

The Christian Messenger.

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N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Baptist Churches in the Counties, east and north of Halifax County compose the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association. The Annual Session of this body commenced on Saturday last at Pugwash.

Having been appointed by the Central Association one of their delegates to the Eastern, we proceeded thence by Intercolonial Railway to Thompson Station, from which place we had a pleasant drive of 15 miles, the greater portion of which is through a beautiful fertile valley along the Pugwash river, that brings us to the town and harbor bearing the same euphonious name.

We found the Association in its afternoon sitting, reading the Letters from the Churches. This Association contains a large proportion of comparatively small Churches unable to sustain a pastor except by dividing his time between two or three churches. The letters from these were mostly of a sombre hue, with expressions of desire for a larger amount of prosperity. Additions had been made during the year to several of the larger churches—at Truro, Amherst, Onslow and others in Colchester County, but in others only a small number were added. The absence of any general revival was the subject of sorrow and discouragement experienced in several of the letters. A hope was cherished that the dearth would soon give place to a similar revival and outpouring of the Spirit of God to that experienced in former years.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

Moderator—Rev. C. H. Martell.

Secretaries—Revs. M. P. Freeman, and C. Haverstock.

Treasurer—W. H. Seaman.

Assistant Treasurer—R. N. Sibley.

After making arrangements for three times of meeting each day with a prayer meeting from 6 to 7 A. M., making four, the Committees were appointed on the several matters to be submitted to the body.

The letters were read by Rev. F. O. Weeks, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw and Rev. J. E. Goucher.

The appointments for the Sabbath were:

At Pugwash, morning, Rev. C. H. Martell; evening, Rev. F. O. Weeks. Meeting of young people in the afternoon conducted by Rev. J. E. Goucher. Addresses by S. Selden, W. J. Gates, Rev. J. R. Skinner and C. S. Stearns, Licentiate.

Pugwash, (Methodist), Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Wallace River—Rev. D. A. Steele and Rev. C. Haverstock.

Goose River—Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.

Centreville—Rev. E. B. Corey.

Rockley—Rev. A. Freeman.

Head of the Bay—Rev. G. F. Miles.

On Saturday evening a temperance meeting was held in the Temperance Hall; Rev. H. Bood occupied the chair. Speeches were made by Rev. F. O. Weeks, Rev. G. F. Miles and several others. The attendance was not large in consequence of no previous arrangement having been made, but the addresses were vigorous and lively, and showed that an active campaign on behalf of Prohibition may shortly be expected in Cumberland county.

In consequence of the absence of Rev. J. C. Spurr, the introductory sermon was preached on Monday morning by Rev. M. P. Freeman, from Phil. i. 5. Subject, "Gospel Fellowship," an able and timely presentation of the claims of the Gospel upon Christians.

The Circular Letter was written by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, subject, "Being rooted and grounded in the truth."

The writer was not present, but forwarded the letter by the hands of Rev. J. E. Goucher, the Moderator of last year.

On Monday afternoon the Educational report was read by Rev. C. H. Martell; good speeches were made by Revs. Martell, Steele, Woodland and Miles. The Sabbath School report was also read, and stirring speeches were delivered by Revs. T. B. Layton, W. B. Bradshaw and Ezra Layton, Esq. The Report on Denominational Literature was also presented at this session; and there was a public Missionary meeting held on Monday evening, at which interesting addresses were made to a large audience.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Having been appointed by the N. S. Central Baptist Association, one of the delegates to represent that body in the Prince Edward Island Association, we proceeded eastward on Friday morning to Pictou. The pouring rain made us thankful that we have now the accommodation of railway travelling. Although disappointed in not finding the other delegates appointed, we were pleased to have Rev. J. I. DeWolfe from the N. S. Western on a like errand. A number of Methodist ministers en route to their appointments, with a happy bridal party from Dartmouth, and a number of strangers, filled four or five cars to Truro. Branching off there, we passed on to New Glasgow, where the Cape Breton portion left us. Proceeding to Pictou Landing, we found the steamer *Prince of Wales* in readiness. We had but to step on board and were off for the Island. With this connection four days a week between Pictou and Charlottetown and another steamer from Shediac, N.B. to Summerside, the island people have nearly all that can be desired in summer time to relieve them from the isolation of their position. If the steamers ran daily it would be far better. The steamers too in all their arrangements are complete, equal to the best hotels.

