

For the Christian Messenger.

PROCEEDINGS OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

St. Stephen, 23 Aug. 1872.

The Foreign Mission Board met on Friday evening, 7.30 o'clock, in the Baptist meeting house at St. Stephen. N. B. Brethren present, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Revs. Dr. Cramp, G. E. Day, M. D. D., A. Steele, J. E. Bill, J. E. Bill, Jr., W. B. Boggs, John Davis. A large number of brethren being present were invited to a seat in the Board. Dr. Cramp was called to preside in the absence of the President. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. A. Steele.

It was, Resolved, that correspondence be held with the Central Board of the Women's Mission Aid Societies relative to a grant of \$50—to be expended in the purchase of books to aid Miss Norris in her Foreign Mission work.

A letter was read from Miss Maria Armstrong, of Wolfville, addressed to the Board, making application for an appointment to foreign mission labor.

Resolved, that Miss Armstrong be encouraged to continue her studies and inquiries with the prospect of ultimately being engaged in foreign mission work under appointment from this Board.

It was further,

Resolved, that the fact be laid before the Women's Mission Aid Societies, that there are now before the Board several applications from their sisters for appointments to missionary labor in the foreign field, and that said societies be earnestly requested to take that fact into serious consideration.

The annual Report of the Board for the Convention was read by the Secretary, and after remarks thereon by the members of the Board, and by brethren present, it was adopted and ordered to be presented to the Convention as the report for 1871-72.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report in part, and it was ordered to be laid on the table until the following day.

Voted to adjourn to the call of the Secretary. Prayer by W. S. McKENZIE, Sec.

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ENDOWMENT WORK.

In agreement with the resolution passed by the Convention at its late meeting in St. Stephen, the Agency Committee have made arrangements with Rev. I. E. Bill, by which he will devote a few weeks to the Endowment enterprise. He has authorized us to say that he will begin at once. He will first visit Annapolis County, and present the claims of the College among the people of that important section of the Province where Mr. Bill's eloquence and zeal in the cause of education have in former years elicited praise-worthy results. Other friends of the cause will accompany him in his visits. The following appointments are made with the hope that they will be punctually met.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 3. Pine Grove.
Wednesday " " 4. Nictaux.
Thursday " " 5. Upper Wilmet and Aylesford.
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Monday " " 9. Central Wilmet.
Tuesday " " 10. Clarence.
Wednesday " " 11. Bridgetown.
Thursday " " 12. Round Hill.
Friday " " 13. Granville Ferry.
Monday " " 16. Clements.
Tuesday " " 17. Hillsburgh.
Wednesday " " 18. Digby.

The purpose is to push on the Endowment till it shall amount to \$100,000. If the effort is general, as it should be, this can be accomplished in a few months. The time has evidently come when the friends of Acadia should exert themselves for this long desired object, and the fact that so many already "have a mind to work" for the cause, is strong ground of hope that the effort now being made will be successful.

Attention will soon be called to the work to be done in other counties.

In behalf of the Agency Committee, A. W. SAWYER.

Acadia College, Aug. 31, 1872.

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Halifax, N. S., September 4, 1872.

THE CONVENTION AT ST. STEPHEN.

Our recent visit to St. Stephen for the purpose of attending the session of the Baptist Convention, was an exceedingly pleasant one. The distance

requiring two days to reach there, and the same to return, materially diminished the time we were able to be in attendance, and deprived us of the opportunity of hearing any of the lectures at the Ministerial Institute on the preceding days. The brief report given in our last was kindly furnished by Rev. W. B. Boggs, for which he will please accept our best thanks. We are hoping to obtain from the lecturers themselves some portions of the papers presented at the Institute. The one by Dr. Day, will, by request, appear in pamphlet form. Mr. McKenzie's "Forty years of Foreign Mission effort" will appear in our next.

The first sitting on Saturday morning was mostly of preliminary character—the election of officers and of two new governors of Acadia College in the place of two removed—Rev. J. E. Balcom by death, and Rev. E. C. Cady to Iowa. It was gratifying to find that invitations were received from three churches to hold the Session with them next year—Amherst, Hillsburg, and Windsor. The decision was given in favor of the latter.

Dr. Spurden was appointed to preach the Convention sermon, and Rev. W. S. McKenzie his alternate.

