

were praying for a revival which was the felt need over all of the fields both south and north. Seldom does a missionary speaker come before this Convention more profoundly impressed with his subject. He pointed out that a right view of this great work is necessary, for upon this depends our attitude to mission work in general. The speaker recounted the great progress made in Foreign Missions during his twenty-nine years of service. The number of church members in the Baptist missions alone had increased from 15000 to 55000. The number of organized churches has increased from ten to over a hundred. A convention of Telugu churches has been in existence for five years, and a native foreign missionary has been sent from this Convention to labor among the Telugus in South Africa. This last event is one of the greatest triumphs of modern missions and marks the end of the first missionary epoch and the inauguration of a new. The speaker pointed out that the great need felt alike by the missionaries and churches everywhere is a mighty revival by the power of the Holy Ghost. The spiritual tide must not be expected to rise higher on our mission fields than it does on the home fields. He made a pathetic appeal that the entire body of Baptists enter into a new mighty experience of intercessory prayer. As he showed the proclamation of the King of Great Britain could be placed in the hand of every British subject in every part of this great empire within eighteen months, while the proclamation of the king of kings delivered over eighteen centuries ago has not yet been placed in the hands of those for whom he came. Therefore he pointed out that another great need was a thoroughly informed and deeply enthusiastic agency work among the churches. Dr. Boggs' address was characterized by familiarity with the facts, unbounded faith in this, the world's greatest enterprise, and a great yearning tenderness for that far-off land across the sea, where in obedience to the call of his God he has spent twenty-nine of the best years of his life.

Miss Martha Clark was the next speaker and gave us many facts and incidents which are so essential to an interesting missionary address. Miss Clark is home on furlough and expects to sail for India this fall. Rev. A. D. Morse, the last speaker of the evening, followed Miss Clark and began to speak shortly before ten o'clock. The hour was late, but the interest in the speaker and in his subject did not flag; so only a few left the room during the thirty minutes of the address. He first pointed out the difference between the Christian and the heathen. There was all the difference in the world. In that sin-cursed land of India there is a wicked, wizened, withered old age, their religion has created no grand old men. He could not but note how different the conditions and results in our own Baptist body and especially in the audience assembled to listen to the speaker, and thank God for the hoary heads in attendance at this Convention. The speaker also showed that they differed mentally. They have all the tricks and trinkets which suggest what they might do, but in that arctic zone of spiritual things the mind is as the mosses and lichens compared with the tropical growth of thought in our land where the gospel is preached. He showed that they were far behind morally, never having known a raw Hindu to give a rupee to the famine stricken. The obsequy of their temples and religion was abominable and all under the cloak of religion. There is no salvation in Hinduism, it is unattainable and undesirable. Space does not permit us to give an adequate report of the admirable scholarly, fervent and fascinating address.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Convention resumed business at ten o'clock. President Haley in the chair. A letter from the Ministerial Educational Board, asking for increased aid to ministerial students studying in Horton Collegiate Academy, was ready by Secretary Creed, and by vote of convention was referred to a committee to report next year. The financial statement of the Board for the year is as follows: Ministerial Educational Board in acct. with I. B. Oakes, treas.

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1902 by balance	\$61 93
Amt. recd. per Rev. A. Cohoon from N. S.	\$160 94
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Interest	41.89
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Paid six students in Horton Academy	225 00
Balance on hand	39 89

The report was adopted.

The report of the Board of Ministers Annuity and Ministerial Aid and Relief Funds was presented by E. M. Saunders. The report states that the interest on the mortgages of both funds, with a very few exceptions, has been promptly paid. Twenty ministers, nineteen widows and six children have drawn \$1,639.33 from the annuity fund, being \$96.37 less than last year. The collections from the churches last year amounted to \$395.89, this year \$276.32 — \$119.57 less. The receipts from the Convention fund were about equal to those of the year previous. The ministers connected with the fund have contributed \$170.00 in rates to current expenses and \$566.00 to capital, making a total for the year of \$736.00. Last year the total amount contributed by them was \$779.80.

