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THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The late session of the Baptist Convention was one of the most important and will we believe prove to be one of the most memorable that has been held in these Maritime Provinces.

The order in which the principal subjects were taken up was in the rotation agreed upon several years since. Last year: Saturday, Home Missions; Monday, Educational Institutions; Tuesday, Foreign Missions.

We omitted some items of interest from our report last week, and shall endeavour to supply these in our present issue.

The following are the names of the brethren ordained to the work of the ministry during the past year:

- R. M. Hunt, Sept. 27, St. Stephen, N. B.
H. March, Oct. 11, Willow Grove, N. S.
Jas. Scott, Oct. 16, Canso, N. S.
A. L. Powell, B. A., Oct. 17, Barton, N. S.
C. R. B. Dodge, B. A., Dec. 20, Milton, N. S.
E. T. Miller, Jan. 1, Lower Woodstock, N. B.
W. E. McIntyre, B. A., Feb. 12, Springfield, N. B.
Walker Barrs, M. A., July 2, Wolfville, N. S.
William Powell, July, Pt. Medway, N. S.
E. H. Jones, Aug. 19, St. John, N. B.
F. D. Davison, April 1, Pennfield, N. B.

The Report on Foreign Missions stated some very interesting facts which we may quote. In describing the work of the Missionaries at their Stations the Report says:—

The work at the several stations comprises preaching, Sabbath and day school work, teaching native helpers and conducting Bible classes, and visitation of and conversation with people at their homes or places of business.

AT BIMLIPATAM

regular religious services are conducted in the mission house on each Sabbath and at stated occasions during the week. There are also three other preaching stations in the town where three native helpers, respectively, regularly conduct services on the Lord's day, the attendance being mostly boatmen and fishermen.

Besides the three principal stations where the mission families reside there are several OUT-STATIONS.

We learn from the report that during the year three new out-stations have been established. The most im-

portant of these is undoubtedly that at Kimedy, which was formerly our northern station, but was abandoned for Chicacole, on account of the failing health of the then resident missionary and his family.

AT CHICACOLE,

in addition to the regular religious services at the mission house, street and bazaar preaching and conversation, school and Bible class instruction, etc., a service has been conducted at Old Chicacole and at the new chapel in the centre of the town of Chicacole since its purchase from the London Missionary Society.

AT BOBBILI,

the regular Sabbath services and Sabbath school instruction at the compound, with preaching at the town school house and on the streets, have occupied mainly the time and attention of the missionaries.

Nor is this all. The property he had secured, the buildings he has reared, the homes he has founded, are his only steward. They represent to him the hard earned dollars and cents of his brethren and sisters in his native land, freely bestowed that centres of usefulness may be established in the land of the stranger.

Touring is an important part of the missionary's work and on this the Report says:—

Not until last year was an opportunity afforded our missionaries of extending their labors, in anything like a systematic manner, beyond the immediate vicinity of their compounds or the towns in which they are situated.

Brother Hutchinson made his first gospel tour early in October last. Ten days were spent upon the field, during which he visited thirty-one villages, in some speaking several times.

At each of our stations we have schools in a general state of efficiency. That at Bimlipatam, for boys and girls, has been under the management of Miss Hammond, now Mrs. Archibald.

At Bobbili there were two schools, one of which was for the Godaba children. These were under the management of Mrs. Churchill until her return to this country, when they were handed over to Mrs. Archibald, who with the remaining boarding girls are carrying on the work.

In addition, schools are conducted at Comanapilli, Tekkali, Kimedy, Uralam, and among the Saura tribe, who inhabit the villages at the foot of the Ghats.

At first it was necessary to carry on these schools by the aid of heathen teachers, but gradually, as Christians could be obtained whose attainments fitted them for the work of teaching, the services of men who refused to yield to the claims of Christ, although possessing some knowledge of the plan of salvation, were gradually dispensed with.

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aries have directed their energies, with this result, that the Lord has raised up for us a staff of young men and women who have received their education in our mission schools, and who, having themselves learned of Jesus, are now qualified to enter upon the work of teaching others.

The town has a population of 15,365 and the Zemindari 280,132. From this point also the Savara people, a population of about 100,000 can best be reached.

At Uralam, some distance east of Chicacole, near the coast, a preacher has been stationed. He and his wife at present occupy a house placed at the disposal of the missionary by a Miss Laval, only the outlay of a few rupees being necessary to make it suitable for their residence.