The following is a list of the members present:—

LIST OF MEMBERS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK
St. Stephen.—Rev. J. W. Manning, Deacon DeWolfe, Wm. Vaughan.
Blackville.—Rev. W. M. Edwards.
Butternut Ridge.—Rev. H. Hughes.
Carleton.—Rev. I. E. Bill.
Fredericton.—Deacons W. S. Estey, and W. Cooper, Brethren T. H. Rand, and E. Kelly.
Harvey.—Rev. T. A. Blackader.
Hopewell.—Rev. W. A. Coleman.
St. John, Leinster Street.—Rev. W. S. McKenzie.
Petitcodiac.—Rev. W. S. Bleakney.
Portland.—Rev. W. B. Boggs.
Shediac.—Jas. Webber.
Springfield.—Rev. W. A. Corey.
Sussex.—Rev. E. C. Corey.
St. George 1st.—Rev. E. Hickson, Deacons J. Dewar, Thos. Goss.
Upper Gagetown.—Rev. B. N. Hughes.
Eastern Association.—Rev. D. Crandall.

Members in their own right.—Revs. Dr. Spurden, T. H. Porter, T. B. Layton, I. E. Bill, Jr., Alex. Estabrooks, H. Charlton, F. Beatty, D. W. Crandall, Brother Z. G. Gabel.

FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

Amherst.—Revs. D. A. Steele, Wm. Read.
Beaver River.—G. H. Goudey.
Bridgetown.—Rev. George Armstrong, Deacon W. H. Chipman, and Bro. Oliver Foster.
Cornwallis 1st.—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Deacons H. K. Eaton, and Wm. Eaton.
Cornwallis 2nd.—Dea. Wm. Craig.
Cornwallis 3rd.—Rev. J. F. Kempton.
Cornwallis 5th.—Rev. D. Freeman.
Cornwallis 6th.—Dea. L. C. Woodworth.
Dartmouth.—Rev. A. S. Hunt.
Halifax 1st.—Brethren B. H. Eaton, and E. D. King.
Halifax 2nd.—Rev. J. E. Goucher, and Brother J. F. Parsons.
Hantsport.—Rev. J. Murray.
Hebron.—Rev. J. Rowe, and Brother Nathaniel Patton.
Hillsburg 1st.—Rev. G. D. Cox.
Horton 1st.—Revs. S. W. DeBlois, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, and Prof. D. F. Higgins.
Liverpool.—Rev. Jos. Jones.
Little River.—Deacon Levi Johnson.
Lockport.—Rev. E. Whitman.
Lower Granville.—Brethren J. J. Ray, and Benj. Shalner.
Lower Stewiacke.—Bro. J. W. Stevens.
Milton, Queen's Co.—Rev. W. G. Parker, Brother Gilbert Kempton.
Mount Pleasant & Centreville.—Rev. E. Corey.
New Albany.—Benj. Miller, Lic.
Nictaux.—Rev. M. P. Freeman.
Truro.—Deacons Richard Upham, and Judson Walker.
Wilmot.—Rev. A. Cahoon.
Yarmouth 1st.—Rev. G. E. Day, Brethren H. C. Creed, Chas. Pinkney, and G. B. Titus.
Yarmouth Temple Church.—Rev. W. H. Porter, and Bro. Wm. Haley.
Nova Scotia Central Association.—Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Brethren B. W. C. Manning and S. Selden.
N. S. Eastern Association.—Brethren Wm. Faulkner, and Benj. Douglass.
N. S. Western Association.—Brethren Wm. Miller, and W. R. Duty.
In their own Right.—Revs. S. March, J. M. Parker, A. Chipman, Isa. Wallace, L. B. Gates, and Bro. G. J. Creed.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Revs. John Davis, and W. H. Warren. Visitors invited.—Rev. E. B. Eddy, Calais, Me.; Rev. R. D. Porter, Milltown, Me.; Rev. J. N. Murdoch, D. D., A. B. M. Union; Rev. Jno. Coombes, Boston; Rev. W. H. Beckwith.

The Committee of nomination comprised:—

Revs. Dr. Day, W. S. McKenzie, I. Wallace, T. H. Porter, I. E. Bill.

In the afternoon Rev. Dr. Cramp presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this convention assembled on the Anniversary of the massacre of the Protestants in Paris three hundred years ago this day—a massacre exceeding in horror all similar events recorded in history inasmuch as it was perpetrated in the name of religion and for the purpose of suppressing freedom of thought and action in things spiritual—takes this opportunity to express its abhorrence of the principles and spirit of Romanism which was embodied in that massacre;—regret that the adoption of principles closely resembling those of the church of Rome and therefore inimical to enlightened godliness by a large number of persons in Great Britain and many in North America;—gratitude for the occurrence of recent movements on the continent of Europe indicative of a revival of evangelical religion, and confidence in the grace and faithfulness of the Head of the Church who will at last consume that wicked one "with the Spirit of his mouth" and "destroy him with the brightness of his coming."

