

**The General Union Society of New Brunswick to the Baptist Convention, beg leave to report:**

That during the past year in deference to the opinion of some of our brethren in the Province, no Agency has been employed by the Board except a few weeks by Elder Joseph Crandal. The dependence of the Board has therefore been the free action of the Pastors and Churches.

The result appears to have been as follows: In the Eastern Association, out of thirty-eight churches, twelve only have contributed to the objects of the Union; with these twelve churches are connected nine of the ordained ministers, each of whom it is presumed contributed with their church to the Funds.—One other of the ordained ministers, distinct from any church, making in all ten out of twenty-six of the ordained ministers of the Association stand identified with these important movements.

In the Western Association, thirteen churches out of the thirty-six have contributed to our objects, and with these thirteen churches stand connected ten of the ordained ministers out of the twenty-three of the Association, two others also distinct from the Churches, which leaves the lamentable conclusion that but about one third of the Baptist churches of the province have contributed to the objects which are of so vital an interest to our denomination, and so creditable to christian character, and less than half of our ordained ministers have lent their influence and their contributions to encourage their churches. In the Eastern Association the amount contributed to the

Union Society has been	£36	3	2
To Foreign Missions,	1	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>£37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

In the Western Association the amount contributed to the Union Society has been £118 4 2½ To Foreign Missions, 71 4 9

<b>Total</b>	<b>£189</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11½</b>
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Of the £112 14 2½ collected in the Western Association, £36 17 6½ was gathered from six churches in Charlotte County by a combined agency of several Pastors who have recently presented these objects to the churches.

What we are thus compelled to submit as the result of the past year's collections only strengthens the conviction which the Board have uniformly cherished that an agency in behalf of these objects is indispensable, and that our Funds can never be suitably replenished but through the persevering and repeated labors of an enlightened and zealous agent, who shall be able to inform and persuade the Pastors and Churches with reference to our objects.

It is impossible for the Board to conceive how any one having the general cause of benevolence at heart, can in the face of such facts as the foregoing object to an Agency.

While but 22 out of 49 ordained ministers and 25 out of 74 churches show any disposition to move voluntarily in the work, the covetousness and indisposition of those who do not move may very probably object to an agency, not certainly for the withdrawal of its expense from the general Funds, because any tolerable agency would swell those Funds besides meeting the expense, but for fear of having an irresistible demand made upon them for their money, or an incontrovertible argument directed against their prejudices.

We still cherish the hope of better times. The developments of Divine Providence are combining so remarkably to illustrate Scripture precept, and to confirm Scripture promises, that none, who have a mind to see, will be left with any pretext for hesitancy in missionary effort. All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of the General Union of New Brunswick.

E. D. VERY, Secretary.

**Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings.**

The Committee on Union Societies and Quarterly Meetings, report,

That they view with increasing interest, the important benevolent efforts contemplated and embraced in this Convention. That to give them efficient support will require the united and persevering efforts of the whole denomination in the three Provinces, the Committee would earnestly recommend the continuance of the constant labours of a competent agent, assured that the Union Society, under the direction of a judicious Committee, and carried forward by an active agency, is the best means for

curating a steady increase of denominational funds, they would recommend that a suitable person be employed as speedily as possible to visit every Church where no Union Society exists, or where no efforts of any kind have been made, as well as where they do exist, if thought proper, not only to collect money, but also to explain with as much care as possible the principles upon which the Union Societies must depend, and that this Convention would earnestly request every Church in the denomination, however small, to bear an active part in the benevolent operations of the day, and to render the agent every possible assistance and encouragement in his arduous work.

Your Committee perceiving that great good has been done by Quarterly Meetings, would recommend their continuance in such localities as the brethren may find most convenient. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. BURTON, Chairman.

**Superannuated and Infirm Ministers' Fund.**

The Board for controlling the Funds for Superannuated Ministers in submitting their yearly report cannot refrain from expressing their heartfelt gratitude to God for the preservation of the lives and health of our beloved brethren, the Ministers of the Churches. During the year that has just expired, there was not any application for relief to the Board; nor has there been to our knowledge any deaths among our brethren, neither any sickness except such as would be expected to attend the infirmities of years. While we would ascribe the preservation of their health, and their support in other respects to the good hand of our God, we cannot but believe that the increased liberality and attention of the Churches towards their Pastors contributed largely to this.

We hope however that no one will infer from the present health and prosperity vouchsafed to our friends, that such a provision as the "Fund for Superannuated and Infirm Ministers" is an unnecessary one. The timely relief which it has already afforded to some who have been removed to their rest above during their last illness, the support imparted to others who are still labouring with success amongst us, while called on to pass through scenes of affliction, and the circumstances in which many of our Ministers would be placed if visited by similar providence, more than justify the necessity for the denomination to possess a small fund of this nature, from which the pressing wants of Christian Ministers could be supplied when all other sources failed.—Certainly no one professing the faith of Christ and that has, as a disciple of the Saviour, been reaping of the spiritual instruction of those who in many instances parted with their farms and other lucrative means of earthly support for the Gospel's sake, can withhold a small portion of his goods yearly from such, when either sickness or age prevent them from labour.

