

after the adjournment of the Convention remarks: "The importance of the Convention never appeared in the light which it now presents. A Foreign Mission, the College, the Infirm Minister's fund in common; brethren in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are bound together by ties which I believe nothing can permanently sever."

Again, Mr. Daniel Palfrey formerly of Kent, England, as stated by the "Baptist Reporter," in a communication in that periodical, after the adjournment of the Convention wrote as follows: "The Baptist Convention of the three provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island, was held here in September, and it was decided to take the management and expenses of Acadia College entirely into their own hands, and not to take any government grant in future. But, as there was a debt upon the place, more than could be raised here, it was decided to send a Deputation to England and the United States, to ask for assistance."

This brother was not a Member of the Convention, but with his English feelings in regard to Legislative aid, he was a disinterested spectator, and this was his view of it.

One more testimony we submit: After the appearance of our editorial to which brother Crawley replies, a brother who was present through all the proceedings, an officer of the Convention, and certainly as likely from his duties there, to know what was done as any other one, immediately wrote to us as follows: "It is unfortunate that the editorial of the last *Christian Messenger* relative to the article in the *Banner* should have contained the misstatements which you have corrected in the *Visitor*; for they furnish what may be easily construed as you remark, into a confirmation of the allegations contained in that article. I cannot think that the inaccuracy was the result of any intention to make light of the doings of the Convention in respect to the College, although it does appear as though some of our brethren do not clearly understand the nature of those proceedings."

We presented the impressions of these brethren as a reason for declining to publish brother Crawley's communication, stating also to him this singular circumstance, that whilst many excellent brethren in Nova-Scotia, who were present at the meeting, and who could at once perceive if we misstated the doings of the Convention, read our account of them in the *Visitor*—such brethren for instance as the venerable President of the Convention, brother Burton, of Yarmouth, Dickie, of Liverpool, Chase, of Wolfville, Ring, of Bridgetown, Pray, of Digby, besides the New-Brunswick delegation; not one of these has a word of dissent to offer; several of them are familiar with the use of the pen, and are frequently corresponding for the public eye; and how comes it, that up to this day, after all that has transpired, not one of them sees occasion to correct us, and we must be left to fall under the correction of a brother whose best information must be second-hand, and whose statements as will appear to our readers from what we have now submitted, are but surmises which from some cause do not yield to facts.

We felt warranted to state in our editorial, that we believed the brethren in Nova-Scotia, when they came to consider the subject in their general meeting, would honourably and triumphantly sustain the Delegation and the Convention, not only from the character of those who were present at Bridgetown; but also from the fact that when the brethren met at Wolfville on the 20th February last, a Resolution setting aside the action of the Convention, drawn up by Dr. Crawley was submitted to them, and discussed, and though the *Messenger* stated it was adopted, yet we learned upon enquiry that it was not adopted, but upon motion of Professor Chipman was laid upon the table.

When the paper containing this misstatement reached the Deputation in London it just completed their confusion; for they had by dint of energy, and by the kindness of Rev. Mr. Galloway, just secured a retraction from Dr. Campbell; who, upon the remonstrance of the former gentleman, and upon perusing their credentials and the Minutes of the Convention, published as follows: "The documents referred to have been submitted to us, and are in our judgment perfectly satisfactory." We say they had just secured this concession when the *Messenger* reached them stating that a Resolution was adopted by the Education Society at Horton, which made all their credentials from the Convention and the Convention Resolutions a nullity.

Precipitated again from so unexpected a quarter into difficulty, they immediately wrote for the Committee appointed to superintend the agency to come to their relief. The portion of the Committee residing in New-Brunswick did so immediately; and by the next mail transmitted their view of the case, which recognised the propriety and consistency of their profession and action from the time they commenced in Liverpool to that date. The Nova-Scotia portion of the Committee declined doing so.

Brother Crawley in his reply on this point says: "We in Nova-Scotia think the English brethren are not in a position to understand the grant as it exists in these colonies, and that the true and only way of dealing with them is to kindly explain matters. If this does not prevail and the deputation in consequence fails, then I say let it fail."

This is now the attitude of the affair.—Brother Crawley says, "It is needless to say we cannot and shall not retain monies in England on one pretence, and monies in Nova-Scotia on another." He would also say, and we presume all others interested, we will not solicit contributions in England on one condition, and then appropriate them contrary to it. Our Deputation have solicited money from the very commencement on the condition that Acadia College was under the controul of the Convention for the Provinces, and that it was to be sustained by voluntary contributions purely. If we disavow their condition, we cannot honorably retain their collections. On this account, as soon as we learned that there was this misapprehension, which we never suspected till the meeting was called in February at Wolfville to accept Dr. Pryor's resignation, (for no protest had ever been made by the Education Society, nor by its Executive Committee, nor by any member of it after the publication of the Minutes;) we forwarded a protest to the Deputation, against sending any more money to the Treasurer till the question was settled. We were obliged to do this alone, which we very much regretted, because brother Robinson was away in Charlotte County, and brother Elder was in Fredericton. From that time to the last mail, what has been collected by the Deputation was deposited in the Bank in England on interest; last week however the brethren ventured to send over £200, but we have again recommended the Treasurer not to use the money till we learn how the question is to be decided, and whether we can honorably do so, that no brother in England may ever have it to say that he has been imposed upon by the Baptist Convention of the three Provinces.