Unanimously adopted.

The Report on the State of the Denomination was read and adopted, and a resolution passed as follows:—

That the 1st day of January be set apart as a day of special Humiliation and Prayer.

It is most desirable that this appointment be generally observed, and appropriate arrangements made to bring before the brethren the facts calling it forth.

The Report of the Foreign Missionary Board was read by Rev. W. S. McKenzie the Secretary.

The time named for contributing to the support of Rev. Wm. George, under the direction of the American Baptist Missionary Union having expired, it was recommended, and subsequently the following resolution adopted, by the Convention:—

That the Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Board inform the American Baptist Missionary Union that on account of our being about to undertake an Independent Mission we cannot longer contribute to the support of Brother Wm. George.

The report stated that applications had been received from two young ladies for appointment in the mission work. It was also recommended that contributors to the support of native preachers transfer their beneficence to the general fund, so that the Board might be able to appropriate the same according to the necessities of the mission. Saturday evening was appropriated to a

PUBLIC MISSIONARY MEETING.

A large audience assembled and was addressed by Rev. Dr. Murdoch, Rev. W. S. McKenzie, and Rev. S. B. Kempton.

Dr. Murdoch said he would first of all perform a duty on the part of himself and his brethren, by tendering their most sincere thanks for the priceless gift this day bestowed on the Union in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. George. He regarded this as far above any contribution of money that could be presented. They had learned to value Bro. George and he was prepared to say that any other gifts such as those brethren, Crawley and George, would always be acceptable.

Dr. M. advised that in establishing an Independent Mission care should be taken to make it thoroughly independent and not an appendage to any other, with an appearance of independence. He had hoped to have received Mr. Carpenter's report of his visit to Siam before this. He was now on his way home, probably in California, and on his arrival would be able to give most valuable information respecting the field thought of by the Convention. He gave the assurance that anything the Union could do by their press and the experience of their brethren, would be most cheerfully placed at our disposal.

He thought we might find many and formidable difficulties, some at home, perhaps, in the differences of opinion of brethren, and others in the carrying forward the work; but he believed that a spirit of union and prayer would overcome them all. No favor will be shown by the A. B. M. Union to any spirit of disaffection, nor would even contributions be received with any pleasure from brethren who refused to join their brethren here in the great work before them.

If at any future time it should be found after fair trial impossible to proceed with the proposed Independent Mission, the Union would then welcome the brethren of these provinces to participate with them in their work. God had been their helper under

severest trials, and has removed all obstacles so that now an open door is formed in all the eastern countries. They had known the time when the prayer offered was "Lord open to us the door." The answer has been given in most marvellous ways so that now Japan and other countries are asking for the gospel, and all the barriers are broken down. Then the prayer was "Send forth laborers" and how remarkably has this been answered. Afterwards the prayer was for an outpouring of the Spirit and the conversion of men and women. This too has been heard in heaven and largely granted, until now, the Burmah Churches had formed their own Missionary Society and are almost wholly supporting the native preachers. They are also demanding schools, High Schools, and Colleges. These have been raised and largely supported by the native Christians themselves.

He here offered a high tribute to the great help rendered by the formation of Women's Aid Societies, and expressed the high hopes inspired by them. He described the work being carried on in Europe and the leadings of providence in their adopting the several stations. He exhorted the brethren to give toward the great object, not so much to a special appeal on behalf of some one place. A broad and enlarged view of the world's necessities should be taken, and efforts made accordingly.

Rev. W. S. McKenzie said he thought there was never before so much ground as now for hope in the work of missions. A deep feeling existed amongst the people in this matter and the pastors should cherish it and present its claims before their churches.

Rev. S. B. Kempton said he did not remember the day when he had not felt an interest in Missions. He had once heard Father Dimock state that on coming to the Association he heard a poor woman pray for Acadia College time and from that he had felt an assurance that that institution would be sustained. He also had heard expressions of deep interest in mission work among all classes of Christians, and he believed it to be work of God's Spirit, and it would go on and prosper.

The following memoranda may find here an appropriate place. The Auditors, brethren W. Faulkner and R. H. Phillips gave the total results of mission contributions of the year as follows:—

Interest	\$10,114 24
Total	117 00
Total Expenditure on all accounts	\$3,938 31
Balance in hand	6,292 93

On Lord's Day the various churches of St. Stephen, N. B., Calais, Maine, Milltown, &c., were supplied by the ministers of the Convention.

