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OUR ANNIVERSARIES.

N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

This body assembled on Saturday last at North Kingston-one of the four meeting houses of the Lower Aylesford Church. This is one of our largest churches, and the scene of the labors of the late Rev. Dr. Tupper. Here too it was that Dr. T. when a young man, while engaged as a Teacher, was converted and commenced his work of preaching the gospel.

This western part of Kings County is wholly a farming district, and, of course, the people are pretty much scattered, and but few live in the immediate vicinity of the place of worship. As however every family is provided with its horse and carriage, the drive of a mile or two is no barrier to their attending the meetings. Baptists have long had a very respectable standing here, and probably no place in the Dominion has had the honor of sending forth more ministers of the gospel. We shall not attempt to count the number, but we believe that about 30 or 40 have come out from this place. The present pastor Rev. F. Beattie is in labors abundant and has had various

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock, and was called together by Rev. Joseph F. Kempton, and after a brief time of devotional exercises, during which the Clerks made a list of the delegates present, the organization was proceeded with by the election of the following:

Moderator-Rev. W. B. Bradshaw. Clerks-Rev. M. W. Brown, and Rev. D. O. Parker.

Treasurer-Bro. Joseph Eaton Assistant Treasurer-Rev. J. F. Avery.

Committees were appointed, after which letters were read by Rev. Sydney Welton, Rav. E. J. Grant, and Bro. Walter Barss.

On Saturday afternoon the remainder of the Letters were read. From these it appears that the additions of the year by Baptisms were 681.

Bro. Selden referred to the action of the N. S. Western Association in the endeavour to group the smaller churches and those too weak to sustain the preaching of the Gospel themselves, with others near to them, so that they might have the benefit of the fraternal relationship, and participate with them in ministerial service.

Rev. J. A. Gordon presented the greetings of the Western Association, from which he was a delegate.

Among those invited to seats with the Association were: Rev. George Churchill and Mrs. Churchill, of Bobbili, India; Rev. George J. Currie, of Tuni, India; Mrs. R. Sanford, of Bimlipatam; Miss Wright, Missionary | Armstrong, and Brethren Walter Barss,

Welton, E.W. Sawyer; Austin DeBlois, W. L. Parker, P. R. Foster, and

A letter was read from the Building Committee of the Lunenburg Church, asking for aid in finishing their church edifice. \$5 notes were immediately handed in to the Clerk, and a motion being made that a collection be taken up, the sum of \$90.60 was raised in a few minutes.

A letter was also read from the Baptist Book and Tract Society, and the Secretary, Mr. Geo. Macdonald was invited to the operations of the Society. The Association authorized a collection to be taken after the discussion of the Report on Denominational Literature.

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Funds was read and spoken to by a number of brethren, and laid on the table for future action.

On Saturday evening after the opening of the Association in due form, the endeavour. The 50 cents does not | Committee on Temperance reported pay for the paper and labor, but through the chairman, Rev. D. O.

This document has some amusing calculations, shewing the extent of the evil, and the need of effort to remove it, as a legitimate traffic. We make a few extracts:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE. The last yearly liquor bill of Canada is \$27,628,000 while the contributions to Christian Missions are only \$400,000. Thus for every dollar here devoted to missions not less than sixty-nine are worse than wasted for liquors. These dollars paid for poison, if laid in a line of Dominion dollar bills so as to touch each other, would extend more than three thousand miles, or would carpet a farm of about one hundred acres. The dollar bills representing the yearly expenditure for intoxicating drinks in the three most Christian countries of the globe; -Great Britain, the United States and this Dominion, laid in a line would mark the drunkard's road 107,723 miles long, or nearly half the distance to the moon, and more than four times around the earth. Appalling as these figures are, they probably do not represent a tithe of the actual cost of intemperance. An evil of such magnitude, and fraught with so much misery may well claim an important place in our Associational deliberations. Christian men originated the temperance crusade, and chiefly to Christian men and women we must look for brave hearts to lead on to victory.

Intemperance is prehistoric. Its history is that of poverty, disease, crime, disgrace and death

Through all the centuries of the past there has been both human and divine legislation for the suppression of intemperance, but like all other great crimes, notwithstanding the majesty of law, the evil still exists. The claims of humanity and the glory of God call for more devout Christian activity and more stringent prohibitory enactments. The pioneer fathers of our Baptist churches, more than half a century ago were also the ardent pioneers in the temperance reform then inaugurated.

We hail with satisfaction Temperance as a prescribed study with suitable text-books in our common schools. D. O. PARKER, Chairman.

