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MARITIME CONVENTION OF UNITED BAPTISTS CLOSED

The United Baptist convention of the Maritime Provinces came to a close Tuesday night. Some of the delegates had left by night trains for their homes and the others departed this morning. A total registration of 250 was reported at the last session. In addition to the registered delegates there were others who brought the total to more than three hundred. The next meeting will be held in Wolfville in September of 1922.

Home Missions

A feature of the last session was the strong representation of Home Missions led by Rev. E. S. Mason. Six were on the platform and the remainder numbering twenty-one were in the front pews.

A most encouraging report on the Grande Ligne Mission in Quebec was read by Rev. E. Bosworth and was adopted.

Rev. L. J. Tingley read the scriptures and read in prayer.

Resolutions were passed expressing thanks to the Brunswick street Baptist church in which the sessions were held, the people of Fredericton and the choir of the church.

R. B. Wallace chairman of the Home Mission Board was the first speaker. He stated that forty eight fields had had continuous pastoral care. During the summer months twenty students occupied pastorless fields.

Rev. J. E. Gosline of Oromocto Village, a field which had lost its church in the fire which practically wiped out the community some years ago, spoke on the financing of a country field.

Rev. C. Riseborough pastor of Brookfield spoke on The Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

African Association

Rev. W. N. States pastor in the African Association spoke of what the Home Mission Board had done for the colored people. He took as his subject "The Gospel for My People". All the pastors of the African Association in attendance at the convention sang very beautifully two of the hymns used in their churches.

Rev. A. H. Saunders pastor at large spoke on the contribution of the Rural Church to the Kingdom of God.

The needs of the Home Mission Field were presented in a forceful manner by Rev. E. S. Mason.

The formal closing of the convention followed.

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Tuesday Afternoon

A busy session was held Tuesday afternoon a large number of reports being received and dealt with. In the devotional exercises Rev. Dr. Henry Alford Porter of Atlanta, Ga., gave his last address before the convention taking as his subject "He measured with a Golden Reed", Dr. J. W. Manning closed the service with prayer.

Social Service

Rev. A. J. Prosser presented the report of the Social Service Board, which was the first annual report. The Board stands for Child Welfare, Widow's Pensions, Removal of Vice, proper housing, proper domestic relations and temperance.

It was resolved that the Convention urgently request that copies of the resolutions be forwarded to the daily papers and to the Provincial Governments of the three Maritime Provinces.

The report stated, "Juvenile crime has increased three hundred per cent during the last twenty years. We recommend that the parents be warned that the dime novels are being duplicated in the questionable thrilling films at the movies, yet we recognize the educational value of the good clean picture."

"The Board asks for the confidence of the Convention in order that they may thoroughly investigate the advisability of participation with other bodies in the proposed Maritime Home for Women and if satisfied proceed with the work."

A resolution was carried by the convention, Resolved, whereas there is overlapping, that a committee be appointed to meet the committee of other churches with the purpose of cutting out such overlapping.

Maritime Home for Girls

The report on the Maritime Home for Girls at Truro was presented. The institution is carried on by four denominations and is for delinquents under sixteen years. Twenty one girls entered during the year and sixty one now are in the Home. The new building cost eighty thousand dollars and the loans are almost all returned, with but three exceptions girls out on parole have done well.

The report on Historical Records showed that all records are kept in a fire-proof portion of the institution at Wolfville.

Resolutions

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and adopted. The thanks of the convention for the convention was extended to Rev. Dr. Spidell and to Rev. Dr. Porter of Atlanta, Ga., for his leadership of the devotional services.

The Convention appreciates the work done by the New Brunswick Orphan's Home and recommends that the churches of New Brunswick set aside a Sunday on which to take up an offering. Sympathy is extended to similar work in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and similar support is asked for.

Unfavorable to Union

Union with other churches which do not recognize the standard of ordination of the Convention cannot be entertained.

The report of the Handbook Committee showed that copy had been prepared. Prices were quoted.

Western Missions

The Board of Western Missions reported through Rev. L. H. Cranfall. In spite of depression the year had been the best in the history of missions. The Forward Movement funds had strengthened the Boards hands.

The Peace River Country is opening up and there is need of men there. Manitoba reports show steady progress. Hungarian and Slavic work is progressing and the first Ukrainian girl is about ready to enter college. In Saskatchewan two closed churches have been reopened. The college at Brandon has had the best year in its history with Scandinavians the best students. The best workers in the Swedish churches are from Brandon. That province had fifty three languages and seventy three religions and creeds. New churches have been organized. Women who show special qualifications may be given permission to preach.

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