The Delegates were generously allowed to pass over the bridge connecting St. Stephen and Calais, and which unites the United States with British Territory, without paying the usual toll, during the whole session. Most friendly relations exist amongst the different denominations on both sides of the line and the two towns are as nearly as possible one community.

Monday morning was commenced by an early Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock, and at 8 past 8 an adjourned open meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College was held. At 10 o'clock Rev. Dr. Crawley preached the Convention Sermon from Acts xx, 38, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Rev. Dr. Cramp moved, and it was unanimously carried, that Dr. Crawley be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of his excellent discourse for publication. We were pleased to learn that Dr. Crawley subsequently promised to furnish the clerk with the same.

The Report of the Governors of Acadia College was read by Rev. S. W. DeBlois. It gave a detailed account of the proceedings at Acadia during the year. It stated that "Mr. Elder, professor of Natural Science, had tendered his resignation of the post so ably filled by him during the past three years. This resignation, your Board were compelled to accept."

The following resolution was adopted:—

That the Agency Committee be recommended to apply to Rev. I. E. Bill to undertake an agency for Acadia College.

Rev. I. E. Bill proposed a resolution offering a tribute of respect to the Hon. Judge Johnson, one of the Governors of the College, on his removal from

the provinces for a residence in Europe; which was unanimously adopted.

From the Treasurer's account it appears that \$1219 have been added to the Endowment Fund during the year.

The following resolution referring to the New Brunswick Common Schools was presented and after several warm-hearted speeches, was cordially received:—

Resolved, That the establishment of a non-sectarian system of Common School Education in N. B. is regarded by this Convention with great satisfaction, as the only system adapted to the wants of a mixed population, and in harmony with the principles of universal religious freedom; and that it is earnestly to be hoped that a similar system will be introduced and maintained in every Province of the Dominion.

After Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. Dr. Cramp, and others had spoken. T. H. Rand, Esq., being present was called on and stated that he had been greatly encouraged by the amount of public favor shown to the provisions of the law, and the earnest desire felt everywhere for improved educational advantages for the young.

Rev. Mr. Wilmarth of New Jersey wished to say that he was struck with the similarity of the spirit existing in N. B., with that in his own country, and the similarity of the opposition they had to encounter. He believed that education by the State should be free from sectarianism, and so common to all the people.

On Monday evening there was a

PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL MEETING of much interest. We are unable to give even a summary of all the speeches. That of Rev. Dr. Sawyer will supply the leading thoughts of the whole. He said:

The College has been organized for the last three years with five acting professors, who have given themselves earnestly and laboriously to the duties assigned to them. Omitting reference to my own department, I may say that I believe that there men are doing work that should be satisfactory to the body that appoints them, and that will favorably bear comparison with similar work in other institutions of the country. It has been our purpose to make Acadia worthy of the confidence of an intelligent and enterprising people. We are fully aware that we have not done all that could be desired—that we have not been all that might be desired; but possibly, if it had fallen to our lot to serve a people more widely distinguished by the grace of perfection, we might ourselves have attained to higher degrees of excellence.

A class of most worthy young men have been in attendance at the College. By diligent attention to study, they show their high appreciation of the privileges afforded them. With scarcely an exception, their moral character has been without reproach. They promise to repay to the country a hundred-fold all that you may do to give them improved means of education. It is gratifying to the friends of Acadia, that such has generally been the character of students in attendance there; and in some instances young men whose course has been marked by some deviation from rectitude have left the institution, they have seemed to be followed by some conservative influence which has generally brought them towards the path in which they should walk.

But while there is much in the history and present condition of Acadia that is gratifying, it is not yet what it should be. It must grow and continue to grow for generations to come. New and better dormitories are needed for the students. A new Building is needed at once for Library and Museum purposes, the present accommodations being quite unsatisfactory. Halls for other purposes will soon be called for. Wealthy men who wish to promote the interests of their country, should be studying these needs and preparing to meet them. Some of the departments of instruction are too large for the greatest efficiency, and must be divided. New departments must be created to meet the demands of the times, and we should be making provision for a larger number of laborers in the future. The Library must be greatly increased and a larger amount of the most improved apparatus is indispensable.

To accomplish all this will require large sums of money. We need \$30,000. to make the institution independent of the fluctuations of public opinion and enable it to carry on its work successfully on the present basis of organization. The Endowment should be pushed at once to \$100,000, and there should be a fixed purpose to accomplish the other objects as speedily as possible.

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