

more must be said of his religion. His standard of duty was supernatural. It was not founded upon any intuitive ideas of right and wrong: nor was it fashioned upon outward expediences of time and place: but it was formed entirely upon what he held to be the revelation of the will of God in the written word, and throughout all his life his faith led him to act up to the very letter of it." C.

For the Christian Messenger.

ONTARIO CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AND ITS WORK.
NOVA SCOTIA PASTORS IN ONTARIO. ROOM FOR MORE. THE APPROACHING CONVENTIONS. THE FUTURE OF BAPTIST MISSIONARY OPERATIONS IN THE DOMINION. THE REMARKABLE SEASON.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Baptist Ministers Institute in Brantford was a very pleasant and profitable occasion. Lectures, nine in number were delivered upon the following subjects viz. The Resurrection and the Resurrection-body; The Restoration of the Jews, is it Literal or Spiritual? Annihilationism; Biblical Psychology; Necessity and efficacy of Prayer; The Internal Evidences of Scripture; New Testament Church Polity; Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility; and The Best Means of promoting a Revival of Religion. The attendance of ministers was quite as large as could reasonably be expected in view of the long distances to be travelled by many. Some of the lectures called forth quite spirited discussion of the speaker's views though generally there was perhaps a little too much tendency to accept and applaud the treatment of the subject, without subjecting the opinions and arguments to that close inspection and analysis which are often the necessary tests of truth. The greatest drawback to the full enjoyment and improvement of the occasion way to be found I think, in the haste with which the business was necessarily conducted. Five lectures most of them full of thought and argument are rather too much for the most active mental digestion to get through with comfort in one day. This cramming is, I suppose, in a great measure the unavoidable result of the limited time at the disposal of those who feel it necessary to be in their pulpits again on the Sabbath, and to have something to take with them into them. Still I could not but feel that if arrangements could be made by which the members of the Institute could have left home with the expectation of remaining contentedly three or four days instead of two for mutual edification that which was confessed by all to have been a season of interest and profit might have been rendered both more interesting and more profitable.

The meeting of the Institute at Brantford gave a number of brethren the opportunity, of making the acquaintance of a fellow labourer, new to this province, on the person of Dr. Hurd. We were glad to learn of the measure of success that is attending his labours. Several have been added to the First Church by baptism since his coming and it is to be hoped that this is but the commencement of a season of spiritual prosperity to follow the time of trial to which that church has been subjected. The members of the newly organized second church are also actively at work. They have been especially happy in securing the promise of the services of Rev. J. Alexander as their future pastor, whose labours for many years in Montreal have been largely blessed. Bro. Alexander having formerly laboured in Brantford is well acquainted with the field, and his peace-loving devout and intensely active spirit give excellent ground for hoping for the best results from the new relations into which he is about to enter.

The friends of Rev. A. H. Munro, in Nova Scotia, will be gratified to learn that success and blessing are attending his labours in connection with the Alexander Street Church in Toronto. He seems to have taken already a deep place in the confidence and affection of the members of his church and congregation:—on which we trust he may long continue to hold. We hope Nova Scotia will continue to send, occasionally at least, men of the right stamp to aid in securing the great harvest to which the broad fields of Ontario are already white. There is yet room. Montreal interchange and intercourse can hardly fail to contribute much towards bringing about that better acquaintanceship and eventually that closer co-operation between

the Baptists of the East and the West which seems desirable and right.

We are, some of us, looking with interest for the result of your deliberations in the approaching Convention at Fredericton, in respect to Foreign Missions. There seem to be serious difficulties attending the adoption of any one of the three courses which are open for your future Missionary operations. May that which is wisest and best for the cause prevail. I see that some are advocating still the formation of a Dominion Society. That such a scheme would have great advantages as well as considerable difficulties cannot be doubted. The Baptists of neither section seem to be prepared for it, nor will they be till some definite scheme is clearly and energetically set before them. If that could be done the process of educating them up to the point of united action would probably be found easy and pleasant. The signal blessing that is resting upon the labours of Bro. Timpany and his fellow-labours amongst the Telugus has awakened a deep and we trust abiding interest in Foreign Missions amongst our churches. Those interesting people are embracing the Gospel by hundreds and our greatest present fear is that our first Missionary in his self forgetful enthusiasm and devotion may too soon exhaust his physical energies. May we not hope to see some representatives from the east in our Convention in October?