Addresses were given on the subject by Rev. J. A. Gordon and several other brethren, making it an interesting

The Lord's Day services were s prayer meeting at 9.30 o'clock, A. M. The preaching services commenced at 10.30. The preachers in the North Kingston Baptist House were: morning-Rev. J. A. Gordon; evening-Rev. Dr. Welton. In the afternoon a Sabbath School meeting, at which the speakers were Rev. J. F. Avery, Rev. George Churchill, Rev. George F. Currie, Rev. George E. Good, George Macdonald and Miss Wright. These were all of an interesting character; that by Mr. Churchill especially so, by the exhibition of several objects of heathen worship.

Mr. Currie contrasted the favorable position of children in this land with those with whom he had been laboring in India. A request was sent from the choir that Mr. and Mrs. Churchill would sing a hymn in the Telugu language. This was done, in which Mr. Currie also joined-one of them was to a native tune.

At Kingston Methodist Church, Rev. E. M. Kierstead preached in the morning, and Rev. Alex. MacArthur in the

Other ministers occupied the pulpits in the various churches around, by appointment-Revs. W. L. Parker, S. March, N. Vidito, E. O. Read, P. R. Foster, T. A. Higgins, D. O. Parker, S. B. Kempton, A. Cogswell, Dr. elect; Professors Tufts, Keirstead, Dr. | S. T. Arthur, and T. Bishop.

The weather being most propitious Revs. D. O. Parker, Sydney Welton, the Houses of Worship were filled by attentive and devout congregations. We could but notice one inconvenience, arising probably from the varied distances the worshippers were living from the place of meeting, and, probably from a want of uniformity in the time -that persons would keep coming in during all the first part of the service.

On Monday morning, after a prayer meeting of an hour, the Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, from Jeremiah i. 17.

The Report of the Committee on Education was read by Dr. Armstrong, so that the discussion might be begun in the morning session, and that the ladies might hear the report and speeches, rather than during their absence in the afternoon. Dr. A. in his subsequent speech said he regarded the year 1884, as a new era, when the graduating of ladies commenced in Acadia College.

Dr. Welton spoke very effectively on the improved facilities possessed by the Baptists of the Dominion.

J. W. Barss, Esq., made some enquiries as to the relation of McMaster Hall to the Baptists of Ontario and the other provinces. Dr. W. replied, showing that every effort had been made to call in the popular element in its

Rev. S. B. Kempton also made an excellent speech on the necessity of having the support of Acadia resting on the people. He regarded the support of a large number as preferable to that of one, although it was very convenient to have larger sums when so much is required.

The time having arrived for adjournment, the further discussion of this subject was deferred to the afternoon.

OUR ANNIVERSARIES.

(Continued.)

The Associational Sermon, which may be found on another page, was preached on Monday morning, and was listened to by a very large congregation, and was evidently very highly appreciated. A request was made for its publication in our pages, so that the members of the churches may be able to read it, and those who heard it may again peruse its important utterances, and have the grand truths enunciated by the preacher more firmly fixed in their minds and hearts.

Next in order came the Circular Letter, prepared by the Rev. J. I DeWolfe, by appointment. This was subsequently adopted, and ordered to be printed in the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, that so it might reach the churches to whom it is addressed. We may here mention that said letter is intended specially for the churches, and should be read to them and carefully preserved by the members.

The Report on Denominational Literature was next submitted by Rev. John Clark. It noticed that the Bible is the foundation of all religious literature. In this book "is our strength, our safety, and our glory." The danger to the young arising from impure and infidel publications was noticed, and the good arising from our denominational papers commended. The Report closed by saying:

"We would also warmly recommend the Baptist Book Room, located in Halifax, to the hearty sympathy and liberal patronage of the denomination, and would recommend that as far as practicable, books should be obtained through this agency."

On Monday afternoon Rev. S. McC. Black and Rev. J. T. Eaton read several Letters since received from churches.

The EDUCATION REPORT, as follows, was read by Rev. C. Goodspeed:

REPORT ON EDUCATION. Our institutions at Wolfville have completed another year of successful work. There have been in attendance at the Academy, 53; at the Ladies' Seminary, 76, of whom 49 have been pursuing the regular course, and at the College 63, of whom 9 were general students. Four young ladies have completed their course in the Seminary students graduated from the College

with the degree of B. A. Of the 53 in the Academy, 19 have already matriculated into the College,

sure of the hard times in the agricultural districts, it is encouraging to note the much larger proportion of students who propose to take a full course in College. The prospect is that next year the attendance at the College will be the highest in its history. Good progress is being made in gathering in the subscriptions for the liquidation of the debt, and it is hoped that the receipts of the year will cover the outlay.

We cannot but express our gratifi cation that the valuable services of Dr. Rand have been secured for the College, and that his work is already highly appreciated by the students.

