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THE BAPTIST YEAR BOOK OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES, 1883.—We have retained thus far from calling attention editorially to this pamphlet. We find that our contemporaries have made kind references to it. The editor of the *Wesleyan* says of it:—

A copy of the *Baptist Year Book* for the Maritime Provinces, for 1883, neatly published at the *Christian Messenger* office, has been laid on our table. After having glanced at it, a Methodist minister remarked, "That is something we should have." So say we. In this illustrated pamphlet of 160 pages, sold at only 10 cents, a Baptist, or anybody else for that matter, can get an answer to any question on Baptist work at home or abroad that can possibly be raised. If young Baptists will take the advice of the mother of Sir William Jones to her boy—"Read, William, and then you will know," a deep interest in the work of their Church will be the result. We commend the wisdom shown in the preparation of this volume. It merits reward.

The *Witness* remarks:—

The *Baptist Year Book* for 1883 is before us containing a great deal of interesting information about this influential and numerous body in the Maritime Provinces. It is very neatly printed at the *Messenger* Office.

The *Church Guardian* gives the following:—

We have received the *Baptist Year Book* of the Maritime Provinces for 1883. This work is worthy of imitation by those who get up Church publications of the kind, and its contents show that the Church may well emulate this denomination in its vigorous Home and Foreign Mission work and mission zeal. Our contemporary *The Christian Messenger* at whose office it was printed, is to be congratulated on the fine appearance of the book. It does the printers credit.

The *Christian Visitor*, of St. John, N. B. says:

The *Baptist Year Book* is at hand from the office of the *Christian Messenger*,—a snug book of 164 pages, comprising minutes of the Convention held in Halifax last August—with the reports and financial statements in detail of the Boards of Education; Foreign Missions; Home Missions; Ministerial Aid and Education. "Every page is filled with interesting matter; and no Baptist family should be without it."

Our brethren will accept our thanks for these kind and complimentary notices. The pamphlet contains a good likeness of John March, Esq., the President of the Convention. It has also well executed representations of Acadia College and McMaster Hall, and a map of India, supplied by J. March, Esq., showing the situation of our Foreign Mission stations, and all the statistical information of the Baptist churches and institutions in the Maritime Provinces. It may be obtained by sending 10 cents to the Baptist Book and Tract Depository, Halifax, N. S., or to Weeks & Powers, St. John, N. B.

The *Acadia Athenaeum*, October, has just made its appearance. B. A. Lockhart and J. A. Ford are the editors.

The list of the Faculty includes T. H. Rand, D. C. L., Professor of the Theory and Practice of Education; and E. W. Sawyer, A. B., Tutor in History.

Here is the apology of the editors for the late appearance of their College monthly:

Owing to a combination of unfavorable circumstances our staff of editors is no yet complete. The work of editing this number has therefore fallen upon two. This will account in part for the delay of the present issue.

This Students' monthly has the following respecting the College Faculty:

"During vacation important changes have been made in Acadia's staff of Professors. The first in order of time was the resignation of Professor Tufts, who yielded to the urgent request of Governors and others, and resumed the Principalship of Horton Academy. The subjects taught by Professor Tufts will for the present, be in charge of Mr. E. W. Sawyer, A. B., who is a graduate of Acadia and of Harvard, and has given special attention to these subjects."

"Dr. Welton accepts the chair of Hebrew in Toronto Baptist College, and will begin work there the present month."

"After the union with Toronto had been consummated the Governors resolved to establish a chair of the Principals and Practice of Education. T. H. Rand, D. C. L., Chief Superintendent of Education in New Brunswick, was unanimously nominated by the Senate and appointed by the Governors, as the first Professor in the new chair. Dr. Rand is so well known, and the newspapers have spoken so highly of his ability that but little need be said of him here. No one doubts his qualifications for the office he is to hold in Acadia. Something, however, may be said of the work he is expected to do. The objects of the chair may be summarized thus: (1.) To give a more general diffusion to educational doctrines. (2.) To promote the study of educational science. (3.) To teach the history of education. (4.) To fit students for the higher positions in the school service of the country. (5.) To promote the transformation of teaching from an occupation to a profession."

