

word than during the year just passed. They do not, however consider this to be due wholly to the work of the past year, but to the work of the last few years as well.

On several of the fields aided, there is much to encourage. Dartmouth has taken a long step forward. A neat and commodious Meeting House has been built and nearly paid for, and many valuable members added to their number.

Tusket field long weakened by the existence of rival churches starts forth again a united people under the lead of an excellent brother.

At Port Medway a very serious and long standing difficulty has been removed and some added by baptism. Lower Stewiacke has provided for the debt on their new Meeting House, and the field has been better organized for work.

On the Margaree field an excellent work has been done. The church has been put in good repair. A new station has been opened at Baddeck, and a large number added by baptism. Sydney has enjoyed a gracious revival. About 50 have been added to her number. Revival blessings have also been experienced at Argyle, Annapolis, Shelburne, Parrsborough, and other fields.

P. E. ISLAND.

The work at Alberton, Cape Wolf and O'Leary has been seriously interfered with by the illness and subsequent removal of the missionary, Rev. E. B. Corey. Through the kindness of other Island pastors, considerable work was done on the field. A meeting House has been begun at O'Leary, which the brethren hope to have ready for use at the end of the year. The work at Belmont, Rustico, etc., under the charge of Rev. J. B. Woodland, is in a very encouraging condition; 25 have been baptized at the different stations and a church organized at Rustico. At Appion Road where Bro. M. Ross labored six weeks under the direction of your Board a Church has also been organized. In this connection we wish to make mention of the efficient labors of Bro. W. J. Fillmore, (Lic.) of the Charlottetown Church. To him, we believe, belongs the honor of beginning the work at both the places where these churches have been formed.

WORK AMONG THE FRENCH.

Your Board regret that they are not able to speak encouragingly of this Mission. In December last L. P. Rossier, M.D., son of Rev. Mr. Rossier, at one time teacher of the Grand Ligne Mission, was employed as an additional Missionary. He labored on the Yarmouth Co., part of the field for about 16 weeks, and then as the Board did not deem it wise to continue his services returned to the United States. Bro. Normandy has labored on throughout the year as usual. He preaches at six stations to small congregations composed of English and a few French; the mission church is largely English. His reports show a large number of visits made and tracts distributed. Your Board do not feel that this mission should be abandoned; but they are free to state that the prospects of success are not encouraging.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

The work in this department has been confined to supplying books for Sabbath Schools. The sales have amounted to about \$325. Your Board hope that the time is not far distant when the Denomination will have a Book Room fully equipped for this important part of our work.

FINANCE.

It has been the aim and hope of your Board to keep the expenditure within the income. The utmost care has been taken to examine the applications for aid, so that only those really needy should be assisted, and the grants to these have been put at the lowest figure. The work of the Secretaries and Treasurer, though by no means small, has been performed without cost to the Board. Repeated appeals have been made through the *Christian Messenger* and *Christian Visitor*, but notwithstanding we are compelled to report a deficiency of \$554.24.

CONCLUSION.

Your Board are more and more impressed with the importance of this work. By past neglect we have lost much and made the work of the present more difficult. Scores of weak churches need the fostering care of the H. M. Board, if they are to live and grow. New fields are opening on every hand, and the call for laborers is becoming louder and louder. The work now undertaken cannot be carried on through the coming year, without a large increase of the expenditure, and as sever-

al important points ought to be taken hold of as soon as suitable men can be found, \$7,000 is the lowest estimate for the year upon which we are now entering. Will not all who love the Lord Jesus Christ aid the brethren of the Board in securing this amount.

Signed in behalf of the Board,
A. COHOON, Cor. Sec.
Hebron, Aug. 13th, 1880.

Response, from Rev. Dr. Cramp.

To the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*
My dear Sir,—

The resolution respecting myself, passed at the recent meeting of our Convention, and reported in the current number of the *Messenger*, demands grateful acknowledgment. I thank the brethren heartily for their kind notice of my labours. Many pleasant hours have been spent at their meetings, and much satisfaction has been enjoyed in endeavouring to promote the prosperity of the denomination. I bless God for directing my steps to Nova Scotia, and for giving me a place in the affections of his people.

Allow me, in taking leave, to copy an apostolic strain;—"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind; live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." (2 Cor. xiii. 11).