During the year three ministers have united with the fund, and four have died, each leaving a widow. The only addition to the capital beyond the \$566.00 made by ministers was \$25.00 given by Mrs. James Lovitt, of Yarmouth.

Sixteen widows have participated in the benefits of the Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund, six of whom have drawn small amounts from the Annuity Fund. The total amount given to the beneficiaries of this fund was \$622.50. The smallest amount given to each of the ten widows, not connected with the Annuity Fund was \$40.00 and the largest amount \$100.00. As in the case of the Annuity Fund, so it is in this. Two of the beneficiaries return every year a part of what they receive. The total amount given by the two funds last year was \$2,251.81.

Dr. G. U. Hay and Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Vedder were invited to seats in the Convention.

The report of the Committee on estimates was presented by A. H. Jones, Esq., as follows:

For Nova Scotia	\$16,170
Western Association	\$4,500
Eastern " "	7,000
Central " "	4,500
African " "	20
General " "	150
From New Brunswick	\$7,000
Western Association	\$1,600
Southern " "	2,500
Eastern " "	2,100
P. E. Island	\$1,000
Total	\$24,170

The report of the Committee on the Year Book for 1902 prepared by Dr. Steele was read by the secretary of the Convention. The report showed that the Committee had endured a great trial of patience in seeking to discharge the duties with which it was entrusted. Some of the material for the Year Book had been very difficult to get and very unsatisfactory when obtained. The Committee recommended that one set of men should from year to year have charge of the work, and that a permanent editor should be appointed with a salary of at least \$100. This recommendation was referred to a special committee consisting of Brethren Creed, Sterns, Hutchinson, Brown and Grant. At a subsequent meeting of the Convention this Committee reported, advising the appointment of the Secretary of the Convention, Dr. Creed, as Statistical Secretary and editor of the Year Book at a salary of \$100. The appointment was accepted by Dr. Creed.

The committee appointed to consider the last clause in the Home Mission Board's report, reported through Rev. E. J. Grant who read the clause in the amended form recommended by the committee. The clause as amended emphasized, as before, the Board's pressing need of increased funds for carrying on its work and as a consequence advised the appointment of a superintendent of Home Missions for Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. This was adopted without discussion.

Dr. Gates called attention to a communication which had been placed in his hands having reference to the centenary celebration of the Bible Society. This was referred to the committee on Correspondence.

It was moved by Rev. J. H. Jenner that the Home Mission Board of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island be located at some central place where a more representative Board could be secured. Mr. Jenner suggested Windsor as a suitable place. The discussion which followed indicated a considerable, if not a preponderating sentiment in favor of a change of location for the Board. The matter was finally referred to a committee of the following brethren: Revs. J. H. Jenner, W. H. Jenkins, Dr. E. M. Saunders, J. C. Spurr, W. F. Parker, C. W. Corey, A. J. Vincent, I. W. Porter and J. W. Bancroft. This committee reported later, to the effect that, while recognizing certain disadvantages in the present location of the Board, they did not think it wise to advise a change at present.

The report of the Board of Governors of Acadia University was presented by the Secretary of the Board Rev. Dr. Kempton.

The report opens with grateful recognition of the care of the Heavenly Father who has preserved teachers and students from serious illness, and granted another year of successful work. The report proceeds to note that pre-eminent among the events constituting the year's record is the successful completion of the first Forward Movement. This movement realized \$76,614.34, of which sum \$15,000 was contributed by Mr. J. D. Rockefeller through the American Baptist Education Society and \$61,614.34 from other sources, principally from churches and individuals within the bounds of the Convention. The sum available from this effort, over and above the commission to the Education Society and the necessary expenses of the collection have been appropriated as follows: Added to the permanent endowment of the College, \$40,000; Applied in reduction of the Seminary debt, \$21,120.82; Applied in reduction Academy debt and for building improvements in Academy \$8,445.72.