The study of the science and art of human education has an evident fitness for giving extent and completeness to a scientific and philosophical course of instruction. The utility of such knowledge appears when we recollect that every man, especially of the educated classes, must fulfil some educative function in the various relations of life, either as an individual or a citizen.

The following are items of interest from this monthly:

The Freshman class is one of the largest that ever entered Acadia College. It already numbers 24, and others are expected.

There are five bicycles at Chipman Hall, and the lithe forms of the riders are now seen rapidly gliding through the village. Several trips have been made to Kentville and Canning. This is evidently a very pleasant and a profitable mode of exercise.

The present order and management of the Academy presents a striking and agreeable contrast to that which characterized this department during last term. This year the Academy students, as a class, appear orderly and studious. Some of our College boys could profit by their example.

Miss Hattie Wallace who attended the Seminary last term has been studying Elocution for some months under Professor Marshall, of Boston. Since her return she has been added to the staff of teachers in Acadia Seminary. Miss Wallace evinces talent in this direction and will no doubt form an efficient instructor in Elocution.

"All Methodists should be interested in the expected events of 1884. The coming year will be an historic one."

This is the argument used by our Wesleyan brother to show that all the members of that body should read the *Wesleyan*. Our contemporary further states that:

"There are officials of our Church who do not get our paper! There are many, many hundreds of Methodist families that are posted on all secular topics, but who know nothing of the work of the Church whose name they bear!"

It is just possible that there are officials in some of our Baptist Churches also who do not get the *CHRISTIAN MESSENGER*, and who know very much less than they should of the work of the Baptist Churches at home and abroad. Dear Brethren, in the ministry. Do you know of such? If so, will you do us the favor, and them the kindness of showing them the great advantage it would be to them to have its weekly visits?

Dear Reader, Do you know of any families that would be benefitted by becoming subscribers? Have the kindness to show some of them the good they may secure by it, and how to get it, and you may thus do untold good.

OUR Pedobaptist brethren are very fond of talking about household baptism, and fancying that there is some strength given to the cause of Infant Baptism by mentioning the possibility of there having been infants in the households referred to. We found the following copied into the *Wesleyan* a week or two since:

Of the family of Lydia is declared, "And she was baptized, and her household." Of the jailer's family it is said, "And was baptized, he and all his." And the "household" of Stephanas was baptized. The term "household" includes all the children of the family. When the Bible speaks of a mother "looking well to the ways of her household," the term evidently includes "her children," who are said "to rise up and call her blessed."—*Raleigh Adv.*

It is pretty evident that the jailer's

family consisted of grown up persons capable of believing. We cannot certainly tell their names; that, however, is unnecessary. There is certainly not a particle of evidence that there were infants. It is said in Acts xvi. that Paul "spoke unto him (the jailer) the word of the Lord and to all that were in his house;" and further he (the jailer) "rejoiced, believing in God with all his house."

We once heard it stated that the youngest daughter of the Phillippian jailer was 19 years of age, and that her name was Rhoda, or Rose. On the speaker being asked for his authority for such a statement the reply was that it was the same as the authority for saying there were infants in the family.

We shall be glad to hear from all subscribers indebted to us without delay.

DARTMOUTH is making progress, and is likely to become growingly important as it increases in population and manufacturing industries. The Woodside Sugar Refinery is looming up, with its chimney of 170 feet in height. Another village will soon be found surrounding it. The bridge across the Narrows, it is said, will have four tracks of rails. Those on the outside for loading and the others for crossing.

