

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

I was much disappointed in not being able to attend the Convention, but am glad to learn that an earnest, united effort to endow Acadia College was resolved upon. It is hoped the effort will not evanesce with the resolution, as has too frequently been the case hitherto. Surely there has been enough scheming; the time for action has come. No doubt the \$100,000 would soon be raised, if the entire denomination would give a strong pull, and a pull altogether.

Your readers are probably aware that the Agency Committee wish to cover the whole field with local agencies, which shall operate simultaneously and complete the whole work within the shortest time possible. And my principal object in this communication is to inform the friends of the College in Hants Co., that I have accepted the agency—gratuitously of course—for this County. I shall do all in my power in the way of personal solicitation: still it will be impossible, in addition to my necessary pastoral work, to call upon every Baptist in the Co. On this account I would respectfully solicit the aid of my brethren, ministerial and lay. Any person or persons wishing to share the luxury of assisting in this noble undertaking, will much oblige by sending me their names with a statement of the sums they will be responsible for, which will be duly acknowledged in your columns. The number of Baptists in Hants Co. is much smaller than in some of the other Counties of the Province, but I take it for granted that, according to their number and means, they will do their part. Presuming that every subscription, great or small, taken by any of the agents, will be reported in your paper, and hoping that your readers will be favored with many such reports the coming year.

I am, yours truly,

D. M. WELTON.
Agent for Hants Co.For the Christian Messenger.
ENDOWMENT WORK.

The success of our plan will depend largely on the results accomplished during the pleasant autumn weather, that is now passing. The Convention has given its decision in language of no uncertain meaning. The time has evidently come for work. The amount proposed to be raised can be made up in three months as well as to prolong the labor through three years. If it is the duty of our people to sustain Acadia, as their own representations annually affirm in the Convention, then it is the duty of all to assist according to their means. We wish no man to subscribe who can conscientiously refuse; but let it be observed that the conscientious man will search as carefully and prayerfully for reasons why he should give, as why he should not.

There are many of our people who would give thousands towards the proper endowment of the institutions at Wolfville, and it will be for them to assure themselves that the Master who has given them these ten talents with which to do business till he comes, will be more pleased if they employ less money in some other way. There are scores who can give hundreds towards the object,—an object on which we believe the Master has placed the seal of his approval, and it becomes their duty to consider prayerfully the question whether he does not ask for this cause some portion of the five talents entrusted to them.

Especially solicitude is felt at this time for a large class of men among us who have been induced by business prosperity to incur debt. It is much to be desired that they may have wisdom to discern the essential difference between debts of profit and debts of loss, and determine their obligations accordingly.

In addition to the agency of Rev. Mr. Bill in Annapolis County, of which mention was made last week, arrangements are now completed by which Rev. D. W. C. Dimock will solicit subscriptions in Colchester, Rev. D. M. Wolton in Hants, Rev. D. Freeman in Kings, Rev. J. F. Kempton in Queens, and it is hoped that Rev. W. H. Porter will visit Digby. Provision will yet be made for labor in other parts of the Province not now named. The work is already moving on successfully on P. E. Island under the direction of Rev. J. B. McDonald. We hope that all these brethren will soon be able to report cheering progress.

In behalf of the Agency Committee.

A. W. SAWYER.

Sept. 9th, 1872.

For the Christian Messenger.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

Dear Messenger,—

In your last issue I notice accounts of the organization of two churches. One reads thus:—"This Council approve of the steps taken by the brethren and sisters in this place for organizing themselves (Italics mine) into a separate church." The other thus:—"On the 31st of May — he and Rev. — organized a small church in —." Assuming that both these accounts are correct, it will not be disputed that the latter church was "small."

Sept. 2nd, 1872.

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The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., September 11, 1872.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

The representatives from the several Young Men's Christian Associations in the Maritime Provinces assembled in annual Convention on Thursday morning last, at the Grafton Street Church. About one hundred and fifty delegates were present. A devotional service inaugurated the business meetings. This was conducted by Mr. F. W. Hales of Charlottetown, P. E. I. After which J. B. Morrow, Esq., President of the Halifax Association, opened the Convention by calling on Rev. John Forrest to read a portion of scripture and offer prayer.