The report proceeds to recite at considerable length the circumstances which have led up to the inauguration of the second Forward Movement on behalf of our institutions at Wolfville, by which it is hoped to realize the additional sum of \$200,000. The facts in this connection are pretty well known to readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

It may suffice here to say that Mr. Rockefeller has given to President Trotter his written guarantee that he will pay a sum equal to one dollar for each dollar pledged by others not later than January 1, 1906, and paid in cash not later than January 1, 1908. The pledge is made with the understanding and condition that all moneys thus contributed shall be used as follows:

First: from \$10,000 to be employed in the necessary improvements and repairs on existing buildings.

Second: the sum of \$65,000 or so much as may be found necessary shall be employed in the complete payment of all debts of the Institutions.

Third: The remaining moneys to be invested and preserved inviolable as endowment for the College, income only to be used for the current purposes of the College.

The Board believes in the ability and the willingness of the Baptist people of these Provinces to contribute \$100,000 in order to secure an equal amount from Mr. Rockefeller, and with the sum thus realized not only make necessary improvements and pay off all existing debts, but have also the sum of \$120,000 to add to the College endowment. It is expected to secure \$60,000 from individuals in sums of \$500 and upward, and then that a general canvass of churches and individuals who are able to contribute smaller amounts will realize the balance. The report shows that the President had by the first of June made an excellent start in the canvass having secured from 21 persons pledges to the amount of \$30,000. Illness has rendered it impossible for the President to prosecute this canvass during the summer, but now with restored health he will enter upon the work with the hope that by the last of the year pledges to the amount of \$60,000 will have been received. The report acknowledges a debt of gratitude to President Trotter for his able leadership at a critical time and for his decision to stand by the College in spite of strong inducements to the contrary.

The report notes that in accordance with the terms of the new forward movement improvements are being made in the College building, Chipman Hall, the Academy Home and the Manual Training building, by which these buildings will be rendered much more comfortable and convenient. The customary references are made in the report to the work of the year in the different schools. The total number of students in the college was 131. The degree of B. A. was conferred upon 35 students who had completed the four years course of study and the degree was voted to three others who were conditioned at the time, but who have since fulfilled all the requirements for graduation. There were 23 ministerial students in the college last year, an increase of one over the number of the preceding year. In Horton Academy there was a registration of 94 students. Thirty-three took the matriculation course in full, and in the business course 23 took full work. The Manual Training department has had another successful year. Forty-five students have been in attendance upon its classes. Mr. Chas. E. Young of Falmouth still manifests a special interest in this department and has lately donated \$250 towards repairs and equipment of the building. At the Seminary the registration was 174; ninety-one being residents of the building and eighty-three non-residents. The number of resident pupils increases from year to year. Fourteen graduated last year. The outlook for attendance next year is very encouraging.

The Board courteously expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR to co-operate in promoting the educational work of the body. The last clause of the report, touching the Religious Life of the Institutions is as follows: "It is very gratifying to your Board to observe from time to time, that the spiritual well-being of the students is a matter of continual solicitude on the part of the different faculties. The day of prayer for college is observed with especial interest. The daily chapel services are made as inspiring and helpful to the student as possible, and every encouragement is afforded to the holding punctually the students' mid-week prayer meeting and other services. Some special services were held during the year, and though no noticeable ingathering to the churches resulted therefrom, yet some found hope while others obtained an increase of faith and a quickening of zeal. Your Board has reason to believe that a wholesome Christian spirit and life obtains at your institutions."

The report of the Board of Governors was considered clause by clause, some of the clauses eliciting discussion. There appeared to be some fear on the part of some of the brethren that the Forward Movement canvass might interfere with the completion of the Twentieth Century Fund. Dr. Trotter explained that it was not the intention of the Board to canvass for the Forward Movement except in those churches which had already completed their pledges to the Twentieth Century Fund. But in such cases he thought churches might be approached in the interests of the former without any interference with the interests of the latter. In reply to an enquiry by Rev. J. Coombs, Dr. Trotter made some explanations as to the theological work carried on by the College. Practically there were no regular theological students at the college, though there was a considerable number having the ministry in view. A course of instruction had been provided for a class of men who, not having been able to take a full college course, would, it was believed, be glad to avail themselves of an

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