The following items are of some interest to its people. The town of Dartmouth comprises 1,533 acres of land, divided into three Wards, as follows:

Ward	Valuation	Taxes
Ward 1	503 acres	
" 2	100 "	
" 3	930 "	

Dartmouth has 19½ miles of streets, as follows:

Ward	Valuation	Taxes
Ward 1	5	
" 2	100	
" 3	12	

The town has also 715 ratepayers:

Ward	Valuation	Taxes
Ward 1	244	
" 2	139	
" 3	332	

An effort is being made to give the Wards different boundaries, so as to more nearly equalize Wards 2 and 3. There is, however, greater similarity in the valuation and amount of taxation in Wards 1 and 3 than there is in the area or the length of the roads or streets. The assessment of Dartmouth for 1883 is at the rate of 95 cents per \$100.

THE office of Chief Superintendent of Schools in New Brunswick, vacated by Dr. Rand, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. William Crockett, principal of the Normal School at Fredericton. The telegram reporting this says "the appointment is popular, and the promotion well deserved. Mr. Crockett is a Scotchman, but has lived in this province the most of his life. He was educated in Edinburgh, and holds the honorary degree of A. M. from the New Brunswick University. He has been principal of the Normal School since its foundation, and more than any other man has contributed to the elevation of the teaching profession of New Brunswick. He is one of the examiners for degrees in the University, and supervisor of the Fredericton schools. He is in the prime of life, probably about fifty years of age, is energetic, genial, and a strong Presbyterian, taking an active interest in St. Paul's church in that city. His appointment will give very general satisfaction throughout the province, especially among the teachers. Most of them have received their training at his hands."

The place of Mr. Crockett has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Eldon Mullin, inspector of schools for York County. Mr. Mullin is an alumnus of the New Brunswick University, and is a native of Queens Co., N. B. His successor is Geo. W. Meserau, principal of Bathurst Grammar School, also a graduate of the University.

The *Visitor* has advocated the appointment of a Baptist to the Chief Superintendency, and named Mr. Oakes for the situation. It was reported that the office had been offered to two or three Methodists. Dr. Hopper's remonstrances against this were quite

distasteful to the *Wesleyan*, and some not very loving words have passed between our brothers the editors. It is very evident also that the two "Eds." of our St. John contemporary are not at one on the subject of Dr. Rand and his position in either N. B. or N. S.

OBSEVE.—We greatly need all the money due us to meet pressing demands.

EFFORTS have been made by our brethren in New Brunswick to enlist the Free Baptists, and to get them to unite in sustaining the St. John Baptist Academy. It was suggested to them at their late Conference that they might have one half of the number of Managing Directors from that body, and so have it as a joint institution. By this means the circle of its operations and influence would be materially enlarged, and the burden of sustaining it be greatly diminished.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Bill in the *Visitor*, and copied by the *Intelligencer*, favors still further union with the Free Baptists. Dr. B. thinks that in Missionary and Sabbath School work, and other forms of Christian labor, steps might be taken towards making the amalgamation complete. The *Intelligencer* looks at the matter with some reserve. "How far it might be practical and beneficial is not as yet quite clear, but with the cherishing of kind feelings the desirableness of the movement may become more apparent."

The *Intelligencer* remarks: "We may also suggest that the courting process may very profitably be engaged in. A mere flirtation—either just for the fun of the thing, or for the purpose of experiment without a definite, good object in view—would be wrong, and attended with harm to all concerned. For ourselves we should not be sorry to see the wooing go on."

PERSONALS.—We are glad to hear that Rev. A. H. Lavers has recovered from the severe illness he has been suffering from of late, and is again resuming his work at North River, P. E. I.

Rev. E. O. Read is, we are glad to learn, having his voice return to him, and is again able to preach with good acceptance.

Mr. A. C. Chute is in the city for a few days, and preached in Dartmouth on Sunday evening. He is recovered so that he expects shortly to return to Morgan Park, to finish his course of Theological study.