ARRIVED AT CHARLOTTETOWN about 6 o'clock we were met by Rev. C. C. Burgess, pastor of the North River Church, and Alex. McKinlay, Esq., one of four or five brothers who have some of the best farms in the North River district, which is not surpassed by any part of this most fertile island. The rain having subsided, we greatly enjoyed the drive of seven miles and the renewal of a friendship of a quarter of a century. Although the soil here is perhaps equal to the best in the world for farming, yet it is far otherwise for road-making—the mud in Charlottetown and in the country, after the day's heavy rain, was something fearful.

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning THE ASSOCIATION COMMENCED with devotional exercises. The officers were elected as follows:

Moderator—Rev. C. C. Burgess.

Clerks—Rev. A. H. Lavers, and Bro. J. B. Leard.

Treasurer—Bro. N. Davies.

The Letters were read by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, W. B. Howatt, and Geo. McNeill. They showed 96 additions by baptism, by letter &c. 30, total 126, and over \$300 contributed to Benevolent objects.

Systematic Benevolence was introduced by an excellent report on that subject, and spoken to by Brethren W. B. Bradshaw, J. I. DeWolfe, A. Simpson, J. E. Masters, D. G. McDonald, W. B. Howatt, J. A. Gordon, I. C. Archibald, C. C. Burgess and others.

The following Brethren were appointed to preach on Lord's Day:

At North River, morning—Rev. D. G. McDonald—the Associational Sermon; and evening, Rev. A. H. Lavers.

At Charlottetown—Rev. J. I. DeWolfe and Rev. D. G. McDonald.

Do, Presbyterian—Rev. A. H. Lavers, and Rev. J. I. DeWolfe.

Do, Methodist—Rev. J. A. Gordon.

At other places within a radius of about 9 or 10 miles, Brethren I. C. Archibald, W. T. Fillmore, W. B. Hinson, R. Kinlay, E. B. Corey, E. N. Archibald, and C. T. Smith.

On Saturday evening an excellent Temperance discussion was held. Revs. W. B. Hinson, and J. A. Gordon were the first and principal speakers.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported that the writer named last year had gone to the United States, and that there was consequently no Letter prepared. The Committee therefore recommended that Bro. S. Selden be requested to prepare a Letter, and that it be read on Monday.

The form of Letter from the churches submitted by the Convention Committee for the purpose of securing uniformity of Church Statistics, was referred to a Committee of five. It was subsequently adopted with a slight amendment.

Letters were received from two new churches at—Dundas and Uigg, seeking union with the Association. They were favorably reported upon, and were received by the right hand of fellowship being given to delegates, Rev. W. B. Hinson, and I. McLeod.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following:

"Whereas, we have learned with pleasure that the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council have decided in favor of the legality of the Canada Temperance Act:

Therefore Resolved, That this Association would most strongly urge upon all the membership of our churches to aid in every honorable way those whose duty it is to enforce the said law.

A. SIMPSON, Chairman.

The Lord's Day was very stormy, so that but few of those appointed to the outstations were able to reach them, and many were prevented from attending the services at North River. Rev. D. G. McDonald preached the sermon from James v. 20, subject: "Incentives to effort for the salvation of souls."

In the evening the storm having somewhat subsided, a large congregation assembled for worship, and listened to an excellent sermon by Rev. A. H. Lavers. Addresses of much fervor and power were afterwards given by several brethren, leaving a deep impression on those present, which will not soon be forgotten.

On Monday morning after the routine business, Brother Selden read the Circular Letter he had prepared, subject—"Our Fellowship" which was cordially adopted with a hearty vote of thanks.

IN THE AFTERNOON

The Education report was presented by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw—an excellent paper well worthy of preservation.

Rev. D. G. McDonald spoke of the necessity and value of education to men and ministers, and shewed that the institutions at Horton were fully equal to supply what is wanted by us for the ministry, as well as for persons in every other department of life.