The season has been a most remarkable one in Ontario, though I believe it is not singular in this respect. Torrents of rain accompanied with storms of sublime and terrific thunder and lightning have alternated constantly with days and nights of excessive and oppressive heat. The farmers have found and still find great difficulty in securing their crops. Those crops nevertheless are good and in many cases abundant. Fruits of all kinds have abounded. The orchards are laden with apples inasmuch that farmers are sometimes seen already returning from market with loads that they have been unable to sell. Large quantities will doubtless be shipped for crossing the Ocean.

J. E. W.

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HALIFAX, AUG. 31, 1870.

BAPTIST CONVENTION OF N. S., N. B. AND P. E. I.

The 25th Annual Session of this body was commenced in Fredericton, N. B., on Saturday the 20th Inst., at 10 A. M., Rev. Dr. Cramp the President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. F. Foshay. Both Secretaries being absent, Rev. J. W. Manning was appointed *pro tem*. Some preparatory business was attended to in the morning session, and the President gave an address on the importance of keeping the records correctly, and the value of reliable statistics generally.

In consequence of the Ministers' Institute at St. John, having its closing session on the previous evening, a large number of the brethren did not reach Fredericton till Saturday afternoon, when the business was proceeded with. The following is a LIST OF THE MEMBERS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Germain Street Church, St. John,—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Brethren E. H. Duval, J. H. Harding.
Brussels St.,—Rev. T. Harley, J. Spencer, M. C. Barbour, J. J. Ackerley, T. H. Hall.
Leinster St.,—R. Seare, L. W. Williams, A. Seely.
Fredericton,—Rev. I. E. Bill.
Fredericton,—J. L. Haines, Asa Coy, John Guioy, W. S. Esty, W. Cooper.
Prince William,—Rev. T. W. Saunders.
1st. Sackville,—Josiah Tingley.
2nd do.,—Rev. T. Todd.
Mackinawack,—Rev. J. R. Strang.
N. B. Eastern Association,—Rev. D. Crandall, Rev. T. Blakeney.
N. B. Union Society,—A. F. Randolph, R. D. Yerxa, H. Estabrooks.
Members in their own right,—Revs. E. C. Cady, E. Hickson, W. A. Corey, W. S. McKenzie, C. Goodspeed, Dr. Spurgeon, W. A. Blakeney, W. Manzer, A. B. McDonald, Geo. Rigby, and A. Estabrooks; and Brethren C. L. Hartt, C. S. Ingraham, and R. H. Phillips.

NOVA SCOTIA.

N. S. Central Association,—A. D. Barnes, M. D. S. Selden, J. F. L. Parsons, and W. J. Gates.
N. S. Eastern Association,—T. B. Layton, W. Faulkner.
Foreign Missionary Board,—J. P. Graves.
Acadia College,—Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D.
1st. Cornwallis Church,—M. Beckwith, B. Eaton, and J. Eaton.
Granville Street Church, Halifax,—Rev. W. B. Boggs, R. N. Beckwith, A. Robinson, L. Payzant.

Digby Church,—J. A. Durkee.
Amherst Church,—Rev. D. A. Steele, Rev. G. F. Miles, A. S. Blenkhorn, N. Embree, D. F. Quigley.
Clements,—Rev. G. D. Cox.
North Sydney,—Rev. T. H. Porter, W. F. Armstrong.
2nd. Cornwallis,—Rev. E. O. Read.
3rd. Cornwallis,—J. Bligh.
Liverpool,—Rev. J. Jones.
1st. Hillsburg,—R. Clark, Israel Dunn.
5th. Cornwallis,—Rev. D. Freeman.
1st. Yarmouth,—Rev. G. E. Day, Rev. A. Chipman, H. C. Creed, C. Pinkney.
Upper Aylesford,—Rev. J. L. Read.
Lower Aylesford &c.,—Rev. Chas. Tupper, D. D.
Milton,—Rev. W. G. Parker, J. Smith.
Lower Granville,—Rev. Isa. Wallace.
Newport West,—J. R. Stubbart.
Pine Grove, Wilmot,—A. M. Wheelock, J. Neilly.

