Chairman, Pastor Miller, of Hebron. There were no statistics given. The income at the disposal of the Board was not more than $300 per month, entirely insufficient to carry on the work with efficiency. The churches receiving aid have enjoyed the services of faithful men, and the brothers doing general missionary work have met with a good degree of success.

Kind reference was made to the knowledge and ability of the former Sec'y.-Treas. of the Home Mission Board.

The report closed with a tender reference to the death of Rev. A. C. Shaw, of Tusket, who as a member of the Board was most faithful, and as one of the missionary pastors did yeoman service.

A brief address by the writer of the report followed, in which the reception of the gospel of Jesus Christ by any man should lead him to pass on to others, what he had gotten. The believer receives not to hoard but to give—in word and deed—missionary work is *a displacing*. It is the getting rid of what was, for what and ought to be, mission work is receiving, assimilating and then a passing into others, and this every day till Jesus comes.

Rev. F. W. Patterson, representing the work of Northwest Missions was to have followed, but by a special vote time was given him at the evening service when it was hoped that a larger audience might greet him.

At 7.30 after the reading of the Scripture and prayer, Bro. Patterson was introduced and in a clear and vigorous address spoke of the progress and prospects of the work in that great and growing part of the Dominion. The possibilities of growth and development were emphasized and an earnest appeal was made to Eastern Baptists to continue their interest in the work. The presentation of the claims of North West Missions, lost none of its potency in the representative, and the impression made upon the audience was all that could be desired.

This address was followed by three others on Foreign Missions, viz: Rev. W. L. Archibald on 'The Missionary Ambition'—and W. M. Smallman on 'The Educational Value of Foreign Missions. Both these addresses were of a high order and were well received. With such earnest advocates this department of our work ought to be kept well to the front as opportunity offers. As the hour was late the Sec'y.-Treas. of the Foreign Mission Board spoke briefly on 'The Work and Some Results Therefrom.' The meeting was intensely interesting from the beginning and the great importance of the work was clearly apparent as the speakers developed their themes.

The sun rose clear and beautiful on Monday—the storm of the preceding day cleared the atmosphere and all present at the morning session felt the exhilaration of the change of weather.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. M. W. Brown was called to the chair. After devotional exercises the report of the Home Mission Board was considered and after discussion by Brethren Saunders, Parry, Steeves and Blackadar, was adopted with a slight amendment to the clause which referred to the making of direct appeals to the churches in support of the work.

Then followed the reading of the report on Foreign Missions by the Chairman, Rev. T. A. Blackadar, in which the work in the different fields was specially referred to. After discussion in which Brethren Steeves, Daly, Blackadar and Manning participated, the report was adopted.

The Temperance report which had been tabled on Saturday night was then considered and elicited quite a vigorous discussion. Brothers Corey, Roop, Miles, and Miller were the principal speakers. It was evident from the remarks made that the members of this Association are very much alive on this question, notwithstanding the present uncertainty which surrounds it.

The reading of the Circular Letter by the writer, Rev. Dr. J. H. Saunders, followed. The subject of the letter was Child Conversion.

The letter was warmly commended and a motion passed to have it printed and read in the churches.

At 2 30, the afternoon sessions was opened by prayer, and the first item for consideration was the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence of which Pastor Fisher was the Chairman.

The report was an exceedingly good one, and a whole session could have been profitably spent in discussing its varied features. The paragraph which recommended the appointment of a committee to prepare something by which the interest of the churches in our Denominational Work would be increased was discussed more fully than other paragraphs. The report was adapted by the elimination of this clause. All feel the need of more money to carry on their work, but how to do it calls forth a diversity of views. There is no doubt that many are looking forward to the report of the Convention Finance Committee with some interest and possible concern. Plans are good in their way, but a spirit of true consecration is worth more than them all.

A most excellent report on denominational literature was presented by Pastor Parker of the Temple church, in which the importance of Bible study was duly emphasized. The new American edition of the Revised Bible, commended. The MESSENGER AND VISITOR received its due meed of praise for its informing articles and its value to the denomination. The importance of providing reading for our Sunday Schools, suitable to the age, characteristics and crisis of child life and adapted to the highest ideals, was also referred to.

At four o'clock a sermon was preached by Pastor Daley of Bridgetown, from Eph. 11 : 19 sq. Subject, The noblest institution of earth—the church of Jesus Christ. This was developed under four divisions. (1) foundation, (2) formation, (3) federation (4) function. This was a good sermon and well delivered and was most enjoyable. The best commendation that can be made was the desire expressed to hear the brother again.