The third out-station planted this year is at Pedda-Penkia, a few miles east of Bobbili, where a piece of land has been obtained, and Hotiah and Neila his wife were to take up their residence there as soon as arrangements could be made for their accommodation.

The promotion of the Education of the young is a marked result of the missionary work, as it is of the true minister of the gospel every where. We find in the Report some very judicious remarks on this matter in connection with

SCHOOLS.

Among the first signs of the preaching of Christ Jesus having taken some hold upon the minds of the people, is the desire they express that their children may be taught to read and write, and that the missionary will open a school for that purpose.

Monday morning arrived and the moderation of the heat rendered it less oppressive than on Saturday. The morning prayer meeting was again crowded.

The Report of the Committee on the Ministerial Educational Fund was read showing that 11 students had each received \$20 amounting to \$220, and that 50 per cent. less had been received from the churches during the year than was received in 1883.

THE HOME MISSIONARY REPORT was read by Rev. A. Cohoon. The following summary must suffice. We give the substance:

At the beginning of the year the outlook was by no means promising. Two formidable obstacles stood in the way and seemed to shut out all hope of advance. These were the lack of money, and the lack of laborers.

As the raising of funds had been entrusted to the finance committee your Board did not feel themselves at liberty to do more than keep their work and

its needs before the denomination. This they did first by a printed appeal sent to the pastors or clerks of all our churches in the three provinces, and afterwards through the Christian Messenger and Visitor.

When the question of ministerial supply was considered it became apparent that some one would have to be obtained from other countries, and it was decided to ask the assistance of Rev. John Brown, of Melksham, England, in procuring the same.

One or more general missionaries have been procured, so that our mission field might not be left wholly uncared for. One, Rev. I. Wallace, M. A., responded to our call and was appointed general missionary at a salary of \$700.

Considerable attention has been given to the preparation of a plan showing how the weaker churches should be grouped so as to provide all with regular pastoral care in the most economical way.

THE FRENCH MISSION. The examination of the committee referred to in our last report confirmed the Board in the opinion that a change would be beneficial both to the missionary and to the field.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST. In the matter of aiding the work in the Northwest but little advance has been made. The grant of \$300 per year has been continued to the Preston field on which Rev. J. A. Marvin still labors, and \$100 have been promised to the Emerson church in making up the salary of their pastor, should they find themselves unable to do so when one shall have been secured.

THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE YEAR, including the general missionary amount, is \$3,849.05, divided as follows:— To Nova Scotia, \$1,867.07. To New Brunswick, \$1,169.48. To Prince Edward Island, \$512.50. And to Manitoba \$300.

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As the raising of funds had been entrusted to the finance committee your Board did not feel themselves at liberty to do more than keep their work and

contributing more than heretofore to the Convention fund. Shelburne declined to receive aid after the first quarter, because a large reduction was made in the grant. They are now sustaining their own work.

CONCLUSION. As five full years have now passed since Home Missions became a part of the work of the Convention, or since N. B. and N. S. united in this work, it may be well to consider one or two questions:—

1. Has the union been unfavorable to New Brunswick as it was feared by some that it would be? We see no room for so thinking. First, because each year the expenditure in New Brunswick has exceeded by considerable the yearly expenditure of the late New Brunswick Home Mission Society, excepting the years of 1871 and 1875, and in one of the years since the union the expenditure has exceeded by upwards of \$300, even the best of these two years.

2. Has the union been unfavorable to Nova Scotia? We do not think so, for none of the work then in hand has been left to suffer, and at the least the former rate of advance has been sustained.

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD were read as follows:— Receipts. From Con. Fund, Nova Scotia, \$2,602.82. New Brunswick, 1,109.86. P. E. Island, 333.50. Manitoba, 8.76.

EXPENDITURE. Balance due missionaries last year, 595.74. Balance due treasurer last year, 16.88. Paid missionaries during the year, 3,617.28. Corresponding Secretary, postage, stationery, etc., 25.70. Treasurer, commission and postage, 21.79. Expenses of delegation to French mission field, 9.00. One-third cost Year Book, 123.89. Insurance on French mission property, 7.50. Interest, 12.50.

THE CONTRIBUTION SCHEME. This is one of the most important parts of the arrangements of the Convention, and the one on which all the others depend for sustenance.

NOVA SCOTIA. Home Missions, \$3,212.41. Foreign Missions, 2,472.45. Educational Fund, 1,524.03. Emergency Fund, 260.30. Ministerial Relief, 197.15. Ministerial Education, 157.13. Women's Mission Aid Society, 1,744.19.

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