

Baptist Institute.

According to previous arrangements a large number of ministers and laymen met in the vestry of the Fredericton Baptist church, on Friday, August 23rd, at 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of organizing an Institute in connection with the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. Prof. E. M. Kierstead, of Acadia College, was called to the chair, and Rev. G. R. White, of Yarmouth, was chosen as secretary. Bros. W. H. Warren, F. M. Young, W. H. Cline, and G. R. White, were appointed committee of arrangements, and made the following report:

- (1) That Rev. W. H. Cline read a paper at 10.30 a.m.
- (2) Paper by Rev. B. F. Simpson.
- (3) An address by Dr. Sawyer.
- (4) A sermon this evening by Rev. J. W. Manning.

(5) That a committee be appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the society. On motion, the chairman appointed that committee as follows: Rev. W. H. Warren, Rev. Dr. Day, Rev. D. H. Simpson, Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Rev. J. A. Manning, Dr. D. F. Higgins, Rev. R. H. Bishop, and Bro. G. J. C. White.

Bro. W. H. Cline was then called to the platform and gave a very interesting paper on "The Revised Old Testament." Bro. Cline made some very fine and scholarly comparisons between the Authorized and Revised texts of the Old Testament; and many points of distinction were set forth in which he showed his preference for the Revised Version. The subject was discussed by Rev. Dr. Day, Dr. T. H. Rand, Rev. M. B. Shaw, H. Foshay, W. H. Warren, Dr. D. F. Higgins, Rev. D. H. Simpson, Bro. G. J. C. White, Rev. B. F. Simpson, I. Wallace, W. H. Robinson, D. W. Crandall, and Prof. Kierstead. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Cline for his very excellent paper. Meeting adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m.

Afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, and reading of minutes by secretary, Rev. B. F. Simpson, then read a paper—Subject, "The Minister in His Library." He was followed by remarks from Dr. S. T. Rand, Dr. S. H. Rand, Rev. W. H. Beckwith, Rev. W. H. Cline, Rev. I. Wallace, Prof. Kierstead, and Bro. J. W. Brown. Mr. Simpson's paper showed a breadth of reading, and a knowledge of good books such as should make any minister happy to possess—but how to obtain so many good books, and how to find time to read them seemed to be the most perplexing question in the mind of the brethren. Doubtless many a silent brother thought of his large family and small salary, and sighed. However, all agreed that Bro. Simpson gave a thoughtful and scholarly address, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him.

The next speaker was Rev. Dr. Sawyer, President of Acadia College. Subject, "Baptist Church Policy." Remarks on the excellence of this address are needless, to name the speakers is sufficient. The Dr. was followed by Dr. S. T. Rand, Rev. H. Hughes, H. Foshay, A. Cohoon, Dr. Day, Rev. E. J. Grant, and Rev. Dr. McLeod, (F.C.B.). A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Sawyer for the address.

The committee on Constitution and By-laws made their report which were adopted clause by clause:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name.—This society shall be called the Baptist Institute of the Maritime Provinces.

ARTICLE II.

Object.—The object of this Institute shall be to afford an arena for the discussion of various Biblical, denominational and other themes which may properly come before such a body.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.—The membership of this Institute shall be composed of persons in good standing in the Baptist churches within the boundaries of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.—The officers of this Institute shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, one from each Province; a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and three other members. These officers shall be elected annually, at the closing session of each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Executive Committee.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare a programme for the annual meeting, select subjects and speakers, and have a general oversight of the affairs of the Institute.

BY-LAWS.

1. This Institute shall meet annually at the place of Convention, on the day preceding the opening of the Convention at 10 a.m.
2. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject unless by permission of the body.
3. The Secretary shall prepare an abstract of the discussions and proceedings of the body for publication in the denominational paper and in the Year Book.

On motion, the following persons were appointed officers for the ensuing year: President, Prof. E. M. Kierstead, M.A.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. W. H. Cline, Rev. G. O. Gates, and Rev. Joseph Cahill; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. G. R. White; Executive Committee, Revs. W. H. Warren, J. W. Manning, R. H. Bishop.

The Secretary was ordered to prepare a copy of minutes for MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Collection amounting to \$4.70

was taken to purchase book for minutes, etc.

Institute adjourned with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, to meet at Yarmouth, on the day preceding the opening of the Convention, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

G. R. WHITE, Sec. Treas.
Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 31.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

GUYSBORO.—The two Baptist churches here five miles apart, are without a pastor. Would like to hear from some of our ministers about coming to our aid.

CORRECTION.—In the news from the churches, concerning the new Baptist church at Fourche, it should have read "Fourche" instead of "Touche"; also, the carpenter that built the church was Mr. D. S. McLean, not Mrs., as stated.