The Educational Meeting on Monday evening was largely attended and full of interest. The report presented by Pastor E. E. Daley made mention of the flourishing condition of the schools at Wolfville. 128 have been in attendance at the College, 185 in the Seminary, and 79 in the Academy. Grateful mention was made of God's goodness to our denomination in giving us such splendid institutions for training young men and women for the duties of life. The report urged on pastors and laymen the duty of loyalty to these institutions and the necessity of co-operation in their support. In the platform meeting the first address was given by Principal Brittain of the Academy. He made a strong plea for the education of the boy, and convinced his hearers that the proper place to send him was Horton Academy. Dr. R. V. Joners who represented the College spoke of the value of education, and the high ideals for which Acadia stands. The college was founded by the prayers and labors of the people and to them it must continue to look for loyal support. There is still a work for the small college to perform and in many respects has advantages to offer the undergraduate which cannot be obtained at a large University.

Principal DeWolfe spoke in behalf of Acadia Seminary. He spoke of the things we have, those we have had, those we are going to have and those we want to have. In a very few minutes the excellencies of Acadia Seminary, its prospects and claims for support, were set forth to the audience in a most convincing manner. The interests of the Seminary will not suffer on the platform when Principal DeWolfe is the representative of that institution.

On Tuesday morning the Report on Education was discussed and adopted.

In view of the fact that the Springfield church had disregarded the advice given last year, the resolution then passed was re-affirmed and the responsibility for the present unsatisfactory condition of things was laid upon the church. It was felt that the Association could do no less, in order to preserve its own self-respect, maintain the good fellowship of the churches and their proper discipline.

At the afternoon session on the receipt of the tidings of the illness of the King, a suitable resolution was adopted and prayer offered for his recovery.

During the discussion on the 20th Century Fund progress was reported among a large number of the churches. By a strong resolution Rev. H. F. Adams and his work were endorsed.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Saunders presented the report on Obituaries which made suitable reference to the death of Rev. A. C. Shaw, Rev. W. McGregor, Deacons Haley, Leadbetter, Wyman Freeman and several other brethren of strength and faith in the Denomination.

Rev. W. Fisher read the report of nominating committee. The committees for next year are as follows:

Foreign Missions.—E. P. Coldwell, J. W. Bancroft, J. B. Moreland.

Home Missions.—R. E. Daley, J. H. Balcom, E. H. Howe.

Education.—A C. Archibald, W M Smallman, Bro. S. N. Jackson.

Denominational Lit.—J. T. Eaton, J. C. Blackadar, John Potter.

Temperance.—W. F. Parker, Bro. Geo Burton, G. F. Allan.

Obituaries.—Bro. Saunders, Dr. Morse, Bro. John Charlton.

Systematic Ben.—S. S. Poole, W. S. Martin, E. A. McPhee.

Circular Letter.—C. W Corey,

Resolutions.—M W. Brown, H. N. Parry, E. J. Elliott.

Sunday Schools.—Ward Fisher, E. T. Miller, E. C. Simonson, Tusket.

Com. on Circular Letter.—B. Kempt, E. J. Grant, John Miles.

Ass. Sermon.—I. W. Porter, J. W. Rutledge.

Delegates to Maritime Convention.—E. J. Elliott, E. C. Simonson.

Com. of Arrangements and Nomination—Pastor of Entertaining church and Associate Pastors, Moderator and clerk.

Delegates to Associations—Parker for Central, Price for Island, Grant for Eastern.

Transportation.—The Clerk of the Asoociation.

The Association enjoyed during the remainder of the session an exposition of the 5th Chap. of Romans by Evangelist W. S. Martin. A very helpful Conference closed a very profitable session.

The interest of the Association was manifest even to the concluding session when one of the largest audiences of the meetings assembled. The usual resolutions of thanks to Transportation Companies, to entertaining church, Moderator and others who helped to make the Association a success, were adopted.

The clerk was authorized to send a message of condolence to the widow of our lamented brother, Rev. A. C. Shaw of Tusket.

Rev. Dr. D. M. Welton was called to the platform and preached an eloquent and powerful sermon from I Tim. 1 : 15; He pointed out that in this familiar text we have a statement of the gospel and then emphasized both the truth of the statement and the importance of its reception.

Rev. W. S. Martin led a helpful Consecration service after which the Association adjourned to meet the 3rd Saturday in June 1903 at a place to be selected by the Executive. Thus closed what was by common consent regarded as a most helpful and successful Associational gathering.

The music rendered by the choir and soloists was of the highest order, and contributed to the success of the meetings.

New Books.

THE DICTUM OF REASON ON MAN'S IMMORTALITY OR DIVINE VOICES OUTSIDE THE BIBLE. By Rev. David Gregg, D. D. Author of "Our Best Moods," etc.

The testimony of reason to human immortality is here offered as supplementary to the testimony of the Bible. In the first division of the subject the author urges the right of reason to be heard on the question of man's immortality and the influence which reason, unaided by revelation, has had in making men noble and in controlling nations and civilizations by teaching the doctrine of human immortality. In the second division he considers the method which reason follows in dealing with the subject; the argument which it constructs for immortality and the duty which it inculcates deduced from the fact of man's immortality. The rational argument for immortality is presented briefly and in a striking way. The booklet is interesting and worthy of a careful perusal.

