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Witt of Wolfville, and Miss Johnstone offered prayer. An address of welcome was given by Mrs. Edward Davison, to which a fitting reply was made by one of the delegates. Addresses of much interest were given by Miss Johnstone, Mrs. W. V. Higgins, Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. W. E. Hall. There were also reports from the Hants County secretary, Mrs. Nalder, and from representatives of several of the local unions. Secretary Manning of the F. M. Board also gave a brief address. A fuller report of this interesting meeting will probably appear in our W. B. M. U. department.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The report on Education, presented by the Moderator, Rev. W. N. Hutchins, made mention of the prosperity being enjoyed by the schools at Wolfville, and the success of President Trotter's effort in connection with the Forward-Movement, and also urged that a prompt and generous response be made to the special appeal now being made. Recent changes in the personnel of the Faculty were noted. The prospects of Acadia are bright and it is hoped the people will do their best to make those prospects real.

The speakers for the evening were Miss Mabel Parsons, of Halifax, who spoke on behalf of Acadia Seminary, Prof. E. W. Sawyer, of the College, and Rev. A. Cohoon, Treasurer of the College.

Miss Parsons was heard with much interest. Having stated that Acadia Seminary belonged to the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, she proceeded to speak historically of schools at Wolfville, Clarence and Berwick which might be regarded as forerunners of the Seminary. The Berwick school, under the superintendence of Miss Shaw, was transferred to Wolfville in 1863 and the patronage of the Clarence school was also largely transferred to Wolfville. In 1879 the Seminary on College Hill was built, and in 1892 the new building was added. In the 37 years of its history 900 students had attended the school. These were now scattered in many parts of the world, but mostly in the Maritime Provinces, and their influence for good upon the life of the denomination had been incalculable. To give further effect to this influence Alumnae Association had been formed. Miss Parsons proceeded to give valuable information respecting the courses of study pursued at the Seminary and to show the great value of the education which was made available there.

Prof. Sawyer spoke particularly of the educational work which is being carried on at Acadia. It had been necessary during the past year that the President should be absent much of the time, but the work of the year had been attended with a good degree of success. There had been in attendance at the College 141 students who for the most had been actuated by an earnest purpose to do honest work. The aim of the College is to educate, to draw out and develop the best powers of the man. Attention is paid not only to the training of intellect, but the importance of physical training and the cultivation of the social element is not lost sight of. Strong religious influences also are at work. Acadia is a Christian College. The religious services and Christian Association and effort in which the students united were greatly helpful to the spiritual life. If at Acadia a young man goes to the bad, it will be in spite of the dominant influences of the place and not because of them. Though Acadia is costing a good deal, Mr. Sawyer showed reason for believing that it is worth far more than its costs. It is giving to its graduates excellent preparation for life's work, so that the average Acadia man is able to hold his own with the average graduate of any College on the continent. It is of very great importance that the College be placed and sustained in a position to do work in accordance with the increasing demands of the times. Hence the imperative need of the Forward-Movement fund.

Rev. A. Cohoon commended the addresses which had been delivered, especially that of Miss Parsons. He bore testimony to the correctness of her presentation of the subject. The statement that the schools at Wolfville belong to the Baptist people is not mere sentiment but fact. The people originated them through the Association and they control them through the Convention. The schools then being ours and for our benefit, we are under strong obligations to support them. He hoped that in connection with the Forward-Movement fund there would be a strong effort to help lift the burdens resting upon the institutions. Many could help by influencing students to go to Wolfville, especially to the Seminary. As the expenses for teachers' salary, for heating, etc., are the same whether the building is full or part full, it is of great importance in a financial point of view that the school be kept full.

Rev. Dr. Saunders spoke of events, occurring in the early history of the denomination, in these provinces which seemed providential and which had resulted in the foundations of the educational work of the Baptists being laid on broad and sure foundations.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The copious rain of Saturday was followed by clear skies on Sunday accompanied with a humid atmosphere and oppressive heat. The congregations at all the services were very large.

The Associational sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Jenkins, of Chester. The text was Mark 14:3, "She hath done what she could." The sermon was characterized by vigorous thought, careful interpretation, deep earnestness, tenderness and spiritual power. The disciples had wondered at and criticized an act of significance of which they did not understand. Judas, the traitor, was especially indignant. But Mary had the Master's approval, and that more than made amends for the unkind words of the disciples. There is a word of encouragement here and a word of warning. There is nothing that our hearts so cry out for as for sympathy and appreciation. Ministers long for the sympathy of their brethren. Let the people give that sympathy and appreciation. Let them greatly help the pastor, but let the minister remember that the sympathy and approval of Jesus is far more precious than that which can come from any merely human source.

The glory of Mary's gift is that it was a gift of love to her Saviour. It was not the outcome of a spasm of religious feeling or a good impulse merely. She had resolved on it beforehand and made preparation. Any honest expression of love to Christ is commendable. It

is better to feel the impulse of spiritual life occasionally in a revival than never at all, but it is the love that keeps alive all the year round—strong and constant like mother's love—that the Lord most values.

