

has been engaged in teaching a small school; a room in the Mission House at Saulnierville having been fitted up for this purpose. Five scholars, besides Bro. Normanday's family, have been in attendance. Miss Porter reports their progress in their studies as very encouraging. They became quite fond of committing to memory portions of the Scriptures, and of singing some favorite hymns. But they are now forbidden to attend. This is no more than might be reasonably expected from those who are opposed to the spread of our principles among these people.

From experience we may learn that a Mission School is a necessary auxiliary in our work; and that in order to maintain it, we must make it as far as possible independent of all opposing influences.

Our Missionary reports that there are many children to be found among the converts of our mission and elsewhere to whom the privileges of a Mission School would be a great blessing. For various reasons we can only reach them in this way by taking them under the care of the Mission, and assuming in many cases their entire support. It is not the good pleasure of our Saviour that these little ones should perish. Is he not opening before us this door? Shall we not enter immediately and labor? We have now the premises to accommodate such an institution. We only need additional funds. Should our churches favorably view such an enterprise the funds could soon be raised. Our sisters, who are now putting forth efforts so commendable and efficient in behalf of the perishing abroad, will doubtless extend to these little ones at home, who too are perishing for lack of knowledge, the superior advantages which we with our own children are enjoying.

Another consideration may urge us in this direction. We are now and have been looking abroad for Colporteurs. With the blessing of God upon a Mission School we will soon raise up our own workmen. We will be prepared to enlarge operations, and turn to better account all our accessions.

To meet the current expenses of the mission, and at the same time to avoid sending out our Missionary as heretofore collecting, your Board arranged for holding meetings in behalf of the mission with the churches in the county of Yarmouth, and by Circular recommend this course to all the churches in the Province. But few churches beside responded to our call. In the Co. of Yarmouth these efforts were quite successful and resulted in raising a sum by which we have been enabled to meet quite punctually present demands. At a late meeting of the Board the following resolution passed unanimously:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the consolidation of our Home Missionary Organizations, both English and French, would be more conducive to the advancement of the Redeemer's reign in this Province.

It is our painful duty to record the death of one of our members. Bro. B. B. Moses who since 1855 has been a member of our Board, was suddenly removed from us by death on the 3rd of Feb. last. He was a good man and true. We miss him in our meetings; for he was always in his place ready to work and bear responsibilities. But while we mourn for him as a brother beloved, we are cheered with the precious assurance that he rests from his labors.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

For the Christian Messenger.

MR. EDITOR,—

The following is the list of students receiving Honor Certificates at the late Anniversary of the College:

SENIOR CLASS.
W. H. McVicar, in Classics.
JUNIOR CLASS.
A. J. Eaton, Classics.
F. H. Eaton, "
G. O. Gates, "
SOPHOMORE CLASS.
W. G. Parsons, Mathematics and Natural Science.
FRESHMAN CLASS.
B. Rand, Classics.
W. H. Robinson "
A. W. SAWYER.
Acadia College, June 22, 1872.

For the Christian Messenger.

KING'S COLLEGE ENCENIA.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

This affair came off last Thursday, June 27th. The day was propitious, and nature wore her prettiest dress. At 10 o'clock, A. M., a procession composed of the Governors, Professors

and students of the College, marched from the College grounds to the old Parish church, where they listened to a well-written and well-delivered sermon by Dr. Hensley, Theological Professor, from Eph. ii. 21. The Dr. endeavored to show that the doctrines and practices of the Church of England conform to the Apostolic and primitive pattern; and the presence of his own communion were doubtless well satisfied with his arguments and conclusion. After the service was over the congregation returned to the new College Hall, where the principal ceremonies of the day were to be performed. This Hall, by the way, is a fine building, and of great use to the College. It is built of stone in the Gothic style, is surrounded on three sides with a gallery, and will seat about 500 persons. The gallery is divided into alcoves which contain the library, while projecting from its inner edge and raised on ornamental cast iron supports, are certain cases holding the various collections of the museum. A similar building is much needed at Acadia, and it is hoped that in the good time which now appears to be coming, this necessity will be handsomely met by her friends.