—E. B. Treat & Company, New York. Price 50 cents.

GENTLEMAN GARNET. A Tale of Old Tasmania. By Henry B. Vogel.

Conditions of life in the old penal colony of Tasmania in the earlier part of the last century are reflected in this story. The conditions were bitterly hard for some of those concerned. Along with the hardened criminals transported to aTsmania, there were doubtless not a few of a different character, some who for merely trivial offences had been condemned to a felon's life and some who were the innocent victims of treachery and injustice. It is with men of such character that this story is mainly concerned. "Gentleman Garnet" and his two companions had been led by the injustice and cruelty which they had suffered, and the fear of worse, to choose a life of hunted outlawry to a continuance of their servitude. The story of their many adventures and final escape makes a tale of lively interest.

—The MacMillan Company, Limited, London, and The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto.

BEST. The Story of the Messenger Hours with some of the thoughts they have brought to Amy Parkinson.

This little book contains helpful thoughts upon religious subjects, expressed in chaste and poetic language. It is a charming booklet, beautiful in its typography as well as in its literary form and substance.

—William Briggs, Toronto.

THE ETHICAL OUTLOOK OF THE CURRENT DRAMA. By J. C. Speer, D D.

This booklet of 32 pages embodies a paper read before the Toronto General Ministerial Association, Toronto. After a brief historical review of the drama, the writer proceeds to consider the character of the modern drama and presents evidence from various sources to show that it is in part base and pernicious to an extreme degree, and that its influence is in general far from being of an elevating kind. The writer however while feeling bound to condemn the theatre as it is today, recognizes the popular need for amusement, and thinks that the gospel as preached from the home and the church, should be backed up with clean, inspiring, up-to-date entertainment, with admission so low that the wage worker with his wife and family can, at least once a week, take the rest and relaxation so necessary for his tired muscles and also for her tingling nerves.

—William Briggs, Toronto.

CHRISTENDOM ANNO DOMINI MDCCCI. A Presentation of Christian Conditions and Activities in Every Country of the World at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century. By more than sixty competent contributors. Edited by Rev. William D Grant, Ph.D. With introductory note by President Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D. Two volumes. Pp. 1,100. (Toronto: William Briggs.) $3.50 net, postpaid.

This work, as its title shows, involves a very large undertaking. It is of course impossible that a work somewhat hastily prepared and embracing the survey of so wide a field and so many and important interests should leave nothing to be desired in regard to fulness of statement and thoroughness. No doubt but that the unfriendly reviewer will be able to find points of attack. But, in spite of its defects, the work will be found to be highly valuable, and one which will well deserve a place in the library of every minister and every person who wishes to keep himself informed in respect to the conditions of Christian life and the progress of Christianity in the world. It is worth much to have such a survey of Christendom as this work gives, even if by the conditions of the case, that survey must lack something of the fulness and definiteness that could be desired. The first volume deals with the general subject in respect to countries. Altogether thirty-one countries are passed under review, or rather the condition and activities of Christendom are considered under that many heads, several countries in some cases being grouped together. The editor apprehends, as he intimates in a prefatory note, that the work may be open to the criticism of being a survey of Protestantdom rather than of Christendom but says that it has been his aim to present the world's Christian activities regardless of sectarian lines. Some of the writers indeed have evidently written from a distinctively Protestant standpoint, but that is not the case with all. Notably it is not in reference to the article on Canada, which is from the pen of the late Dr. G. M Grant. No Roman Catholic, we should suppose, could complain of the measure of consideration given to his church. About seven of the twenty-one pages devoted to Canada are given to the Roman Catholics. To the Anglicans, Methodists and Presbyterians several pages each are devoted, but when Dr. Grant came to the Baptists, he found it possible to dismiss them and all their works with a sentence or two. The second volume discusses the general subject in respect to problems of vital interest to Christianity, phases of religious life, the men and movements of the nineteenth century, and so forth. Thirty subjects in all are discussed in this volume. Some of them are as follows: NEW PROBLEMS OF CHRISTIANITY, by M. H. Hutton, D. D., GAINS OF CHRISTIANITY, by Presdt. J. H. Barrows, D. D., lately deceased, RELIGIOUS THOUGHT IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, by George T. Purves, D D., LL. D., SOCIAL ASPECTS OF CHRISTIANITY, by J. H. W. Stuckenberg, D. D., LL. D, REVIVALS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, by J Wilbur Chapman, D D, RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, by several writers. The essays of the second volume are for the most part by writers of recognized ability, and dealing as they do with important subjects will richly repay the reader. An interesting feature of the work is the large number of portraits and other illustrations which adorn its pages.