In closing, we would simply remark, lest it might be inferred that we were urgent to exercise some controul in the affairs of Nova-Scotia, that we have never inferred from conversation with any brother in New-Brunswick, that he would regret the immediate re-consideration of the vote of the Convention, except as it might compromise our character in regard to these collections. We do not know of a brother who would choose that New-Brunswick should be connected in the support and management of the College. We only wish our Deputation to be exonerated from undeserved censure; and our friends in England to be satisfied in regard to the use of their bounty. The brethren in Nova-Scotia therefore need not anticipate the least feeling or influence from this side of the Bay to bias their action or to interfere with their wishes.

In regard to the castigation so genteelly inflicted by our brother upon us, under cover of "the years that have gathered upon his head," and his near approach to "a place among the aged brethren," we simply reply, as we did to him. The remarks in regard to Dr. Campbell were not made with the most remote expectation that he would ever see them or hear of them, but we considered it an important matter when he, as editor of the *British Banner*, and with the influence of his social position and honorary title endorsed the false representations of his correspondent in Nova-Scotia, that our readers and the people of the Province generally, might know what kind of a man he was, and what might be expected of him; and we gave, not a Baptist's report of him, nor an enemy's, but of the very respectable editors of the *New-York Independent*, Ministers of his own denomination, and if their idea of the man is correct, then it is not so disgraceful a thing after all for the Baptists of these Provinces to incur his censure; we however very gladly published in our next paper, his very acceptable but unexpected retraction, and his commendation of our Deputation. It was not therefore to gratify ill-will, or to irri-

tate that gentleman that we used the expression we did, but in defence of our Deputation and of the Convention.

It would have been very agreeable to us, and we doubt not to the Deputation and their friends generally, if our brother's age and experience had suggested the expediency of as careful a regard for our feelings, and as much "tenderness and forbearance" towards us, who were endeavouring to serve the denomination and the cause, as towards the foreign Doctor, who would thrust us through with a dart, and hang us up as scarecrows to the dis-senters of England.

Without stating all we have to present upon this subject, we close here, fearing we may have even now defeated our object with some by the length of our article; but, although the substance of this was bestowed in vain upon our brother after penning and before publishing his reply, we cannot but think, unless we strangely misjudge the cause and the candor of our brethren, that they will fully exonerate our beloved brethren of the Deputation, and will confess to what was actually done at Bridgetown, whether that act was in itself expedient or inexpedient, right or wrong; the question not being now whether it was a good move or a bad one, but WAS THERE SUCH A MOVE AS THE DEPUTATION ASSERT?

English Baptist Anniversaries.

These interesting anniversaries are reported at length in the *Christian Times* of April 26th. We have read the reports of the proceedings with great pleasure, and shall present extracts of the reports and speeches in coming papers.

The first to hold its Annual Meeting was the Home Missionary Society, in Finsbury Chapel, Monday evening (April 22.) W. H. Bond, Esq., R. N., in the chair. After prayer, and an interesting speech by the Chairman, Rev. S. J. Davis read the Report—detailing the steady and earnest efforts of the Missionaries and the satisfactory results of their labors.

The number of missionaries and grantees is 107, who are assisted in various ways by about 200 gratuitous fellow-helpers to the truth.—The Gospel is preached by them every week in upwards of 300 places, to about 23,000 people. There are 113 Sabbath Schools; 1154 Teachers; and 7600 Scholars. 539 persons were baptised, and added to the mission churches during the year.

From the Treasurer's Report it appeared that the Society had received during the year £4521 10s. 2d.; and had expended £4523 15s. 8d.

Rev. H. H. Dobney of Maidstone, Rev. Charles Stovel of London, Rev. N. Haycroft of Bristol, and Rev. J. Chown of Bradford, were the principal speakers upon the Resolutions.

On Tuesday evening the Annual Meeting of the Baptist Irish Society, was held in Finsbury Chapel; G. Foster, Esq., in the chair.

After singing and prayer, and some remarks by the Chairman, Mr. Williams, the newly appointed Secretary read the Report. A very important and a very sensible suggestion is given in the Report touching the aid which has been given by religious friends in the States to help in the emigration of Baptist members to America. This aid however has been at the very earnest solicitations of Baptist Ministers from Ireland who have traversed the States for that object, the hint is as follows:—"Your Committee hardly believe that it is a kindness to undermine our Churches by a continual drain upon them of generally not the poorest or worst off. If ever Ireland, is to be regenerated, it will not be by a steady and gradual removal of the salt of the earth. To aid the flight of those who constitute the nation's strength will never make the nation strong."