Yours faithfully,

J. M. CRAMP.
Wolfville, Sept. 2, 1880.

HOME MISSIONS.

The H. M. Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on the second Monday in September. Fields desiring aid are requested to send their application in accordance with the following By-law:—

ART. 6.—Any Church asking for an appropriation from the Board must make a written request to the Secretary, containing information on the following points viz:—

1st, The number in the Church; 2nd, The extent and character of the community, and its prospect of growth; 3rd, The amount of salary they propose to pay; 4th, What part of it they pledged themselves to raise; 5th, The least sum that will suffice from the Board; 6th, The name of the minister in the field, or that they propose to call; 7th, What part of the time they wish his labours; 7th, Whether it is not practicable for them to unite with some other Church and thus support a pastor; 9th, Any other facts that may aid the Board to form a correct estimate of their condition and wants.

This is required of fields that have been receiving aid, as well as fields applying for the first time.

Labourers are needed for a number of interesting fields.

Address,

A. COHOON,
Cor. Sec'y.
Hebron, Yar. Co., Aug. 26th, 1880.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 8, 1880.

THE CONVENTION FINANCE SCHEME.

One of the most important subjects brought before the Convention was the report of the Finance Committee, composed of three brethren—one in each province, Rev. Dr. Day, for Nova Scotia; John March, Esq., for New Brunswick; Rev. D. G. McDonald, for P. E. Island—on what is called the Convention Scheme. The plan is to send all the moneys raised to the Commissioner of the Province in which they are raised, and he then to send them on to the different Boards. It was found that this had been but partially attended to, and as some of the moneys had been sent to the College Treasurer and some to the Foreign Mission Treasurer, it could not be ascertained exactly what had been raised, nor how near it had approached to the ONE DOLLAR PER MEMBER.

We have not been able to get the full copy of the Report, and if we had we could not present the large tables in our columns.

The whole amount received and divided among the different Benevolent Funds was,

Nova Scotia.....	\$6,812 57
New Brunswick.....	2,313 75
P. E. Island.....	482 53
Total	\$9,608 85

This gives the following result:—
Nova Scotia an average of 28 cents per member. New Brunswick an average of 18 cents per member. P. E. Island an average of 31 cents per member.

It was supposed that as this was the result of but a portion of the year's work in many of the churches, and as the plan had been but partially understood, and carried out, the amount raised was quite encouraging, and it was thought that next year might be looked forward to, as promising a nearer approach to the present aim—an average of a dollar per member.

The churches may expect shortly to hear from the Committee on this subject, and may thus begin early for the next year's report.

The reports show that some of the churches have exceeded the one dollar per member, and if the whole of the contributions from all the Nova Scotia Churches had been sent on to Rev. Dr. Day, he could have reported the average of each church, and many more would doubtless have exhibited more than the sum named.

"THE BAPTIST UNION OF CANADA."

We have received the programme of the so-called, "Baptist Union of Canada," which is to hold its first assembly in the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, October 20th. The primary object of this "Union," is the very laudable one of combining the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, into one Convention. Arrangements are made for meetings to be held on through the week to Saturday evening, and for preaching on Sunday. The programme goes into the most minute details. Every thing in the way of employment of the time is provided for, so that the machinery is about as complete as it can be made, and all that is needed is the speaking and the names of persons on Committees &c. Who is to lead the prayer meetings and preside at the other meetings is given, and in many cases who are to be the speakers on the several subjects under consideration. Indeed it looks almost as if the Union would run itself.

It would occupy too much of our space to give all these details, but, as a specimen, we may copy the appointments for Thursday, as follows:—