Rev. J. B. Woodland gave an excellent speech, and noted with regret the retirement of Dr. Schurman. Whilst he wished to make no unfavourable comparisons between him and the men who have stuck to us through the many years of devoted, self-denying labor, he thought we now felt five thousand times more the value of these men and the work they are doing.

Rev. E. N. Archibald referred to the expressions of our high estimate of secular learning. Baptists every where are seeking to promote higher education. Every State is seeking to secure for itself a denominational college. Acadia College is doing its work well, he gave a description of the several young men who had been at college with him 15 years ago, and the important positions they are now filling—a capital speech.

Rev. W. B. Henson said he did not know much about Acadia College, but he knew more to day than he had ever known before. He felt that the men who were there, were worthy of highest honor. Whilst there is a place for comparatively uneducated men, there is also a place and need for men of cultivated mind. If Paul had not been an educated man we should never have had the epistles he wrote. Education is needed for the few but it is needed also for the pulpit, or the pew will be but poorly filled. He gave several reasons why we should sustain Acadia College—first, because it is a Christian institution, secondly, because it is ours, and we need it, and cannot do without it. We need men, who not only understand our principles, but who grip the distinctive principles we hold.

The days of the reformation brought forth doctrine—the bones of our religion, salvation by faith was the great watchword. We have since then had the flesh—come to Jesus. We now need both bones and flesh. He had learned from the *Christian Messenger* to set a high estimate upon Acadia College, and hoped to know more of it.

Rev. J. I. DeWolfe and Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, spoke in the warmest terms of their Alma Mater, and much regretted that they had no special representative present. A letter representing the condition of the college was received by the latter, from Dr. Sawyer the following day, and portions of it read to the brethren present.

On Monday afternoon the Report on Denominational Literature, was read. Full consideration was given to the importance of providing books and papers setting forth our distinctive principles, and recommending that every family should have its own religious newspaper.

On Monday evening Missions were the principal subject of consideration. Rev. J. B. Woodland read the report. Rev. J. A. Gordon showed the relation of the Boards to the churches. It was not now an open question whether there should be Foreign or Home Missions. We have them, and must have them. He gave some graphic sketches of the work of the Home Mission Board, and said they had expended on the 24 fields in Nova Scotia \$2,070, and had received therefrom \$2,625. On the 17 fields in New Brunswick, there had been expended \$1,606, whilst they had received but \$470. On the six P. E. Island fields the amount expended was \$569, but the Board had received only \$92. The Missionaries were suffering from this tardiness, and were worthy of better treatment. This work he shewed to be the foundation of all the other operations of the body.

Rev. J. B. Woodland presented the claims of the Foreign Mission. He thought that besides the claims of the Telugus, there were new ones nearer home. In the West we have a country capable of sustaining a hundred millions of people. The Presbyterians and Methodists have had the courage to go and build meeting-houses and parsonages in

advance of the people. They have now fifty missionaries in the North-West Territories. In 25 years we shall see a great country, and children of to-day will then be the great controllers of thought and action. He believed we should at least send out two men into the North-West to work for Christ.

I. C. Archibald supplied a number of facts with regard to Missionary work, and the results that may be confidently expected to follow. He thought the fact that it required \$9,000 a year to sustain the present missions and two additional families, whereas \$6,000 is all that the Board is now receiving, a serious aspect of our affairs that called for serious consideration.

Rev. R. Kinlay and Rev. M. Ross, also spoke with much warmth on the need of earnestness in our Missionary work.

Tuesday morning was taken up by several minor matters—with respect to printing the Minutes, it was determined to hold them until it could be seen what the Convention would do, and then decide whether to publish them separate or not.

The total amount of contributions for the Convention Fund received from the Island Churches was \$737.45.

A silver watch was put into the collection at the Missionary meeting. An attempt was afterwards made to sell it, but on a suggestion being given that it be sent to the Convention, it was so determined.

The arrangements for next year were that the next Annual Session be held with the church at Summerside, the sermon by Rev. E. B. Corey, or Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, and that Rev. A. H. Lavers write the Circular Letter. The Session was closed by prayer offered by Deacon Warren.