Chester,—Rev. I. J. Skinner.
Windsor,—Rev. D. M. Welton.
Caledonia,—B. L. Telfer, R. Middlemas.
Tusket,—Rev. P. R. Foster.
Bridgewater,—Rev. S. March.
Dartmouth,—Rev. A. S. Hunt.
Freeport and Westport,—Rev. J. H. Hughes.
Canning,—L. C. Woodworth, W. Witt.
Truro,—R. Upham, M. Arohibald.
1st. Horton,—Prof's. Higgins, Jones, Elder, and E. Johnston.

Members in their own right,—Revs. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, S. T. Rand, T. A. Higgins, R. D. Porter, S. W. DeBlois, J. Chase, S. B. Kempton, Jas. Parker, R. R. Philp, J. M. Parker, Jos. Kempton, D. O. Parker, J. E. Goucher, E. C. Corey, A. Cogswell, J. E. Balcom, L. B. Gates, M. P. Freeman, M. Normanday, W. H. Richan, J. Davis, and J. W. Manning; and Hon. Dr. Parker.

The following visiting brethren were invited to a seat in the Convention:

Rev. A. Hovey, D. D., Principal of Newton Theological Seminary.
Rev. H. G. Weston, D. D., Principal of the Crozer Theological Institution, Philadelphia.
Rev. J. S. Backus, D. D., Sec. of the U. S. Home Missionary Society.
Rev. W. C. Child, D. D., of the American Baptist Publication Society.
Rev. J. N. Murdock, Sec. of the American Baptist Missionary Union.
Bro. N. P. Kemp, of the American Tract Society.
Rev. G. E. Leonard, of Ohio.
Rev. J. Coombs.
Licentiate—G. N. Ballentine, R. Sandford, C. F. Myers, and H. Morrow.

The Committee of Arrangements was appointed:—Rev. Dr. Spurgeon, Rev. G. E. Day, Rev. J. W. Manning, Wm. Faulkner, J. L. Haines, R. H. Phillips.

This Committee reported the times of meeting, &c., and the following order of Lord's Day services:—

At the Baptist Church, Dr. Hovey, at 11½ a. m. Dr. Welton, at 3 p. m. and Dr. Sawyer, at 6½ p. m.
At the Wesleyan Church, Dr. Murdock, at 11 a. m., and Dr. Cramp, at 6½ p. m. (In consequence of severe illness Dr. C. was unable to fill this appointment, and Rev. J. E. Goucher supplied in his place.)
At the Free Baptist Church,—Dr. Backus, at 11 a. m., and Dr. Crawley, at 3 p. m.
At the Church of Scotland,—Rev. D. A. Steele at 6½ p. m.
At Marysville, Rev. J. E. Balcom at 11 a. m., and Rev. D. M. Welton, at 6½ p. m.
At Douglass,—Rev. W. B. Boggs.
At Sheffield,—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.
At Kingsdale,—Rev. E. C. Cady, and Rev. G. E. Leonard.
At Nashua,—Rev. Isa. Wallace, and Rev. G. D. Cox.

The afternoon session was occupied in the appointment of Committees and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Committees were,

On Nomination—Revs. E. C. Cady, D. M. Welton, E. F. Foshay, E. Hickson, M. P. Freeman.
On State of the Denomination—Revs. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Spurgeon, I. E. Bill, and Bro. S. Selden.
On Obituaries—Revs. Dr. Crawley, D. M. Welton, T. Harley, G. E. Day, C. Goodspeed, I. Wallace, and S. March.
To Audit Foreign Mission Treasurer's Account—Brethren J. H. Harding, W. Faulkner, A. F. Randolph.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President—Hon. D. McN. Parker M. D.
Vice-Presidents—Rev. W. S. McKenzie, A. M. Rev. D. Freeman, A. M., Rev. W. A. Corey, M. Beckwith, Esq., Asa Coy, Esq., Samuel Freeman Esq.
Secretaries—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, A. M., for New Brunswick, and Prof. D. F. Higgins, A. M., for Nova Scotia.
Treasurers—John H. Harding, Esq., and Lewis S. Payzant, Esq.