1.—9 a. m.—Union Prayer Meeting for one hour, led by Rev. W. K. Anderson, Lindsay. 2.—10 a. m.—The President or Vice-President having taken the chair, the Secretary of the Union will read the minutes, and the names of any representatives now present for the first time will be enrolled. 3.—The Annual Reports of Home Missionary Societies are to be read:—(1). That of Ontario by Secretary J. Denovan. (2). That of Quebec by Secretary A. H. Munro. (3). That of Manitoba by Secretary J. Torrance. (4). That of Grange Ligne by Secretary Theo. Lafleur, and (5). That of the Church Edifice Society by T. S. Shenston, Esq. 4.—Discussion on these subjects to be opened by the following brethren, viz: On Home Missions, Ontario, Rev. A. Slaght; on do, Quebec, A. A. Ayer, Esq.; on do, Manitoba, Rev. A. McDonald; on do, Grange Ligne, J. Richards, Esq.; on Church Edifice Society, Rev. John Alexander. The Union will adjourn at 12.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.30 p. m.—1. The Union having re-assembled, and the minutes of last session read, the discussion of the subjects begun in the morning will be resumed. The Union will adjourn at 6 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION, 8 p. m.—A Public Platform Meeting in the interests of Home Missions. (It is to be understood that "Home Missions" includes all the interests involved in the Reports read during this morning session.) *Chairman of Meeting*—Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. *Reading of Scriptures and Prayer*—Rev. Robt. Lennie. *Speakers*—Rev. Dr. Davidson, on Home Missions (Ontario and Manitoba); on Home Missions (Quebec), Rev. A. H. Munro; on Grange Ligne, Rev. Theo. Lafleur and Mr. J. Richards; on Church Edifice Society, Rev. B. F. Ashley, Woodstock.

It is not likely that the speeches will be as much "cut and dried" as the outline. These are but the bones of the figure which is to represent the "Union." The addresses and resolves will constitute the covering of flesh that is to give it variety, symmetry and beauty.

Saturday's programme is given as follows:

1.—9 a. m.—The Union will hold a Prayer Meeting for one hour, led by Rev. E. W. Dudson 2.—10 a. m.—A Ministerial Institute, when discussion on the subjects below will be opened by the following brethren: (1). What constitutes a Regular Baptist Church?—Rev. D. A. MacGregor. (2). What constitutes a regular Baptist Pastor?—Rev. J. P. McEwen. (3). Does Congregational Government involve Independency?—Rev. Wm. Stewart, D. D. (4). What is the proper constitution and legitimate power of Associations?—Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D. (5). What is the proper composition and power of Councils?—John Dryden, Esq., M. P. P. The discussion

of these and kindred subjects is to occupy all the afternoon and evening, if found necessary.

Although no appointment of delegates was made at our Convention, it is possible some one or more of its members may meet with our Western brethren.

Arrangements have been made for reduced rates on the railways of Ontario and Quebec.

DR. CRAMP'S HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST OF NOVA SCOTIA.—We copy the following from the *Canadian Baptist* of last week:

"We learn with pleasure that the venerable Dr. Cramp has announced that having been frequently requested to edit and publish 'The Menno Letters on Baptist History in Nova Scotia,' he has undertaken the task. These contain the records of our denomination in that province from the year 1760, and are expected to be of special interest."

We have received the Minutes of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Toronto Association of Baptist Churches held at Markham. It is a neatly printed pamphlet of 24 pages. This Association comprises seven churches of Toronto and sixteen other churches, in the country, comprising 2747 members. The additions to their membership last year was 165 by baptism, and 190 by letter. In the address of welcome by Rev. S. Tapscott, he mentioned that the Haldemand Association which preceded this, met in this place 33 years ago, and of the ministers then present four only remain: Rev. Dr. Cramp, himself, Dr. Davidson, and William Lacey.

It would seem by the following from the *Canadian Baptist*, that some parties had called in question the translation of the New Testament into Telugu by Rev. Dr. Jewett and Rev. A. V. Timpany:

"NOT FAULTEN."—Know all men by these presents that Dr. Jewett and I have not accepted any compromise of the "commission" in Matt., but have in our Telugu Matt. just published, used three imperatives and kept the order of the verbs as they are in the Greek. Have exactly translated "baptize," and have "into" the name &c.

Yours &c.,
A. V. TIMPANY.
July 12th, 1880.

A LITTLE BEHIND HAND.—The Toronto *Christian Helper* of August 26th, has the following paragraph:

"The Maritime Convention of the Baptist Church at St. John, N. B., will among other important subjects, consider the impending withdrawal of State aid from their College, and the steps to be taken in the premises."

The Convention was held on the 21st of August, and following days, and had no question before it respecting "State aid." Our Brother Bengough should seek information from more reliable sources. He knows better now, as he was with us at Hillsborough.