Although the Session began under a literal cloud, it closed in bright sunshine, and all was clear and beautiful. Thus ended a pleasant succession of meetings, such as will be remembered for many days to come.

N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—The following are the resolutions passed by the Association, after we left Chester on Tuesday the 27th ult.:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this body be requested to appeal to the churches of this Association who have not sent money for Minutes this year, to raise the amount needed to pay for the Minutes, sending a circular to each church, informing them of the equitable amount asked from them.

Resolved, That the collection taken at this Association on Monday morning and evening, be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

The Report of the Committee on Obituaries was read by Dr. Armstrong discussed and adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to collect and file a copy of all the Minutes of this Association from 1869 to the present date.

The report of the Treasurer received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay over the funds to the Treasurers of each of the objects specified.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association be given to the Moderator, Clerks, and Treasurers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duty during the Session.

The Minutes of this Session were read and approved, and the Association adjourned by singing, the Doxology and with prayer by Rev. Joseph Murray—to meet with the 1st Cornwallis Baptist Church on the Saturday following the 20th of June, 1883.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Moderator.
M. W. BROWN, { Clerks.
D. O. PARKER, }

P. E. ISLAND W. M. AID SOCIETIES.

The Central Board of Women's Missionary Aid Societies of P. E. Island, held its Annual Meeting at North River, July 3rd, Representatives from nearly all the Societies were present.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises by the President, Mrs. E. N. Archibald; after which reports were read from the Societies at North River, Bedeque, Tryon, East Point, and Cavendish. Some of these Societies seem very active and earnest, and all seem determined to press forward in their special work for the spread of the Master's kingdom.

Contributions were received from other places where no society at present exists. The funds received amounted to \$110.

We then listened to very earnest and eloquent addresses from S. Selden, Esq., and Rev. J. A. Gordon—a delegation appointed by the Association at our request—which did much to cheer and enliven our meeting, and we trust that their stirring remarks may stimulate us

to greater effort and sacrifice for that Master, who for our sakes sacrificed His own self.

We much regret that the Societies at Charlottetown and Summerside have suspended their meetings. We trust they may again be revived, and that Societies may be formed in all our Island churches. Even the smallest and weakest ought to have their Mission Band of workers, who will not only give of their substance, but will also use their best endeavors to create a missionary spirit, and to diffuse missionary intelligence.

On behalf of the Board,
ADA J. HOOPER, Sec'y.

Our letter from France, last week gave us a series of graphic pictures of Paris, as it is to-day,—not from a religious stand-point, but from a street view. The really Christian portion of that city of folly occupies but a comparatively small space. The barriers are however being broken down that have so long closed up the doors of hope for the salvation of its people, and we trust that brighter moral views of its vast population may soon be opened. The following from a Baptist missionary in Paris, is one of the straws which show the motion of the current:

ASKING THE WAY.—I returned this week from Fontainebleau, having held a Conference, and made satisfactory visits there. A few souls are drawing near to the Kingdom of heaven. A depot-master of this neighborhood, a Catholic, asked me for information as to gospel baptism, and as to the conditions of entering the church. He is much occupied with these questions. He regrets being far from Paris, and so unable to be present every Sunday at our worship. I visit him and his family once in three months.

WITH respect to the article on Benevolent Funds, in our last, we may say that it was written by J. W. Barse, Esq., as Chairman of Committee, and sent to the N. S. Central Association, to be read there. We have since learned that it was presented, and extracts were read, and the clerk was instructed to request its publication in the *Messenger*; of these facts we had then no knowledge. We suppose it was improperly taken away from the Association by some person, and subsequently sent to us, without a line as to where it came from, or by whom it was written. We knew the hand writing, yet as it was without signature we had then no authority to give the name of the writer.

WESTERN N. B. ASSOCIATION.

