII.—Beneficiary members of this Association shall pay into its treasury according to the following scale:—

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| From 20 to 25 years of age, \$4.00 per annum. |
| 25 “ 30 “ “ 4.50 “ “ |
| 30 “ 35 “ “ 5.00 “ “ |
| 35 “ 40 “ “ 5.50 “ “ |
| 40 “ 45 “ “ 6.00 “ “ |
| 45 “ 50 “ “ 6.50 “ “ |
| 50 “ 55 “ “ 7.00 “ “ |
| 55 “ 60 “ “ 7.50 “ “ |
| 60 “ 65 “ “ 8.00 “ “ |

At 65 years of age beneficiary members cease to pay.

ARTICLE XIII.—Beneficiary members may if they desire pay into the treasury for any number of years spent in the ministry prior to membership.

ARTICLE XIV.—The Recording Secretary shall furnish to each beneficiary member a certificate signed by himself and the President, stating that such member has complied with the prescribed regulations; and this certificate shall be presented as a voucher to draw the money to which such member may be entitled.

ARTICLE XV.—None but ordained ministers in good standing with the Baptist denomination shall become beneficiary members of this Association.

ARTICLE XVI.—Applicants in feeble health can only be received as beneficiary members by special arrangements with the Board of Management.

ARTICLE XVII.—The current expenses of this Association and all Annuities shall be paid out of the funds accruing from interest, fees of beneficiary members, annual subscriptions of ordinary members, and donations of less than ten dollars.

ARTICLE XVIII.—When any beneficiary member of this Association shall become disqualified by illness, or by the infirmities of age, to discharge the duties of his ministry, and shall have paid according to Article X, he shall be regarded as having a legal claim upon the funds of this Association.

ARTICLE XIX.—As soon as the funds will allow, disabled beneficiary members shall be entitled to receive yearly:

1st An amount to be fixed by the Board of Management out of the proceeds of the capital Fund of this Association, irrespective of the length of time he has been a paying beneficiary member, and

2nd A further amount to be calculated by the Board of Management upon the income of the Association based upon the amount such disabled beneficiary member has paid into the funds.

ARTICLE XXVIII.—The claims of the beneficiary members shall be paid semi-annually, in equal parts, on the first day of May and the first day of November in each year; the certificate of each claimant having first been submitted to the Board of Management.

ARTICLE XXIX.—No beneficiary member of this Association shall have a claim upon the funds for aid until he shall have made five annual payments in accordance with the provisions of the scale (Article X), or paid an amount in lump sum equal thereto.

ARTICLE XXX.—Should any beneficiary member of this Association lose his wife and marry again, he must, to entitle his second wife to a claim upon the funds, as provided for in Article XXI, pay the sum of ten dollars for every year that his second wife is younger than his first wife was at the time of her death.

ARTICLE XXXI.—When a beneficiary member of this Association is removed by death, if he leave a widow she shall receive annually out of the funds of this Association one half the amount to which her husband was entitled under Article XVII, so long as she remains his widow.

If the widow be left with children to provide for, she shall receive twelve dollars additional per annum for every such child under fifteen years of age.

If the deceased minister shall leave orphans but no widow, they shall receive the same allowance as the children above named, and the money shall be paid upon the order of their legal or proper guardians.

ARTICLE XXXII.—When any beneficiary member of this Association shall die before becoming a claimant upon its funds, and shall not leave a widow or orphan, his heirs shall have a legal claim for one half the amount paid to him, unless it shall have been freely donated to the Association prior to his death.

ARTICLE XXXIII.—In case any beneficiary member of this Association shall remove to any other Province or Country, his removal shall not invalidate his claim, provided always that he continues to comply with the conditions of his membership.

ARTICLE XXXIV.—Should any beneficiary member of this Association fail to pay during any year the annual amount of fees required by Article X, he shall cease to have a claim upon the benefits of this Association. Should, however, such defaulting beneficiary member at any time thereafter pay into the funds of this Association the full amount of fees due from such default to the time of such payment, he shall be entitled to a full participation in all the benefits of this Association as though such default in payment of his annual fees had not occurred.

ARTICLE XXXV.—Any ordinary member of this Association who shall pay the annual fees required of beneficiary members, shall be entitled to nominate as a recipient of the benefits of this Association any Baptist minister in good standing with the denomination, who shall have been unable to make himself a beneficiary member under Article X; and such benefits shall accrue to him, his widow and orphans, as though he had personally contributed to the funds of this Association in accordance with Article X.

ARTICLE XXXVI.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of this Association by a two-third vote of the members present; provided that no such alteration or amendment conflict in any way with the terms of the Trust Deed conveying to this Association the original gift of Jacob Bradshaw, of ten thousand dollars, and that due notice of the proposed change be given in writing at a previous annual meeting.

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