W. B. McNutt, Esq., was appointed Secretary pro tem. A temporary business committee, consisting of Messrs. H. B. White, St. John, N. B. F. W. Hales, Charlottetown; Clarence Primrose, Pictou; W. H. Wisswell, Halifax; J. D. Blair, Truro; and D. Blackwood, Halifax. On motion of J. K. Blair, the rules of the last Convention were adopted, until otherwise ordered. H. B. White moved a committee of twenty be appointed to nominate the officers of the Convention—carried. J. B. Morrow, the retiring president then delivered a short address. He was followed by Judge Hensley of Charlottetown, who occupied part of the time that the committees were out. The committee on nominations returned and reported the following list, which was unanimously adopted:—

William Welsh, St. John, N. B., President.
F. W. Hales, Charlottetown, N. B., Vice President.
L. N. Sharpe, M. D., Norton, N. B., Vice President.
J. K. Blair, Truro, N. B., Secretary.
T. M. Lewis, Yarmouth, N. S., Secretary.
A. H. Patterson, Amherst, N. S., Secretary.
C. Primrose, Pictou, N. S., Secretary.
Dr. Delany, Halifax, N. S., Secretary.
W. B. McNutt, Halifax, N. S., Secretary.
E. T. C. Knowles, St. John, N. B., Secretary.
J. F. Grant, Pictou, N. S., Secretary.

A letter offering the use of the Reading room to the delegates was received from C. M. Creed, Esq.

The newly elected President then took the chair and thanked the Convention for the honor conferred on him.

Reports were presented from the Executive, Business, and Devotional Committees, and the sitting was closed with singing and prayer.

The afternoon session commenced with a prayer-meeting presided over by Mr. Creighton. Reports were then made from Associations situated in Annapolis, Baddeck, Brooklyn, Cape John, Carriboe River, Charlottetown, Durham, Fredericton, Great Village, Little Harbor, Green Hill, Lower Londonderry and New Glasgow.

These were generally of an encouraging character, some had received considerable additions and others were preparing for giving their institutions permanent locations.

THE MEETING OF WELCOME, was held in the evening, a large audience was present. The Hon. Chief Justice occupied the chair. Rev. John Campbell read the scriptures and offered prayer. The chairman addressed the meeting on the object and claims of the Young Men's Christian Associations in the present age, and the benefits that would flow to the world by vigorously carrying out the principles of Christianity as held by these bodies.

There was great disappointment felt that the U. S. delegation failed to reach Halifax. An explanation was made by Mr. Morrow, and great regret expressed at their absence.

Mr. J. B. Morrow welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Halifax Association. Mr. P. O. Hill extended a welcome on behalf of the citizens, and the Rev. Mr. Rogers on behalf of the pastors and churches of the city.

Mr. Welsh of St. John, and Mr. Hales of Charlottetown, made appropriate replies. Stirring addresses were also delivered by Mr. J. K. Blair, of Truro, and the Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Fredericton.

The question before the Convention on Friday morning was, "What benefits have resulted from Y. M. C. Associations, and how may their influence be increased?" After it had been very ably spoken to, the Convention adjourned. In the afternoon the Committee submitted the following synopsis, by way of a reply to the question:—"That the Y. M. C. A. is a great auxiliary to the Christian Church in carrying forward Christian work."

"That it tends to break up the prejudices of the different religious denominations, and encourage the co-operation of their active members in doing good."

"That much benefit has resulted from the efforts to save young men coming to large cities, by kindly drawing them to the Y. M. C. Association Rooms and offering them both amusement and religious and intellectual advantages, and in securing for them legitimate and honest employment."

"That it is impossible for us to know of the Y. M. C. Association till the great author of all good shall reveal it on the great day of man's account; and—

"That consecration of the heart to Christ, the study of God's word, and a will to work in Christ's vineyard for the good of souls appear to be indispensable in extending the influence of Y. M. C. Associations."

The afternoon question was, "What kind of amusements ought to be admitted to the Rooms of the Y. M. C. Association?" This was spoken to by a number of members.

In the evening session a telegram was received from Toronto: "Galatians vi. 9."

In the evening session besides the routine business, and receiving verbal reports of progress from delegates, the following question was discussed:—"Personal (pursue and all, as given by some,) consecration to Christ, the essential requisite of a Christian worker."

On Saturday morning, "Young Men's Christian Association Bible Classes," was the subject of debate. In the afternoon, "How we can best secure the permanency of our organization," was the subject of grave deliberation.

On Sunday evening, "Farewell meetings" were held in Temperance Hall and Brunswick Street Church, at 8 o'clock. The Hall was crowded, and appropriate addresses were made by a number of speakers.

The Convention will hold its next Annual meeting at Truro.