Mary's offering was costly. It represented the value of 300 days' labor. It probably involved sacrifice. The disciples were astonished. Mary's love did not take counsel with worldly wisdom. Love at its best never does. It gives not the torn, the lame, the diseased, but gives its best, its all. It does not stop at a tenth, it does not fear to put all its strength into the Master's service.

Mary's gift had reference to the Lord's death. Probably she had some intuition of Calvary. Her woman's soul had divined what none of the disciples had apprehended. It is the Cross, the dying love of Jesus that moves the heart of his people as nothing else can. It is that if anything which must inspire to love and sacrifice. It is little we can do, but are we doing all we can? When we stand before the Lord will he say: She hath done what she could, he hath done what he could? Jesus is not a hard master. He does not expect the impossible. He will be pleased when we have done our best to serve him, however poor that best may be. The great question is, are we doing that poor best? As a denomination, as churches, as individuals have we done our best the past year? The above is but an imperfect outline of a discourse which was heard with deep interest and doubtless with large profit.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

This service was devoted to the interest of Sunday School work. The report on Sunday Schools, prepared by Rev. G. A. Lawson, was read by Rev. D. E. Hatt. It noted the advance in Sunday School work, recommended Normal Class training, also the home work department. Emphasized good literature as of great importance, commended as excellent the line of books carried by the Baptist Book Room in Halifax, and advised instruction in the subjects of missions and temperance.

Mr. J. Nalder, of Windsor, presided at this service. Mr. G. A. McDonald, of Halifax, added much to the interest of the meeting by singing some gospel songs and after persevering efforts succeeded in getting the scholars of the school to sing with him.

A valuable paper entitled "The Teacher's Preparation for Service," written by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, was read by Rev. A. C. Chute. "The Boy and the Book" was the subject of an excellent and well delivered address by Rev. W. E. Bates, of Halifax.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Was devoted to a Missionary Meeting. The day had been very warm, and the packed congregation found the heat so oppressive in the evening that many found it necessary to go out as the service progressed.

A very comprehensive and excellent report on Missions was presented by Rev. A. C. Chute. Under the head of Home Missions, it was noted that during the present year the H. M. Board is aiding 34 different fields, including 61 churches of which six fields and eight churches were in the Central Association. One general missionary has been at work during the year and, since May 1st, a county missionary in Halifax County. The grants to fields this year will amount to \$3,200. The salaries paid the General Missionary and the Secretary of the Board, with the expense of Year Book, etc. will amount to about \$1100, making expenditure for the year \$4,300. The debt of \$1412 brought over from last year makes the sum required for the year about \$5,700. The receipts at the time of writing the report had been only about \$2,300, so that much remains to be done during the few weeks that remain before the closing of the convention year. About 250 baptisms have been reported on the H. M. fields during the year. In view of these facts, the report says that it is evident that more money is needed and calls attention to the obligation of District Committees, as set forth in the Year Book of 1897 p. 44.

The report called attention to the work in the North West and the Grande Ligne Mission, and commended there important interests to the benevolence of the churches.

The report presented also at some length the Foreign Mission work. There are now on the Telugu field 7 ordained missionaries and one unordained and five single ladies. Of native preachers and evangelists, including colporteurs, there are 26, and 14 Bible women. Rev. George Churchill and wife have recently returned home for much needed rest. Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Higgins and Miss Gray, are also in this country. There are 7 Telugu churches with a membership of 288. Mr. Higgins, with Miss Archibald and Mr. Hardy, reached India Dec. 23rd. A new Mission station is being established at Tekkali and it is expected that the building will be completed the present year. Miss Helena Blackadar has been appointed to the Foreign field and will enter upon work in India when the Board is in a position to send her. As to finances the report showed that the receipts of the past year to June 15th are \$11,912; expenditure \$16,510, leaving a deficit of \$4,598. To this must be added the deficit of last year of \$853, making in all \$5,451. But in this connection it is to be noted that the salaries of the missionaries are paid up to Oct. 1st. As compared with receipts to June 30th of last year, the receipts given above are \$360 less than for 1897 and the expenditure \$320 less. The present deficit as compared with that of the same date last year is about \$700 greater. With great diligence on the part of the churches, it is hoped that the Board may be able to close the year without a deficit. The report commends the great importance of the foreign work to the churches as demanding their most hearty support.

A number of excellent addresses followed. Rev. A. Cohoon presented in a vigorous and effective manner the claims of the home work, showing the excellent result of efforts on the home field and the responsibility of the strong churches to aid the weaker interests.