In the need of ministers which is more and more telt, it is a ground for thanksgiving that 13 of the students of the College are preparing to preach the

Again, through a work of grace of much power during the winter, we are assured that the Christian influence which has been blessed to so many in the past, still pervades the atmosphere at Acadia, and that God is setting His seal anew on our efforts as a denomination to provide mental training where regarded as comprehended in bringing the higher demands of the religious nature are not left uncared for.

We can but re-affirm our most solemn conviction that our institutions, providing for the culture of heart as well as mind, at the most formative of men. period of both, embody the only idea of education which can be termed Christian, and we would commend them to the patronage and support of all who hold the soul at its true worth.

Since the last meeting of our Association, the Theological Department at Acadia College, which had been having struggle for existence for several years with little prospect of development into anything fitted to meet the growing demands of the times, has been transferred to Toronto, and united with McMaster Hall. Thus we have an interest and a share

in that well equipped institution, and our students have opened to them advantages of the highest order. During the year forty students have attended lectures at McMaster Hall, seven of whom are from the Maritime Provinces. We are glad to notice that arrangements have been made by which as many students as are sent up from our provinces come back to spend their holidays in labor with our churches. Thus the danger of our young men being drawn away from us is largely removed. We are pleased also to note that provision has been made for all students who gain admission to Mc Master Hall, to secure them sufficient income to meet their expenses. While we hail this new departure with pleasure, we hope our people will bear their part of the burden.

In conclusion, we would recognize our obligation cheerfully to do our best to supply the funds needed, to enable those to whom we have committed the management of our institutions at Acadia to increase their efficiency, and keep pace with the general advance in educational ideas. We would impress on all the need of effort to induce our promising young men and women to attend them. We would declare our growing sense of the greatness of their past and present work, and future possibilities, and we would ask all to pray that the pervasive religious influence may be maintained which is fitted to build up the highest character which alone will enable them to fulfil their mission as institutions of a Christian denomination, and which constitutes their chief claim upon our sympathy and support. We are glad to be able to report that the Seminary in St. John has had a year of success in

C. GOODSPEED, Chairman. Discussion and addresses followed. Rev. J. Rowe spoke briefly on the great advantages of higher education to persons in every walk of life, and said that he had been greatly pleased by the recent Anniversary exercises, as well as with the Institutions at Wolfville.

Professor Jones said he always felt kind of awe when coming before class of students, seeing the vast possibilities surrounding each member, and how much was depending on the train ing their minds received.

We often hear it said that education is the life-blood of the people. If that be true how necessary that it be pure and abundant. The conviction of this being true should induce Christian men to use their utmost endeavours to make provision for supplying it, and working in the great cause of education. This is what would perpetuate itself long after we have passed away to another world. Every man's good should be felt to be each man's duty.

It is satisfactory to think that w and received their diplomas, and six have facts in connection with work already done, that should be ground of encouragement to further labor. The former students of Acadia College to and 16 of those who remain propose to be found in the various walks of life, enter next year. While the attendance at | shew that the course pursued there has the Academy and Seminary is not quite been of unspeakable benefit to them,

as good as last year, owing to the pres- and to the people generally. Professor new ideas entered his mind, he felt the Jones noticed the late action of the effect of mental expansion and power. Governors of Acadia College in ap- and wished for more, but he had soon pointing Dr. Rand to the chair of come to think that there should be a Education. He believed that great ad- higher and further development of our vantages had been derived from this being into a closer relationship to Christ addition to the Faculty. Not only had and his kingdom. Christian power and it been a benefit to the classes more influence was far more to be desired immediately under his direction, but than the lower mental or physical. the beneficial influence had been felt by We need strong bodies, enlarged minds. all the classes. He had for many and more earnest enthusiasm to attain years shewn his devotion to the cause the highest results of life. A merely of popular education in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and now he is carrying on the work and doing great good to the institutions at Wolfville.

> Dr. Rand said he had been so bent to the work of Education that it would be a most difficult task to unbend him. The great question to an educationist is: How can I touch a life so as to develop the power within it, and bring out the vast energies it contains within itself? The process of education he out the expression from the individual I can, I ought, I will. Thus making evident the truth that our Lord expressed when he said His light was the life

those who have succeeded them, have held that what is so much needed is Christian schools. It is the Christian element in them that has so bound them may ever be the same. There never was a day when there were so many dangers for the young to meet and escape, or overcome. It is for the Christian schools to supply the great into a public necessity, and give the proper weapons to meet and master these dangerous enemies, and so advance the cause of truth and righteousness.