The Lecture by Rev. W. S. McKenzie, of which we give the larger part on our fifth page, will be read with interest by those who are not familiar with the facts there narrated. Our brother has done good service to the Missionary cause, by placing these facts before the denomination in the Maritime Provinces. Of course there was much done during the "Forty Years," which could not be compassed within the limits of a single lecture. We regret that the "Efforts of the Baptists" in the support of Native Preachers is compressed into so small a space as two short paragraphs. The inception and growth of that part of our work would supply abundant material for another lecture. When our U. S. brethren were driven to the withholding of funds from this department of service, and appeals were made to us for assistance, a number of brethren came nobly to the rescue, and rendered essential service to the missionaries in carrying on the work then in progress in Burmah, which has increased from one up to between twenty and thirty, whose actual work with the people is perhaps but little less in value than that of the regular missionary. It is doubtless largely due to the labors of these devoted men that the Burmah Baptist Home Missionary Society has been formed for carrying on the same work. The employment of Native laborers is a great object to be sought in all heathen lands. The work by men sent out must always be subject to fluctuations and interruptions by sickness and death, much more than that by the people themselves. All missionary societies aim at securing native laborers and making them as efficient as possible. Let us not then despise this part of our history. It is a record which we may feel thankful that we have to preserve. To those who are altogether unacquainted with our history it would almost appear that "Forty years" have been expended by us in little more than the support of one Missionary family, for a brief period, and that our subsequent work

has been largely made up of negotiations for obtaining a successor, whereas there have been large sums raised each year and expended in sustaining Native Preachers for the past fifteen years. These must not be forgotten.

Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, of Liverpool, G. B., has come across the Atlantic to make a tour through the United States and Canada. We understand he is under engagement to visit St. John, N. B., and lecture there. We hope he may be induced to come on to Halifax before he returns to England, and deliver one or more of his very popular lectures. He preached on Sunday, 1st Inst., in the 1st Baptist Church, Montreal. The Montreal Gazette of the following day said of him:

Of course large congregations were to be expected when so well known and eloquent a divine as Mr. Brown was announced to occupy the pulpit. In England, his own country, he never fails to draw a large attendance, as he is viewed as one of the leading Baptist ministers of the day. And in Liverpool, his regular field of ministrations, he is popular with all classes, and his labours in the pulpit and on the platform have undoubtedly been productive of much good. The reverend gentleman is on a tour through Canada and the United States.

In personal appearance Mr. Brown may be described as an admirable specimen of a thorough Englishman. Some incidents in his life are interesting. Born the son of a clergyman in the Isle of Man, we find Mr. Brown leaving home at the age of fifteen years and proceeding to England to learn land surveying. After spending about two years in mastering the drudgery and detail of that business, his views underwent a change and he resolved to learn the profession of an engineer. This occupation, it appears, he followed until he came of age and he drove a locomotive engine on the London and Northwestern Railway for six months. It was his custom, we are told, after his day's work to spend four or five hours in reading and in meditating on what he had read: and his first classical exercises were written with a piece of chalk inside the firebox of a locomotive engine. Resolving to become a clergyman of the Church of England he entered college in his native town, where he studied for three years. Religious scruples afterwards led him to join the Baptist denomination. Subsequently he acted for a short time in Liverpool as a simple city missionary. From this post he gradually rose to his present honorable position as one of the recognized leaders of the Baptist body.

TO ANNAPOLIS TO TEA.

LET IT BE OBSERVED that that Tea Meeting at Annapolis, will be on the 25th instant, not on the 18th as at first advertised.

The friends in the county, all around the ancient Capital, should rally to the encouragement of their brethren in the Town on this auspicious occasion. A nice Baptist Meeting-house, some 60 feet, by about 40, is in course of erection. We were glad to learn a few days since that the small band there had in their hearts, and what they had already done to secure to themselves a local habitation and a name.

REV. HENRY BOOL arrived from England in the mail-steamer on Friday last. He preached on Lord's Day morning in the North Baptist Church, and in Granville Street Church in the evening. His text in the latter was "Behold the Lamb of God." From which he gave an excellent practical and experimental discourse, and one calculated to be of great benefit in accomplishing the great aim he seems to have—to bring men to the Lord Jesus. We bespeak for our brother a career of usefulness in this province. He bears with him high testimonials of respect, and of warm affection from Mr. Spurgeon and others. He is at present staying with Dr. Clay, No. 21 Albion Street.

REV. DR. CLAY preached in Granville Street Church on Sunday morning, and in the North Baptist Church in the evening—the pastors of both being out of town. Dr. C. does not appear to have lost any of his robustness nor his fervid eloquence by his visit to the mother country.