The President took his place, and read a letter from the North Sydney Church, containing \$100 for Foreign Missions.

Rev. E. M. Saunders was appointed last year to preach the Convention Sermon. In his absence his alternate, Rev. J. E. Goucher, requested that another person should be appointed for that service. Rev. Dr. Backus was therefore requested, and consented to preach.

It was resolved that in compliance with the invitation from Yarmouth, the Convention hold its next session there; that Rev. W. S. McKenzie preach the Convention Sermon, and Rev. J. E. Hopper be his alternate.

The Lord's Day services were largely attended, and the preaching was of a very high order. There being such an abundant supply of ministers present, some who had not for years spent a Lord's Day without being occupied in preaching the gospel, were only hearers through the whole day. The discourses we heard in the Baptist Church were full of instruction and evangelical sentiment: shewing what Christ in his various offices and work has done, is doing, and will do for those who trust in him. Although preached by three different persons, the three discourses were all tending in one direction, and formed a beautiful, harmonious unity.

It was highly gratifying to find our Wesleyan friends so actively engaged in christian effort in the city. The congregation is large, and the house of worship a handsome structure. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor is Superintendent of the Sabbath School, and most efficiently conducts the music of the church. A magnificent organ aids the well-trained choir, the people two, join, and, as with one heart and one voice, glorify God.

The singing by the Baptist Sabbath School in the afternoon services was very sweet and pleasing.

Prayer meetings were held each morning at ½ past 6 o'clock. These gave a spiritual tone to the subsequent meetings each day. We must not refrain from referring to an excellent prayer we heard at one of these meetings. It was to this effect "O Lord, give us grace that we may know when we ought to speak, and when we should keep silent. May we all have spiritual grace and common sense to guide us." We do not remember to have before heard a prayer for "common sense;" but thought it a most appropriate petition, seeing that many christians need it no less than other people.

On Monday morning, Rev. Dr. Bachus preached a most effective and powerful sermon from the words of our Lord: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." Matthew xxiv. 14. Great stress, was laid on the term "this gospel;" shewing that it was the settled purpose of our Lord and shall be done, and that no other system was to be put in its place.

Seeing that the governors of Acadia College had so much preparatory business to do, it was recommended that next year they meet on the previous day at 9 A. M., and that the Board of Foreign Missions hold a meeting at the same hour.

The Report of the Board of Governors was read and laid on the table. The College governors retired at 4 o'clock, to hold a meeting of the Board.

Rev. Dr. Child, in a half-hour's address, shewed the character and operations of the American Baptist Publication Society; over 300 churches have been established under its auspices. A resolution was agreed to expressing high appreciation of the Society's labors.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution, and report next year: Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. T. H. Porter, S. Selden, Rev. W. S. McKenzie, Rev. I. E. Bill, and Rev. J. Davis.

In the evening session Rev. Dr. Sawyer read a report from the Faculty to the Governors, relative to the proposed extension of the Theological Department. This will appear in the Minutes.

Educational speeches were made by a number of ministers and brethren.

Rev. W. S. McKenzie said he felt more than ever before what need there is of increased mental and moral power. We should provide education for its own sake. Men have no right to be ignorant. There has been great advancement of late, but much more is needed.

Dr. Sawyer thought that a great effort should be put forth to raise and enlarge the Collegiate Academy and Ladies Seminary Building. The benefits would flow to the college a hundred fold.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey referred to the efforts made, by the Pope's late Encyclical and other movements, to stop the progress of science and education as reasons why we should be concerned to advance. Dr. Hovey said he had lately visited the Institution formerly under Dr. Sawyer's charge, and saw that they had expended \$75,000 on a new building. This is a necessary preparation for attracting young men to institutions of learning. He highly approved of that proposal to build a new Academy and provide for its equipment.