Young men have come to Acadia not only without having much respect for Religious truth or for Christianity, but who were actually opposed to it They have had nothing there so powerful in its tendency to convince them o their error, and in many cases of bringing them to become humble followers of Christ, as their Christian teachers. H (Dr. R.) noticed the strong position taken by the Faculty of Acadia College in placing philosophy on a Christian basis, and making all the studies of such a character, as that, whilst they combined to give the fullest and broadest development of the mental powers, made them all to bear on the building up the character on the foundation of Divine truth. In referring to what had been said by Professor Jones, Dr. R. intimated that he had had offers which would have placed him in a better position in several respects, but he would prefer to labor at Acadia, and seek to serve his own Alma Mater. Dr. Welton was then invited to

speak, and said he brought the greetings of the Faculty of McMaster Hall to this Association, and spoke of the desire on the part of those interested in the work there to see Acadia flourish. The students who came from the Maritime Provinces have shown their willingness to return and labor here. He referred to the effort recently made to disparage the work of the Baptist Book and Tract Society in Halifax. The Toronto Baptists had no desire to interfere in any way with the denomina tional efforts made here. Dr. W. said he believed the movement to make the Toronto Baptist College our Theological School was a wise one, and had placed us on a foundation much in advance of what we could have been in any other way. McMaster Hall he believed to be far in advance of the theological school of any religious body in the Dominion, and it has been pro nounced by some who have been professors in the leading institutions of the United States, as the best equipped institution on this continent. He thought it of great importance that we should cultivate the closest intimacy with that Christian school.

Rev. C. Goodspeed said he had often felt regret that he had not taken his collegiate training at Acadia. His studies having been pursued where there was no specific religious influence, had given him many disadvantages which it had been difficult to overcome. He traced the course of development, as it was seen from his earliest days, from the physical to the mental, and on to the moral and religious. When a boy, he had thought, "Oh! to be as big as father." When

mental cultivation does not meet the need of the religious element, in a fully developed man or woman. He thought every one should be seeking opportunities of commending such a course of training as this that is given at Acadia College, by keeping an eye on promising boys and girls, and giving them encouragement to seek this higher course of education.

Rev. W. H. Warren gave expression to his strong attachment to Acadia for what had been done there, and what it is now prepared to do even better than ever before.

Dr. Day, Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Rev. J. A. Gordon also spoke words of high appreciation of Acadia College, The fathers of the Baptist body, and Horton Academy, and Acadia Semi-

Regret was expressed that the arrangements had not been made to allow the sisters to be present during this to this denomination, and we trust it discussion, by having the W. M. Aid Societies' meeting at another part of the Session.

On Monday evening the Association was, shortly after the opening, formed

MISSIONARY MEETING.

After the reading of the Scriptures by Rev. P. R. Foster, and prayer by Rev. R. H. Bishop, the Report on Missions was read by Rev. H. N. Parry as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report that our responsibilities are yearly becoming greater as the work undertaken by us is blessed. Increased consecration and liberality will therefore be necessary on the part of God's people that these growing wants of our Missions may be met. Your Committee are pleased to report that m the Home field much good work has been done. From a note sent to the papers for this purpose by Rev. A. Cohoon, we secure the following facts:

Aid has been promised to 38 fields, 19 in Nova Scotia, 13 in New Brunswick, 4 in P. E. Island and 2 in Manitoba. The amount of these grants reaches \$4,000. There was a deficit last year of \$613.08, so that \$4,000 are necessary to meet the entire expenditure. Up to the last of May only \$2,240 had been received, leaving at least \$2,000 to be collected before the end of July, if we are to come out clear of debt. Besides the above grants fourteen young men have been appointed to Missions for their vaca-

"Rev. Isa. Wallace has been in the employ of the Board for part of the year as general Missionary." His labors have been much blessed. Revival influences have been enjoyed on several of the fields assisted, and 230 have united with our churches by baptism. "Many fields are making progress in the direction of self-support, and some hitherto aided are self-sustain-

A letter from the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board gives the following information connected with our work on the foreign field which we cannot do better than give verbatim: "The special work of the year on all the fields has been touring. Every month the several missionaries and staff of workers have been out visiting the towns and villages, preaching, teaching, distributing the Scriptures, and in other ways sowing the good seed of the kingdom. On almost every tour, places have been reached where the gospel was proclaimed for the first time. At the sub station the work of consolidating and establishing the native Christians has been prosecuted with vigor, and the first effort put forth toward rendering them self-supporting. Chapels and schools are being built, to the funds of which the natives are liberally contributing. At the home stations the steady work of the missionaries, and their helpers has done much to develop the idea of a city set upon a hill, with the result of attracting and attacking many who were strangers and aliens. On every field but Bobbili there have been the clearest evidences of the Spirit's convicting and purifying power.'

I have no record of the baptisms, but they have been quite numerous. We have since learned them to be 5 from Bimlipatam, and 13 from Chicacole. Christian school work has been prosecuted with greater vigor than ever, and the best results are anticipated. New sub-stations have been established at