Dr. McCawley, the venerable President of the College, as is his wont on these occasions, opened the exercises with an oration, which was listened to with the deepest attention. He first alluded to the charges which had been preferred against the institution by Prof. Sumichrast, and intimated that they had been refuted. Of these charges I need not now inform your readers as they cannot have failed to learn of them through the secular papers where they have been discussed *ad nauseam*. The question of the proposed Provincial University next received a share of Dr. McCawley's notice. In this question there has I believe, been considerable reaction of opinion on the part of the Governors and friends of Kings College. They begin to see that this University Bill, should it become law, would disastrously affect not only their own college, but the cause of education generally. Accordingly the President, while he spoke in complimentary terms of the unity and promptness of action exhibited by the Associated Alumni of Acadia College in the matter, exhorted his hearers to copy their example. Honorable mention of the names of certain graduates of the college, some of whom had passed away during the year, and others of whom were still distinguishing themselves in their callings, together with words of counsel to the students then present, also found place in this finished and eloquent discourse.

Prof. Oram, a young man lately graduated from Belfast College, Ireland, and recently invited to fill the Mathematical chair in this College, was next introduced to the auditory, and discoursed eloquently on Civil Engineering. Beginning with a delicate compliment to the learning and beauty which were before him he gained the hearts as well as the ears of the assembly, and kept them to the close.

Mr. Jack followed on the Science of the Beautiful, showing that in historic incident and natural scenery, our own Province offers a fine field for the cultivation of the æsthetic principle in her sons and daughters.

Essays were then read by two of the students who, as the graduating class, received the Bachelor's Degree. The degree of Master in Arts was conferred on Mr. Jack, and that of D. D. on Rev. Mr. Cochran of Halifax, who acknowledged the honor in a neat and amusing speech.

The closing address was delivered by the Bishop who dwelt principally on the difficulties through which the College had lately passed. He affirmed that the charges which had been made against the Governors of the College, the Faculty and the Students, were without foundation; in fact, that whatever had been said about King's College might with equal truth be said about every college.

On the whole, as I looked upon the very small number, comparatively speaking, which attended the Encenia, of whom again not more than a fifth belonged to Windsor, where, as the seat of the University, one should suppose it ought to be more popularly regarded; and remembered that only eight or ten students had been in attendance the last term, I could not resist the fear—I will not say belief—that this old and honored Institution was falling into decadence, that paralysis was affecting her body, and stealing through her limbs, and that if some mighty resuscitating remedy were not vigorously

applied, she would soon pass out of the world. I sincerely hope this may not be—that her present torpor may prove to be like that which sometimes comes over the human body at the turning point of some terrible disease, when beneath what appears to be approaching death, convalescence is really commencing, and nature is gathering up her energies for increased activity and usefulness.

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N. S. WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

We were obliged to defer a portion of our correspondent's communication on this subject last week. We now give the remainder:—

MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

Home Missions Resumed.

REV. G. ARMSTRONG would make only a few observations. In his opinion the Home Mission department was of unspeakable importance. Christ had exalted Home Mission work. The sending of the twelve and the seventy was an expression of the light in which Christ Jesus regarded the work of Home Missions. If there is no life at home there will be none for the work abroad. To Baptists the Home field is all important. Others do not declare the whole truth. We profess to give the whole truth, and we ought to live it out. Life and progress for the body depend upon home work. The truth will prevail, but the friends of truth must hold it up, work it out, work outward and onward. Some Baptists think the truth will live without them, and have forgotten the trust committed to them by God. Special effort should be made. Thirty-five or forty years ago we sent missionaries to Cape Breton, and the results have been glorious. He had heard a sermon from one of these men of God thirty-five years ago, and it brought conviction to his heart, and he sat up half the night in writing down what he remembered of it. Baptists could do much more. He liked the contemplated union, and the work would go on if we worked together and maintained the truth. Baptists should be Baptists at home, and our principles should be extended in the Spirit of Christ.

REV. W. G. PARKER expressed a warm feeling towards Missions. The Gospel is adapted to man's necessities and wants. If we have received it and it is good for us we should give it to others. The commission is still binding, although given 1800 years ago. God keeps us here for a good purpose, and many present had a great interest in Missions. We do not realize the destination. All should work. All cannot preach, but all should do something. We are coming to see and feel that we are not our own, and the Union will give us a good sphere for our efforts. If we work for God our souls will flourish.