The *Helper* of Sept. 2nd, draws a contrast between the mode of operation by the Baptist brethren in the West, (Ontario) and our brethren here (the late Convention) which we hardly think can really exist. After remarking on the demand at our Convention for free discussion of all matters of business, the editor says:

"Such is the idea of Baptist independence as held by our brethren in the East. That their views on this point differ materially from those of many of the brethren here, is very evident to every one who has observed the proceedings at our Associations and Conventions. In the West there is a tendency to keep the people in ignorance of what is being done and planned. In the event of organic union being effected, either this policy must be changed, or the brethren in the East must be educated downwards, to the point where they will take what is given them, asking no questions."

The friends of Rev. Dr. Tupper will be sorry to learn—that he is disabled by an attack of paralysis, and cannot walk without assistance. A very brief note from our aged friend says: "I am submissive. Evidently I cannot expect (we think it is) much more."

There are fourteen Baptist Associations in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. The total number of baptisms in eleven of them reported this year is 1961.

REV. S. McC. BLACK has gone by invitation on a visit to the Liverpool Baptist Church.

A BRIEF LESSON FROM THE ANNAPOLIS MURDER.—When man undertakes to fight against God, the contest is a very unequal one, and the result, sooner or later, is certain. We have a remarkable illustration of this in some of the incidents connected with the fiendish murder committed last week in the county of Annapolis. The whole case is a terrible illustration of James i. 14, 15. The effort to conceal the crime is the very one which proclaims it all around. The smoke rises and becomes a swift witness against the murderer. The blood that was shed cries to heaven and speedily awakens the help of man, which the cries of the victim in her terrible sufferings could not reach. The fire which was intended to consume the mortal remains, and obliterate all chance of identification breaks asunder the solid rock and throws a portion of it over the face which prevents it being burned, and so preserves all the evidence required of it being the missing person. How full of instruction and warning are these incidents connected with this awful inhuman crime. "Verily He is a God that judgeth in the earth." Psalm lviii. 11.

The Church of England in Canada will hold the tenth Triennial Session of its Synod in Montreal this week. It comprises two Houses, an Upper and a Lower House; the Upper House consisting of their Lordships the Bishops of the various Dioceses, and the Lower House being made up of twelve clerical and twelve lay delegates from each Diocese, thus forming an assembly of 192 members.

Among other questions for consideration will be a proposition to meet alternately at Halifax, Fredericton, Toronto, and London, Ont.

On Sunday, the 12th inst., Bishop Binney, will preach a sermon before the Synod in Christ Church Cathedral.

We copy the following items from the *Canadian Baptist* of the 2nd inst: For unavoidable reasons the unveiling of the statue of the late Dr. Fyfe, will not take place next week, as anticipated. Of the time, due notice will be given.

We are glad to be able to state that Mrs. Wells, Lady Principal in the Institute, who has been so ill of fever, at Grimsby, is recovering. We hope soon to hear of her being able to take her position in Woodstock, where she is such a favorite.

Political battles are now mostly fought by the investment of capital in newspapers. The Toronto *Globe* has lately had a change made in its proprietorship. The following are reported as the principal stockholders:—Mr. Nelson, \$175,000; Taylor Bros., paper manufacturers, \$75,000; Hon. D. A. Smith, \$40,000; Hon. Mr. McMaster, \$10,000; Ald. Holland, \$7,000; H. H. Cook, M. P. P., \$2,000. Mrs. Brown also retains considerable stock.

THE REV. J. F. AVERY has removed from Göttingen Street, 248, to his new residence, Mizpah Cottage, Kempt Road.

REV. C. GOODSPEED has gone to Germany to take the benefit of its universities.

The Toronto *Canadian Baptist* suspended for a week that the editor might enjoy a visit to the seaside—a very sensible proceeding.

The North American Review (September) contains the initial paper by M. Charney on "The Ruins of Central America," illustrated from photographs, which aid materially in the study of the text. An expedition under the auspices of the American and French governments, of which M. Charney is in charge, is now operating in Central America, and the explorations are likely to create an interest more profound, and to be attended with more valuable archaeological results, even than came from the researches of Champollion in Egypt. They promise a new chapter in American history that shall establish the origin of the remarkable race of which nothing but splendid ruins were left when Columbus discovered the new world. Following this article is one on "The Perpetuity of Chinese Institutions," from the pen of St. Wells Williams. The writer has been a resident in China for many years, and is thoroughly conversant with the language, institutions, and social condition which he discusses. The Rev. Edward Everett Hale, contributes a paper upon "Insincerity in the Pulpit," that will hardly fail to draw some protests from his brother clergymen.