CHESTER, LUNenburg Co.—Friends will be glad to learn that the pastor of the church is completely recovered from the effects of the accident on Western Shore, and that the two sisters whose baptism was necessarily postponed, were baptized several Sabbaths since, one of them being eighty-two years of age. G. T.

ST. GEORGE.—At the close of the morning service, Sunday, Sept. 1st we met at the water-side, when five persons were baptized into the St. George Baptist church. In the evening, the hand of fellowship was extended to the baptised, and also to two others that had been received by letter. In the morning I stated the facts concerning the Manitoba and Northwest Missions and that I had committed myself at the Convention for fifteen dollars from St. George church; so I asked the church and congregation for a collection and in the evening they responded by laying on the plates the amount asked for. Brethren pray for us.

NEWCASTLE, N. B.—"To work, to strive, and waiting claim the promise," is our ambition. Though no open results of the summer's work are apparent, yet good has been done and the desire of the people is strong within them to go onward in the name of Christ. Rev. I. Wallace being here on Sunday last, preached for us, and at the close of the evening service, administered the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Commemorating the death of the Saviour, thinking upon his tender love, his precious blood, each heart that night. Whoever God sends to labor here, will meet strong hearts and willing hands to aid him in the upward fight. Christians, pray for us.

MADEIRA, N. B.—I have once more entered the halls of Newton Seminary. I am permitted to greet many old students, and to meet a goodly number of new ones. We are looking forward to a prosperous year. The scenery around the hill is magnificent. The foliage of the forest is heavy and rich on account of the abundance of rain which has fallen. I spent my vacation in Sumner county very pleasantly. I shall always remember the kindness of Rev. B. H. Thomas and wife. There are many warm-hearted Christians on that large field—one I must mention, Deacon Treadwell, who has almost reached his journey's end. He signs largely for Bro. Thomas, yet he gave me \$5 for Home Missions. Bro. T. is heroically putting forth every effort to bring this county under Baptist preaching and influence. While with Bro. T., twenty-two were baptized, and a number converted, who, we pray, will soon follow the Saviour in the way of truth. To the Lord of the harvest be all the praise.

C. P. WILSON.
Sept. 5.

CARLETON, St. John.—On Sunday, our audience room was re-opened after being closed over two months for repairs. The services—morning, afternoon and evening—were of a very impressive character and attended by large congregations. In the morning, Bro. G. O. Gates preached the opening sermon, from the words, "The people had a mind to work." The discourse was stimulating and suggestive. Bro. E. M. C. Bottrell took for his theme in the afternoon, "The Freewill and Preservative Power" of Christ. It was a strong address, full of pathos and force. Dr. Goodspeed spoke in the evening on the "Joy of Angels," a sermon replete with encouragement to anxious souls, and affording a glimpse of heaven's interest in earth's needs. Altogether it was a day of spiritual refreshing and one whose influence will be a force as well as a memory for a long time to come. The Carleton Baptists have now one of the handsomest audience rooms in the city. The ceiling is finished in panels with fine gilt paper and presents a very attractive appearance. The walls are covered with ingrain paper of a neutral tint, bordered above with a fine imitation of stencil work and completed below with an ash wainscoting extending all around the building. The seats are arranged in concentric circles and are a great improvement on the old ones. The platform has been extended and the choir alcove laid off in panels of terra cotta and green, with gilt mouldings. A very fine chandelier, the gift of Messrs. Sheldon and Caldwell, hangs from the centre cornice, and a smaller one, a gift from the Sabbath-school, lights the choir alcove and platform. The entire cost will be met by voluntary contributions.

CARLETON, N. S.—We, as a church, are working along steadily, trusting in the Lord. We are not seeing sinners flocking to Christ; but this does not discourage us, for we know that the work is a time to reap. We are told, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." As Christians do not tire and faint, I believe that that "due season" is sure to come. Some say, others reap, some men labour, others enter into the joy of labour. We are trying to do good, honest work believing God will give the increase. Our preaching services are well attended on Sabbath; our social meetings are fairly attended. Many are obliged to labor early and late, and are prevented from attending the means of grace during the week. There is one thing that greatly encourages the pastor; he feels that he has the best wishes and esteem of every member of the congregation. We can say, "Our hearts are knit together in love." During the past week, Mrs. Smith and I have received tangible evidence of the people's regard. My study has been nicely fitted

up by the warm-hearted sisters, and many useful articles have been placed at our disposal and other things have been presented which carry with them the donors' best wishes. For all these expressions of kindness Mrs. Smith and myself wish to express our gratefulness. This is all encouraging to us and I hope showers of blessings will fall upon us in this portion of Christ's vineyard. Some of us are looking forward to the Eastern Association; we are praying that the Spirit may guide all in their deliberations there, and that we may all return enriched with love and zeal.