REV. M. NORMONDY said fourteen years had passed since he first met this Association; but his zeal had not abated. He had endured many trials and met many difficulties but was not discouraged. The past year had been a year of discouragement in some respects and hard labour. One had been converted. He (Mr. Normondy) had spoken to him first when he was a little boy, now he is a man and converted to God. Members of the Mission Church moved away, but he heard good accounts from them. The general influence of the Mission is good. Colporteurs from Canada reported that more fruits had appeared in his field than in any other of a similar character, according to the means used. The day will come when more will be known. The efforts of the priests to keep the people in ignorance do not succeed. Since he had moved into the midst of the people he had found them very kind, but more help is needed.

REV. J. F. KEMPTON was pleased to speak on the subject of Missions. At first he had a desire himself to go out to the heathen, but was hindered. Since then he had been more and more interested in missions. Eight years of his life had been spent in Cape Breton, and he still felt special interest in that people. They were destitute of the regular ministry. There was but little work done now among the thirteen or fourteen Baptist Churches on that Island.

REV. I. WALLACE said that it was a Home Missionary (James Blakney) who preached the sermon that first touched his heart. He desired to see our Missions enlarged and strengthened. The meetings of the Association were good, and the influence heavenly, and God would bless our efforts if we trusted in Him.

BRO. GIDNEY referred to a Bible Class in which the subject of the "Angel flying through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach," was discussed. The sweep of the angelic wings was heard when Cary, Marshman, Ward and Judson went to the East, and the sound had continued ever since. It was now heard over the Islands and continents every where. There was great missionary spirit in the people of this country. The little streams of gospel truth would soon enlarge till the earth was deluged.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Committee on Education was read.

Dr. Sawyer said he had come to this meet-

ing with reluctance and anxiety. For it was a crisis in our history and much depended on the action of this body. There were brethren present whose hearts were in the work. It was interesting to trace the history of our institutions. Forty-five years ago they began. By looking at the Report on Education of twenty years ago, and ten years ago, some interesting facts could be gathered. In 1852, it was said the institutions must be raised to a higher position or their existence would be endangered; but it was then determined not to give them up. The Baptists would not suffer it.

In 1862 Acadia College it was said it was destined to live. Some were interested, and the number was every day increasing. This subject is still before us. The question is, "Shall Acadia College live?" Not much advancement had been made in Endowment during the last fifteen years. What is the present condition of the College? There are five Professors and about forty Students. He wanted the churches to know the internal working of the College. Examination was desirable. Circulars were sent to the churches but the people did not learn from them the facts they contained. One year ago the debt for current expenses was \$1300. The seventy-five churches in this Association only sent this year, as yet \$100.18, for the college. For the 8000 members, that would be about two cents apiece, but this was more than last year. He then gave some more facts and said that he was not making a speech; but would lay down plain facts, and ask what could be done? You are all convinced that the College should live! He saw reasons in the community why the College should continue. Some denominations want our College to close but we want it kept open. We should not act as if the Baptists believed themselves to be God's people, and they should not pause because a Provincial University was discussed, but should be more energetic. The property holders among Baptists cannot justify themselves in withholding money from the College. A new professorship should be endowed. It had been proposed to raise, \$25,000 at once, and an agent had been secured, but was released on obtaining a call from another quarter.

County agencies had been proposed for this summer. One man in Wolfville would give \$4000 if \$50,000 were raised, and it was probable \$7000 could be raised in the village where he lived.

REV. S. B. KEMPTON said he could not remain silent on the question of Education. Had been delighted with Dr. Sawyer's speech. But the time for speech making had passed, and he hoped the facts given would not be forgotten. He would ask who founded the College? Why was it established? What has it accomplished? Think of these things in connection with the present condition of the institution. Would it be fair and honest to leave things as they are?

REV. T. C. DELONG said that although he was old, he would still give, and he forthwith gave.

PROF. R. V. JONES would touch upon one other point. It is not generally understood what constitutes a College. In some undertakings the fruits soon appeared; in others it was necessary to wait longer. One thing had been upon his mind since he came to this Association, that was the great work done for this body by the College. Some might have thought time spent in study was lost, but they did not think so now. A great work could be done in seeking out young men and sending them to the College. If the people will work the Professors will remain at their posts.

REV. DR. DAY said he was a friend of education and of Acadia College, and intended to continue so. The College did not produce great men in every case and must not be expected to.

He had urged the Governors to aim at \$100,000. Yarmouth would give \$5000 of it. The brethren in the county would attend to getting the money.