It is said that the Rev. Thomas Duncan, formerly of St. Andrew's Church in this city, who has lately been minister of North Merchiston Church, Edinburgh, is likely to return to Nova Scotia.

SUBSCRIBERS in arrears will much oblige by immediately sending on the amount due us.

WE have it from good authority that the report of last week's St. John *Telegraph* respecting the Mexican Silver Mine was not correct in several particulars; that the money invested from Kings Co., N. S., was very much less than the sum named, and that the mine has not collapsed.

THE operations of the Missioners in Halifax have been brought to a close, and may be calmly reviewed and enquiries made as to their results. The *Wesleyan* makes a very appropriate remark concerning the meetings held for women alone. The editor says:—"No one can doubt that such gatherings, addressed by some thoughtful, experienced lady, might be a great blessing. Her plain talk on some delicate subjects might do no harm. But no clergyman has a right to ask indiscriminately for answers to such questions as have been printed for distribution."

We think the ladies showed remarkable forbearance when they found that on assembling in St. George's Church they were lectured on the marriage service, and the necessity of considering the vows they had made to their husbands!!

The various churches of the city had the subject of confession and absolution before them on Sunday. Some clergymen of the Church of England took the opportunity to denounce the prac-

tice of private confession. Rev. Mr. Sampson, of Trinity Church, said, "This doctrine of auricular confession is a serpent of the deadliest kind," &c. Dr. Burns took for his text, "This man blasphemeth." The very charge brought against Christ when he forgave the sins of the palsied man. Rev. B. C. Borden took the cleansing of Naaman for his text, and showed the conditions on which alone God forgives sin.

MR. A. N. ARCHIBALD is still lingering, without any hopes being entertained of recovery.

MANY of our friends will be greatly surprised to hear of the death of D. Rupert Eaton, Esq., at Cornwallis on Tuesday last, after a very brief illness. He was buried the following day. There was a funeral service at Canard on Sunday morning, where he had long been one of the most devoted and useful members. He was greatly beloved and esteemed throughout the Baptist community, and wherever he was known. He had resided lately at Parrsboro.

A telegram from Rev. J. A. McLean informs us that "a Memorial Service was conducted there on Sunday last. The mourning on the pulpit, the inscription on the wall, 'In Memoriam. D. R. Eaton, aged fifty-five,' the sorrow of the crowded congregation, showed that an influential and good man had departed."

A very appropriate Obituary Notice came to hand just before our going to press. It will appear in our next.

WE are not accustomed to copy correspondence, published in another paper, and should not have done so under ordinary circumstances. But having acceded to the request to insert the letter of J. W. Barrs, Esq., and the replies of Dr. Saunders, we are, perhaps, under some obligation to listen to the request of Mr. W. L. Barrs, to reprint his letter, and have done so in our present issue. These letters are however all of too great length for newspaper correspondence at the present day. In offering this gentle criticism we would also suggest that the one by Dr. Saunders this week is considerably abbreviated, and is much improved thereby.

WE may here also add that the brethren who made the request for the publication of Dr. Saunders' letters wish it to be understood that they do not endorse what is irrelevant to the establishment of the new chair at Acadia College. He appends his own signature and is himself responsible for the whole.

"The Marquis of Lansdowne is known to be one of the best of Irish landlords," so says the *London Baptist* of Nov. 9.

ENCOURAGING.—We are glad to learn from some of our respected Agents that we may expect some additions to our list of subscribers of those who have been taking another paper. As soon as the subscription has expired, they will send on for their own provincial Baptist paper, THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

THE N. B. editor of the *Christian Visitor*, says in reference to the discussion on the new chair at Acadia College: "The end is not yet, but we wish it was; and, in explanation of his position, adds "Our Nova Scotia confere is a governor and committed to the action of the Board."

We beg to inform our N. B. brother that Dr. Saunders is not now a governor of Acadia College.