Rev. W. E. Bates followed in an excellent address entitled "Myself and Missions." As Paul felt himself to be debtor both to Greek and to Barbarian, not because of what he had received from them, but because of what he had received for them, so the ground of responsibility for each Christian in this matter is that he belongs to Christ. (1) We should get Christ's point of view. (2) When we come to see as Christ saw, we shall feel as he felt. (3) Then we shall do as Christ did, and he gave himself for the salvation of men.

Rev. H. R. Hatch of Wolfville spoke on Foreign Missions, and his address was a very interesting and suggestive discussion of the subject. He dealt with it first in political point of view, speaking of the changes now rapidly taking place in the Eastern world as a preparation for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. (2) In like manner attention was called to the educational point of view, and (3) The religious point of view.

Rev. J. W. Manning made this plea on behalf of the heathen Telugus, that they might have an opportunity to exchange their poverty for the riches of Christ.

Rev. George Churchill, in the course of an interesting address, spoke of the extent of the Telugu mission field, its population and needs, the success of the work and some especially encouraging features of the work which had appeared during the past year.

The music furnished by the choir at this and other sessions of the association added much to the interest.

For the following report of the proceedings of Monday, we are indebted to Rev. J. H. Bars, Clerk of the Association.

MONDAY MORNING.

The association convened at 9 a. m. and opened with prayer by Bro. Mason. Rev. Dr. Saunders moved following resolution which was adopted: "The Central Association of Nova Scotia representing 27,000 Baptist adherents in the counties of Kings, Hants, Lunenburg and Halifax hereby express their strong approval of the act passed in 1897, forbidding the letting or use of the exhibition track at Halifax except for the purposes of an exhibition, during its progress, inasmuch as such act effectually precludes said track from being devoted to horse racing or other demoralizing sports. Further we have viewed with deepest regret the way in which the exhibition commission broke said statute by leasing the track to the Horse Driving Association. We note with satisfaction the indications that said lease is about to be cancelled and we hereby resolve to petition the House of Assembly and Legislative council against the repeal or modification of section 5, of chapter 3, of the acts of 1897, and for the enactment of a clause imposing adequate penalties for the violation of any of the provisions of said section. The moderator and clerk are directed to forward petitions accordingly on our behalf at the next session of those legislative bodies."

The nominating committee reported through Bro. Cohoon, chairman, and the report was adopted. Reports on Missions, Education and Sunday Schools, were taken from table and adopted. The report of the Halifax Co. District Committee was taken from the table and after considerable discussion passed with elimination of last clause. Voted that subject matter be referred to a special committee. C. H. Martell, W. H. Jenkins, B. H. Eaton, Dr. Margeon and A. Cohoon, composed said committee. The Report of District committees for Kings, Hants and Lunenburg, presented by respective chairmen and adopted. Vote of thanks passed to MESSENGER AND VISITOR for printing programme free of charge. A collection of \$6 was taken up and given to Bro. Ingram for Black Point church. Prof. E. W. Sawyer read the circular letter, which was adopted. Voted that B. Y. P. U. minutes be incorporated in minutes of Association. Voted that Bro. Jenkins send manuscript of association sermon to MESSENGER AND VISITOR, requesting publication. Closed with prayer by Bro. Roop.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

opened with prayer. It was voted that Dr. Kempton be requested to have history of Dartmouth church published in MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Report on Temperance was taken from table, discussed and adopted. Treasurer's report was presented and adopted.

Votes of thanks were passed to Hantsport church and people, to choirs of Hantsport and Windsor and other singers who assisted, to D. A. Ry, and other conveyances, to Moderator and Secretary. Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Saunders, to meet at Pereauc, next year.

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gregation present. We trust that our readers may have the privilege of reading the sermon from our columns.

In the afternoon Sabbath Schools, addresses by Prof. Wortman, Rev. O. P. Brown, and A. H. Chipman, preceded a sermon by Rev. J. D. Freeman. The congregation was the largest present at any of the meetings. Taking his text from Isa. 46:4, the speaker drew attention to the fact that God is not a burden-binding but a burden-bearing God. The religion of Christ is a carrying and uplifting religion.

I. He does this, by regeneration. As a magnet lifts iron filings by magnetic affinity, so the will of God becomes the magnet to lift man into a higher life by virtue of the affinity for God established in regeneration.

II. By the uplifting power of divine sympathy.

III. By the indwelling of the holy spirit.

IV. By the hope of heaven.

At the evening service addresses were delivered by Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Mary Smith, Provincial President and Maritime Treasurer, respectively of the W. B. M. U. Reports of their addresses and of the other meetings of the W. B. M. U. will doubtless appear in our department for missions.

Rev. J. B. Champion followed with a short sermon and an earnest appeal to the unconverted to accept Christ and become his followers, and then led the evangelistic service with which the association closed.

Pastor Hayward and his people did all in their power to make this gathering a successful and profitable one. Their church edifice is beautifully situated, and has recently been repaired inside and tastefully painted. Mention should also be made of the excellent music furnished by the church choir, under the leadership of Miss Retabrook.