Our critical friend "Nemo" might with a very little latitude suppose that "he and Rev. —" organized a small church" meant, assisted in organizing &c. They were not of course the organizers and the materials also. They did their part in the organization. So also in the other case, where the parties "organized themselves." They placed themselves in a position to be formed, or organized, into one body. Our brother can perhaps remember that in the dim ages of the past when he went to school there was something in his grammar about figures of speech, by which he learned that

language might be relieved from the absolute precision of mathematical demonstration, and yet be true; so we think neither of our correspondents referred to were far from correct in their statements.

Notices, &c.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The second Matriculation Examination will be held at 9 o'clock, Wednesday, September 11th.

The First Session of the year will open Thursday, Sept. 12th.

Opening Address by Prof. R. V. Jones, Thursday evening.

A. W. SAWYER,
President.

Aug. 31st, 1872.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.,—Mary C. Davis \$37.00

Aug. 30th, 1872.

ONE MORE NEW SOCIETY.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Aug. 21st, 1872.

Dear Mrs. Selden,—

I take great pleasure in informing you, that by the aid of the "Circular" received by one of our number, we have succeeded in forming a "Woman's Missionary Aid Society."

We met and organized our Society May 16th commencing with a membership of eight, but have increased until we now number thirty, also one life member. As our first offering we send \$37.00.

We not only feel it a duty, but a blessed privilege to assist in sending the gospel to those of our own sex who sit in heathen darkness.

God grant the time may speedily come when every nation and kindred, shall hear the joyful tidings of salvation.

MARY C. DAVIS, Sec'y.

MEETING OF THE HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

There will (D. V.) be a meeting of the Western Home Missionary Board on Tuesday, the 24th September, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Baptist Meeting House, Bridgetown.

M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

BORTON ACADEMY.

The next term commences Sept. 11th. All classes open to Female pupils. Ladies' Boarding house quite near the recitation rooms.

Rev. T. A. Higgins, M. A., Principal and Teacher of Classics.

Mr. A. Coldwell, Teacher of Mathematics, N. Philosophy &c.

Mrs. M. R. Eaton, Teacher of English branches, E. Literature &c., will preside over the Female Boarding House.

Mrs. M. Armstrong, Teacher of Music.

Miss E. Morse, Teacher of Drawing &c.

Board furnished by Committee under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Coldwell.

Miss McBurnie, Matron.

Tuition \$3.50 to \$5.50 per quarter of ten weeks. Board \$25 per quarter.

Room Rent \$1 to \$1.50 per quarter.

Music, Drawing and French, Extras at usual rates.

Pupils furnish bedding, towels, and light for their own rooms.

Bills payable quarterly. One half in advance.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Jos. Read, \$5. J. E. Lockwood, 1 sub.

Rev. T. H. Porter, J. Gow, J. Longworth.

Rev. T. B. Layton, J. Saunders, \$10.

W. Morse, Esq., \$4. G. H. Dobson.

Wm. Hunter, \$5 all correct. J. DeWolfe.

Rev. Z. Parker, 1. Tourber, Esq., \$2.

J. J. Parker, 1. McNayr, \$3.

H. E. Payson, Esq., \$5. Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.

Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$2. E. H. Duval.

Esq. Jas. Desbriay, Esq. \$10.84.

J. B. Nutt, Esq., \$2. A. J. Ledbetter.

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D. Whitman, 1 sub, \$1. O. W. Sanders.

N. Kinney, \$2. H. R. Cunningham, Esq., \$9.

W. E. West, 1 sub, \$4. J. Wheelock.

J. B. Kinney, \$2. Rev. S. J. Neiley.

J. L. Teller, Esq. James Noonan, \$2.

News of the Week.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 2nd Sept., 1872.—Richmond Co.—To be a Health Officer at Desecure—Henry J. Pixott, Esq., M. D.

Inverness Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Thomas Wilmott, Esq., M. D.

Annapolis Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Thomas Delap and Edward Milberry.

To be a Board of Health for Annapolis West—Peter Bonnet, John L. Rice, Edward Barreau, T. A. Gavaas, Samuel Pickup, George T. Bingay, M. D., Robert Mills (2nd), Cory O'Dell, and Augustus Robertson, M. D., Esq.

To be a Board of Health for Annapolis East—J. Woodbury, M. D., Samuel Promise, M. D., J. F. Chipman, M. D., J. W. Crosskill, Weston A. Fowler, and Noble H. Beckwith, Esq.

Pictou Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—James Ross, of Sutherland's River.

10th July, 1872.—Cape Breton Co.—To be a Notary and Tabellion Public—Michael Slattery, Esq.

5th Aug. 1872.—Inverness Co.—To be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands—James Wm. McKenzie.

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