Good speeches were also made by Revs. W. H. Parker, G. Armstrong, and Deacon Samuel Freeman, and Rev. J. Rowe.

Subscriptions of about \$100 was taken up for current expenses.

The entire Session was one of harmony and work. There was no discord. The people were most hospitable, and in no part of the country is education more appreciated. The afternoon of Tuesday was spent in routine business. The peace and blessing of God was upon the body. May God bless the good people of Brookfield, and give prosperity to the undertakings of the Association. The weather was fine, and every thing went off well.

Truly yours,
EDWARD MANNING.

THE N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

commenced its Annual Session at Berwick, on Saturday the 22nd ult., at 10 o'clock in the morning. All around looked cheerful and bright in this lovely model village, and a large company was present in the spacious and tasteful meeting-house, all in good time. The moderator of the past year, Rev. E. O. Read opened the exercises.

A list of the delegates taken from the letters was read, and on a vote for Moderator being asked for, Rev. S. March was chosen. Revs. S. B. Kempton, and W. E. Hall, Clerks,

Brethren A. A. Pineo and J. E. Lockwood, Treasurers. A committee was appointed to examine the letters: Rev. Jas. Stevens, Rev. John Chase and Bro. S. Selden; and the following brethren to read the letters: Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Rev. I. J. Skinner, and Rev. J. E. Goucher.

As usual the letters were of a varied character. Some rejoiced in accessions of happy converts, others lamented the barrenness of results following the labors of the year, and in many cases some of the most valued and esteemed brethren had been called away from their earthly tabernacle to the mansions of blessedness above.

On Lord's Day the churches all around the neighbourhood were supplied by ministers belonging to the Association. At Berwick the preachers were—Rev. Dr. Cramp in the morning, Rev. E. M. Saunders in the afternoon, and Rev. J. E. Goucher in the evening; and in the Methodist Church Rev. W. G. Parker and Rev. G. E. Day. The day being fine was highly favorable to both ministers and people, and crowded congregations gathered together throughout the day. The Sabbath School assembled in large numbers at 9 o'clock in the morning, and was addressed by several of the ministers.

Monday afternoon was largely occupied on Home Mission matters, especially in reference to the proposed combination of the work of the three Associations under one Board.

We make the following extract from the Minutes of the evening session:—
"Bro. S. Selden, moved and Rev. James Parker seconded.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Association the consolidation of Home Missionary operations in this Province in our Institutions, is very desirable; and that this Association will co-operate in such movement when the organization shall be perfected, to the satisfaction of the Eastern Association, and of the members of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Mission Society.

Remarks on the resolution were offered by Bro. S. Selden, Rev. Jas. Parker, Dr. Day, L. B. Page, of New York, and Rev. D. M. Welton. Passed unanimously.

The statistics shew that 196 were received into the churches by baptism, 56 by letter, and 14 restored. Against which must be placed a decrease of dismissed 79, excluded 31, died 61. Leaving a clear increase of 95, a little over an average of two to each church, or about one and a half per cent.

As the subject of combining the Home Missionary operations of the three Baptist Associations of the province will be under consideration at the coming session of the Eastern Association at Truro, we have thought it desirable that the report of the Western Home Missionary Board and that of the French Missionary Board should at once be laid before the brethren; we therefore publish them on the first page of our present issue, in advance of the Minutes appearing. The information contained in these documents may aid in the deliberations of our Eastern brethren and of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Society at its annual meeting on Monday next; as to whether it would be better to unite as proposed, or remain and continue to labor separately as heretofore. It is of the utmost importance that the combination, if it should be formed, should be consummated after taking the most intelligent view that can be obtained of the whole field to be occupied by the organization, the present state of the work in every part of the province, and the necessities of the stations which have been receiving aid through each of the Boards.

Grave deliberation is needed so as to avoid any hasty or preceptate action and to render the union, if formed, a permanent step in advance of what has existed in the past.

The report of the N. S. Home Missionary Board, not yet published, will shew that for the past five or six years there has been steady progress in its work, and in the number of weeks labor performed by the missionaries employed, in the funds received, and the general interests of the missions. Union is of course highly desirable, in both theory and practice, but in such work the union being for co-operation whatever will most effectually combine the brethren and draw out the resources of the churches should be adopted; and if less will be effected by the one united organization than by the two or three separate ones it would be better that they remain separate and each work in its own part of the field.