Aug. 29. H. B. SMITH.
ISAAC'S HARBOR.—Upon a recent Sabbath I exchanged with Bro. Collislaw, Home Missionary at Fisherman's Harbor. I had the pleasure of leading into the baptismal waters two young women, recent converts from Episcopacy. No doubt they were enlightened by those massive arguments which found a place in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, a few weeks since, from the pen of friend Johnson of Lunenburg, under the caption of "Silent Broken." How strange so many people are content to live upon such husks when there is bread enough and to spare. It is evident that the good people of Fisherman's are not satisfied with so poor a diet. Bro. Collislaw has returned to his post, and may the fruits of his seed-sowing long continue to appear.

TRUMAN BISHOP.

UPPER STEWIAKE.—The waters of the Stewiacke are not frequently disturbed for the purpose of baptism, yet occasionally rejoicing converts are led into the crystal waves of the beautiful Jordan. Sunday, Sept. 1st, Rev. M. L. Fields baptized one young sister who had labored long in unbelief. When asked by our brother as they stood in the water, if she believed in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world and her personal Saviour, she replied in tones distinctly audible to all who witnessed the ordinance, "I do." It was in most striking contrast to the usual custom of the neighboring church, where unconsciously indifferent infants are held to receive the touch of dampness. We had hoped that others, who had manifested a desire to know Christ, would also have been ready at this time to follow their Saviour, but were disappointed; may they be brought very soon to make a full surrender to God, and to follow the Saviour in all his appointed ways. I have labored with the church three months, preaching at Upper Stewiacke and South Branch, better known as the home of I. C. Archibald, missionary in India. This is one of our small churches which has suffered through being unable to sustain a settled pastor. They have engaged the services of Rev. M. L. Fields, of Brookfield, who was before occupying 12 stations, for one year. Bro. Fields has proved himself a most devoted and faithful servant of God, who is not afraid to proclaim the whole truth even though his hearers are "cut to the heart." I sincerely hope and pray that the blessing of the Most High may graciously rest upon this faithful and hard-working pastor. I cannot speak too highly of their kindness to me. I am also pleased to add that they have lately adopted the Baptist Hymnal and are well satisfied with it. I am expecting to go to Newton Theological Seminary next week.

W. S. BLACK.
Sept. 6.

PERSONAL.
Bro. W. H. Richan, having accepted the call of the Digby Baptist church, to become their pastor, desires all correspondence addressed to him at that place. We are sorry to learn that his son is still very low.

NOTICES.
If any of the churches in the Nova Scotia Western Association in need of collecting envelopes for the Convention Fund, will send their orders to the undersigned, they will be supplied at cost. The cost will be 25c. per hundred, with postage added. Will brethren please order promptly, as we wish to know about how many to have printed.

I. E. BELL,
Box 25, Yarmouth. Clerk of Council.

The committee of publication, composed of brethren J. Parsons, E. D. King and John Burgoyne, all of Halifax, N. S., will have charge of the work of publishing the Year Book for 1889. Clerks of Associations and all others who have matter for the Year Book will please communicate with the committee.

E. M. KIERSTEAD,
Secretary of Convention.

Association Notices.
N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.
The N. S. Eastern Baptist Association will meet (D.V.) with the church at New Glasgow, on the second Friday of September at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

By resolution of the last Association, the statistics were to be made up to July 31st, and forwarded to me before the 10th of August.

Will the pastors and clerks please comply with this resolution, and not put it off till the Association is in session (as so many did last year).

Notice of travelling arrangements will be given in due time.

T. B. LAYTON,
Secretary of Association.
Great Village, N. S.

Will the brethren and sisters who purpose attending the Eastern N. S. Association, to be held in New Glasgow, on the 13th September, please send in their names to the undersigned, as soon as possible, in order that homes may be provided for them. Arrangements have been made with the Railway and Steamboat companies for free return passages of delegates, on presentation of certificates of attendance. No reduction will be made to delegates on Steamer "Remouski."

A. T. DYKMAN.
SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.
This Association will meet with the First Springfield Baptist church the third Saturday in September—the 21st—at 10 a.m.

G. O. GATES, Sec'y.

Pastors and delegates coming to the Southern Baptist Association to be held at Springfield, N. B., will please send in their names, and state whether they will fetch teams with them, to chairman of committee of entertainment, before September 14th. Delegates coming to the Association, by the International Railway to St. John, to take the Bellisle boat can come and return for one fare.

For W. E. M. V.