The returns from 14 Mission Churches (2 not having fully reported) shows a gross increase of 79 or an average of nearly 6 to each church. This worthy society strongly solicits more liberal help. Their income the past year has more than equalled their expenditure, but a debt of £1600 embarrasses them. Rev. W. Aveling of Kingsland, Rev. W. Robinson of Kettering, Rev. F. Trestrail, the former Secretary, and Hon. and Rev. B. W. Noel, were the speakers on this occasion.

On Wednesday evening the Annual Meeting of the Bible Translation Society was held at Park-street Chapel, Southwark. The chair was occupied by S. M. Peto, Esq., M. P., who addressed the meeting, after singing and prayer, after which the Rev. Dr. Steane proceeded to read the Report. As might be expected from his pen the Report was carefully and minutely drawn, that the doings of the Society might be

clearly comprehended. The progress of their printing in nine different languages was given. The receipts of the year from all sources were £1,774 12s. 11d. We are happy to see that our esteemed brother Bill, of Nova Scotia, addressed this meeting, whose remarks with those of the other speakers are reported in the *Christian Times*. We are glad to see him giving an account of Bible Translation by the Baptists on this side the Atlantic. Our American brethren, with whom we are associated in the work, appropriated to this object last year between £9000 and £10,000. The other speakers on this occasion were Rev. C. Birt, Rev. J. Burditt, Rev. Dr. Cox, Thomas Nicholson, Esq., and G. Low, Esq., F. R. S.

Meeting at Exeter Hall.

The aggregate Anniversary Meeting of the Baptist Missionary Society was held on Thursday in Exeter Hall, Alderman Callender of Manchester in the chair. The Hall was well filled on the occasion, every seat being occupied.

The meeting was opened by singing, after which Dr. Hoby offered prayer. After an interesting address by the Chairman, the Secretary, Rev. F. Trestrail, formerly of the Baptist Irish Society, who has been elected to supply the place of Dr. Angus, read the Annual Report. This Report gave the detail, first of the Field of Labour, then of the laborers, and lastly of the labors under the three divisions of 1. Translations; 2. Evangelization; 3. Education.

In reference to the Society's funds the Report remarks—The Committee commenced the financial year with a debt of £4946 17s. 10d., not including in that sum the balance of £1,554 14s. 1d. owing on the special grant to Jamaica. They are happy to state that this debt has not been increased. The income has exceeded the expenditure by £144 2s. 10d.; a result which is owing to a liberal donation of £200, by the senior Treasurer (Mr. Gurney) just previous to the closing of the accounts. But to keep the expenditure within the income, large reductions have been made. In India alone the expenditure has been reduced by £2,625: In Ceylon by nearly £200: In Africa by nearly £1000: In incidental and casual expenses about £150. In other respects the expenditure has been about the same as last year. The total receipts for all purposes as reported by S. M. Peto, Esq., M. P. amounted to £19,736. The absence of the honored senior Secretary, who was detained by continued indisposition, was much lamented.

The speeches at this meeting were, most of them at least, of a superior order, powerful in argument and deeply religious in tone, one of them by Rev. W. Farebrother (Missionary from China, and a Deputation from the London Missionary Society) we shall lay before our readers on the first opportunity that presents.

Rev. W. Walters, of Preston, Rev. J. J. Brown, of Reading, Rev. J. F. Newman, of Spotwood, J. L. Phillips, Esq., of Milksham, and the Hon. and Rev. B. W. Noel, were the other speakers.

The spiritual results of the Society's labors continue to be highly encouraging. In India especially the fields are white for the harvest. The addition to the Mission Churches there during the last two years have been greatly in excess of the additions made during the same space at any previous period. In alluding to the Missions of different Societies in India, Mr. Noel remarked in his speech, that "The Baptist Missions had been honorably distinguished hitherto. In the last few years nearly half the conversions to Christ which had taken place in Calcutta, and in Bengal, had been those which God had permitted the Baptist Missionaries to win to the Christian Church."

"He would mention the happy fact, that the prelates of the Established Church in that land were firm, honest and true disciples of their Saviour. Not only the Metropolitan in Calcutta, but the Bishops also in Madras and Bombay, earnestly desired to see the gospel of Christ triumphant."

This excellent address was received with great applause, when after appropriate services the Meeting separated.

We have abridged this account of the Meetings from the *Christian Times*, in which we shall now for successive weeks have reported the Anniversary Services of all the great religious societies of Great Britain. The New-York Anniversaries also commence this week. That of the American Baptist Missionary Union, will be held in Buffalo on the 16th.