The above Association met with the Baptist Church at Richmond, Tuesday, June 27th. The Rev. A. H. Hayward was appointed Moderator, Rev. A. Chipman, A. M., Clerk, and Bro. M. S. Hall, Treasurer. Rev. T. A. Blackadar, A. B., preached the Association sermon. It was a most excellent one. The letters of the churches indicated considerable progress made by them in numbers, spirituality and benevolence. Tuesday evening, Rev. T. Todd, preached a good sermon from the words: "He that winneth souls is wise." On Wednesday evening a public Missionary meeting was held in the interests of Foreign Missions. Addresses were made by Revs. A. Estabrooks, A. B., T. Todd, W. M. Edwards and others. A warm interest was manifested in our Telugu work and workers. The Committee on New Churches reported in substance that the Association appoint a committee of three judicious brethren, to meet in council with the Woodstock Baptist Church and the Albert St. Baptist Church, to endeavor to persuade the two churches to be reconciled to each other, which report was adopted.—Visitor.

CORRECTIONS.—In our last our types represented Dr. Higgins as saying that other members of the Faculty of Acadia College had had inducements of from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year. We need hardly say that the sums should have been \$1500 to \$2500.

The addition of "Rev. J. Grant" to the welcome paragraph from Dartmouth was very improperly made in our office. We hope our brother will accept this apology.

EPISCOPAL.—The Anglican Synod of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island met in this city last week. The Bishop's opening address was a very plain and forcible paper. He plead strongly for increased interest and support for the Educational, Missionary and other enterprises of the body. The withdrawal of a large part of the annual grant from England has curtailed and embarrassed the operations of the denomination. He saw insuperable obstacles in the way of consolidation in Collegiate education in this province. The wants of the denomination were fully and plainly placed before the Synod, and they were earnestly exhorted to increased zeal and effort in sustaining their denominational enterprises.

The Episcopal Church authorities in the Upper Provinces are discussing the question whether the Bishop of Fredericton, or Bishop of Montreal is entitled to be called the Metropolitan of Canada. Until the resignation of Bishop Oxendon, the Bishop of Montreal was the Metropolitan, but on the withdrawal of that clergyman from the country the title was conferred by the House of Bishops upon the oldest Bishop in Canada, His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton. The Montreal Synod is now of opinion that the Bishop of Montreal is, by virtue of the importance of his See, the chief dignitary of the church in the Dominion, and steps are to be taken to establish the right of his Lordship to the title.

POLITICAL.—The elections to the House of Commons, in Manitoba, have resulted in the return of three Ministerialists, one Opposition, and one independent member. A recount of ballots in Albert, N. B., has resulted in the return of Mr. Wallace, a Ministerialist, but this cannot be considered final, for it is not likely that alleged irregularities in some of the polling districts will ultimately deprive Mr. Rogers, who received the most votes, of his seat. We have seen it stated that Mr. McMillan, who was elected for South Huron by a large majority, is likely to retire in favor of Sir R. J. Cartwright, who will then be returned to Parliament. We trust that some arrangement may be made by which Sir Richard may have a seat in the House of Commons, as it is evident from the way in which he discussed the estimates and other financial matters in the last Parliament that he has familiarity with the details of the financial affairs of the Dominion possessed by few persons on either side of the House, which will make him a valuable member of the opposition.

THE SALVATION ARMY has lately had some experience in the English courts, and has come out of the fight victorious. A section of the army established themselves in the town of Weston-super-Mare, and, as usual, proceeded to drum up recruits by marching in procession through the streets. They met with violent opposition from an organization calling themselves the "Skeleton Army" which sought by every means to disturb and break up their gatherings. The result was a most disorderly and riotous proceeding in which the police were compelled to interfere. The magistrates therefore issued a notice prohibiting all processions and assemblies, calculated to create a disturbance of the public peace, a copy of which notice was duly served on Capt. Beatty, the leader of the Salvation Army. The following Sunday, May 26th, the Army formed in procession as usual, and there was gathered as they proceeded through the streets quite a tumultuous crowd. Their leader was ordered to stop and disband, and refusing, he was arrested as were also several other officers of the Army. The magistrates required them to find securities to keep the peace. Mr. Beatty and his comrades protested that they had not broken the peace, that they were guilty of no unlawful act, but that their enemies were the only offenders, and so they appealed to a higher court where they could get good law and justice administered.

The appeal came up before Judges Field and Cave in the Court of Queen's Bench on June 13th. The magistrates admitted that the leaders of the Army had not been guilty of any overt act of violence, but that they had been the