A large number of black fish and porpoises made their way into the Basin of Minas some two or three weeks ago and many got stranded on the banks of the Avon. It is said that about 300 were secured by different parties. Messrs. E. Churchill & Sons, at Hantsport, are said to have captured about 150 and extracted the oil from them. From 50 to 90 gallons of oil is obtained from each fish, which sells for about 75 cents a gallon. After the blubber was pulled off, most of the carcasses were allowed to go to sea, but Messrs. Churchill and some others wisely turned them into fertilizers for their land. Altogether, at least 15,000 GALLONS OF OIL must have been obtained from the 300 fish secured, which should yield a profit of about \$10,000. Quite a handsome return for a few days fishing in the inland waters of our province. A stray porpoise or two have from time to time found their way up into the waters of the Minas Basin in the recollection of the present inhabitants but never before has anything like this occurred.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

The Hospital collections in Halifax at the last announcement, amounted to \$1329.06.

The investigation into the discrepancies in the Auditors' office accounts are still slowly proceeding, without much appearance of what may possibly be the result.

It is understood that Mr. Gundry, of the Montreal Bank in Halifax, has been appointed manager of the bank of Montreal at Ottawa, in room of Mr. Drummond, who has resigned.

Dr. Honeyman acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions to the Provincial Museum:—

1 From the Prince of Mantua and Montserrat—a collection of gems, in the rough, and other minerals and fossils.

2 From the Rev. Mr. Robertson, missionary—a collection, comprising spears, arrows, bamboo pillows, an idol, vegetable products, a large bat from Aneiteum, an owl from Erromanga, the skin of an emu, and a large and beautiful coral.

3 From John Graham, Formosa—a collection of shells and fossils, mammals, molluscs and echini.

4 From Mr. Johnston, San Francisco—a very beautiful fossil fish.

On Sunday last James Hewson, a man about 45 years of age, an employee of Cunard & Co., was taking his dinner, and having put too large a piece of meat in his mouth, and attempting to swallow it, was choked. Efforts were made to relieve him, and a doctor sent for who removed the meat, but too late to save his life.

If people troubled with colds, would take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral before going to church or places of entertainment, they would avoid coughing, greatly to the comfort of both speakers and hearers. Public speakers and singers find that the Pectoral wonderfully increases the power and flexibility of the voice.

Dr. Rand made a short visit to Halifax on Thursday last, en route for Cornwallis to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law—D. Rupert Eaton, Esq. On arrival in Halifax he learned that it had been found necessary for the funeral to take place on the previous day, and that the more public funeral service would be on Sunday morning last.

On Friday morning a young man named Douglas Drysdale, while uncoupling two cars that were being shunted at Richmond Station, fell between them and was badly crushed, sustaining some serious wounds about his limbs and head. He will likely be confined to the house for some time. He is about twenty-one years of age.

A sad accident occurred at Murphy's Crossing near Antigonish, on Monday last, Allan McDonald was severely injured, and died on the following morning. A coronor's inquest was held and returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death through reckless driving, and that the railway officials were in no way to blame.

We take pleasure in recommending Hall's Hair Renewer to our readers. It restores gray hair to its youthful color, prevents baldness, makes the hair soft and glossy, does not stain the skin, and is altogether the best known remedy for all hair and scalp diseases.

Sir Charles Tupper will sail from Liverpool on the 27th of next month, arriving here shortly before the opening of parliament.

John A. McCallum has discovered a copper mine at Rawdon, which he expects to work at once.

The *Trades Journal* says it is rumored about Stellarton that an English company contemplates the erection of blast furnaces in that vicinity. The ore is to be brought from the East River and smelted at Stellarton.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla thoroughly cleanses the blood, stimulates the vital functions, and restores the health and strength. No one whose blood is impure can feel well. There is a weary, languid feeling, and often a sense of discouragement and despondency. Persons having this feeling should take Ayer's Sarsaparilla to purify and vitalize the blood.

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