New Germany, per Ella L. Bars,	\$2.00
F. M., per H. M. L.,	\$2.75
New Minas and Canada, per Mrs. Strong,	13.00
Charlottetown, per E. E. Clark,	13.55
\$4.55 H. M., \$9.00 F. M.,	14.40
North River, per Mrs. A. McPhee,	14.40
\$11.64 F. M., \$2.76 H. M.,	13.00
Bedoune, per Mrs. A. Schurman,	1.80
Milverton, per A. M. Rossy,	11.70
Bridgetown, per Mrs. Nalley,	8.00
Bridgetown Mission Band, per Mrs. Warren,	2.00
Yarmouth 1st church, per A. C. Robbins,	8.00
Milton, Yarmouth Co., per Mrs. Wm. Triggs,	23.00
Milton, Mrs. Samuel Smith, to constitute herself a life member,	6.00
Woodstock, Albert street church, per A. J. Fisher, \$3.00 F. M., \$5.00 H. M.,	3.00
Milverton, per Mrs. E. Johnson,	11.20
Long Creek, per Mrs. J. Stretch,	7.00
Canning, per A. S. Freeman, \$10 F. M., 60c, H. M.,	10.60
Canning Mission Band, F. M.,	3.00
Hampton, per Mrs. E. Thompson,	11.00
Milton, Queens Co., N. S., per Emily Freeman,	2.25
Walton, per F. Filmore, \$1.50 F. M., \$1.50 H. M.,	3.00
Lawrencetown and Valley West, per Mrs. L. C. Wheelock,	22.00
Caledonia, N. B., per Mrs. W. H. Reid,	4.00
Pine Grove, Clara Porter,	2.00
New Glasgow, per E. L. Dykeman,	1.25
St. Stephen, per Mrs. E. Price,	11.25
Wolfville, N. S., per Mrs. T. A. Higgins, a thank offering,	100.00
Sackville, per Mrs. Thompson,	14.86
Collection at annual meeting, Germantown, per Mrs. Emmer-son,	30.28
Macquac, per Mrs. Blackadar,	4.50
New Tusket, per L. A. Nowlan,	5.00
Margaretville, per Mrs. I. Brown,	5.00
Lake George, per Mrs. A. Cogswell,	9.00

S. J. MANNING.

Convention Funds Received.

River Hebert,	\$1.00
Cavendish, P. E. I.,	1.00
Beaver River, N. B.,	8.00
Lunenburg Town,	1.00
Mrs. John McDonald, Goshen,	1.00
Advocate Harbor, balance,	1.00
Miss Anna Scott, Beachmont, Mass.	5.00
Newport, Oakland station,	11.80
First Hillsboro, balance,	6.00
John Dolliver, Lewisville,	1.00
Tanook, per Rev. I. Wallace,	17.31
Rawdon,	5.00
First Halifax church, for F. M.,	2.00
Second Horton, Gasperaux,	2.50
Cardigan, N. B.,	15.00
2nd Hammond Plains (colored),	5.00
1st Hammond Plains,	2.00
Clementville,	2.00
Deacon Livingstone, Clyde River,	5.00
P. E. Island,	3.25
North River, P. E. I. (Kingston section),	37.00
North River church,	31.66
Second Falls, St. George,	2.39
Belmont, P. E. I.,	10.20
Prince William, N. B.,	5.00
Mrs. John Bent, Salem, Amherst,	34.75
Butternut Ridge,	1.00
Charles Pinkney, Clements,	15.83
Clements church,	2.75
Bedoune, P. E. I.,	1.00
Mrs. Benjamin Harris, Bear River,	286.69

Yarmouth, Sept. 2. G. E. DAY.

Macdon,	\$6.00
Tryon, P. E. I.,	10.00
Avonlea, Hanover,	10.00
First Moncton church,	237.36
Hillgrove, for F. M.,	5.00
Mrs. J. Keith, Havelock,	2.00
Germantown street church and Sabbath-school, per J. March,	106.20
Mrs. Robert Johnson, Middle Street,	1.00
North Temple, Ohio, Yarmouth,	12.00
Mrs. Arnold Martell, Little Glace Bay,	1.00
Miss E. A. Martell, Little Glace Bay,	1.00
Germantown church,	11.10
New Minas, 3rd Horton,	12.38
First Harvey, N. B.,	1.50
From Treasurer of Convention,	82.99
Lower Granville,	7.50
North Sydney,	121.11
Barrington,	14.25
Oxford,	6.50
Coleville and Mt. Pleasant,	3.00
Cardwell, Kings, N. B.,	18.50
Welton, N. S.,	3.45
Margaree,	13.00
Estate Mrs. Eunice P. Shaw,	55.67
Louisville S. S., Moncton, for F. M.,	3.90

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Yarmouth, Sept. 7. G. E. DAY.

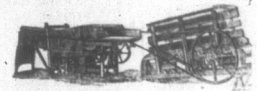
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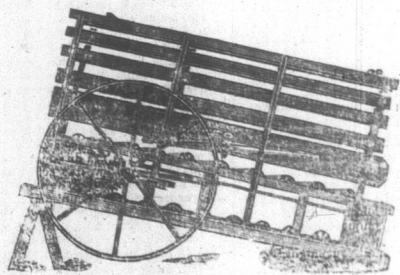
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