A. McDONALD, Secretary.

**The Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully submit the following Report:**

We are deeply impressed with the magnitude of the vast field of missionary labour in these Provinces. And while we pray that success may attend your efforts to save society in Pagan lands, and crown with the divine blessing your other philanthropic movements, we especially recommend to your favourable consideration the wants of the French, the Indians, and the sons of the deep. In the opinion of your Committee the state of our country is most favourable for the more general diffusion of light and truth. Hence it is to be hoped that measures may be immediately adopted commensurate with the redemption through faith in Jesus Christ of those tens of thousands of heathen at home.

E. N. HARRIS, Chairman.

**Sabbath Schools.**

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report,

That while they deplore the fact that so many of our Churches have as yet manifested so little interest in the religious training of the young, they, nevertheless are gratified to learn that the majority of the churches in connection with this Convention are putting forth worthy efforts to promote Sabbath School instruction.

We regard the circulation of the cheap religious reading afforded for the last few years through the agency of Elders Very and Chase as of incalculable benefit in securing both the attendance and instruction of the children, and we recommend to all Churches that have

not as yet availed themselves of these advantages in religious instruction to lose no time in procuring Sabbath School Libraries.

Your Committee state with pleasure that the Teachers in connection with some of the schools are in the habit of holding weekly meetings for the purpose of reviewing the lessons to be given on the ensuing Sabbath, and we would earnestly recommend to all Sabbath School Teachers the adoption of the same measure.

We would further recommend that as many of the Teachers as can afford the expense should receive a small periodical published by the American Sunday School Union, called the Sunday School Journal, which is conducted with much ability, and is particularly devoted to the instruction of the Teachers of Sabbath Schools; this is particularly necessary as the success of every school must depend on the efficiency of the Teachers.

The Youth's Penny Gazette, which your Committee are pleased to find has been successfully introduced into some of our Sabbath Schools, we regard as worthy a place in all, and especially recommend it to pupils to whose capacities it is admirably adapted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. McDONALD.

**The following Resolves were reported and adopted by the Convention, the first as submitted by the Committee to nominate officers, the second by Committee on Finance.**

1. The Committee report their opinion that it would secure greater regularity and efficiency were the Treasurers of the respective Boards to attend at every meeting of the Board for which they act; and that it would probably tend to the same end were the office in each case held by one individual only instead of being divided between two Provinces.

2. That previous to the publication of the several Treasurer's Reports, the Foreign Missionary Board be requested to instruct the Treasurer to pay immediately the balance due the American Baptist Missionary Union, and also to pay the Rev. R. E. Burpe the balance due him, and that as soon as the accounts can be thus adjusted so as to give a plain statement of the condition of our funds, the accounts be published in the *Christian Messenger*, and in the *Christian Visitor*, and recommend also that after this current year, that but one Treasurer be appointed for each Board, and that he be one who can conveniently be present at any meeting of such Board, and that special care be recommended in making investments, that it be so done that the funds can be made available at short notice, if not on demand.

**Acadia College.**

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society at its recent Annual Meeting at Nictaux adopted the following Resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, 1. That this Society gratefully acknowledges the kindness of the Baptists of New Brunswick, in voluntarily adopting, in connection with the Baptists of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Acadia College as the Collegiate Institution of the three Provinces, according to certain resolutions, passed at the last Session of the Convention and cheerfully concur in the arrangements then made for its future government and support; except as respects that regulation which requires an annual change in the governors, it being the opinion of this Society, and a condition on which this Resolution is passed, that it would be more conducive to the interest of the College that the change should not take place more frequently than every three years, and with the power of re-election.

Resolved, 2. That for carrying these arrangements into effect, this Society does hereby resign to the Convention its control and authority over Acadia College, and direct the Executive Committee to apply to the Legislature at its next Session, so to alter the Act of Incorporation that the government of the College may be legally transferred from the present Governors and Committee to such Governors and their successors as have been, and as may be agreed upon by the Convention, and that the Act may be made permanent, and be otherwise amended to suit the altered government of the College. But that due provision be made that the Baptist Education Society continue to retain their title to the real estate and buildings, until the debts and securities for which the Executive Committee, or any former member thereof, are or may be liable, shall be discharged, or the parties be relieved therefrom—on which event arrangements shall be made for settling the title in a manner suited to promote the interest of both the Academy and the College on just principles.

Therefore Resolved, 1. That this Convention does hereby confirm the transfer of Acadia College on the terms expressed in these two resolutions.

Resolved, 2. That the Convention do petition the Legislature of Nova Scotia to make the necessary alterations in the Act incorporating Acadia College and to give that Act permanency and that Hon. J. W. Johnston, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, and Dr. Simon Fitch, be a Committee to prepare and cause to be presented in the name of the Convention the

petition for that purpose and if they shall see occasion also to petition the Legislature of New Brunswick for extending to Acadia College and its graduates such privileges as may be reasonable and just.

Resolved, 3. That the following gentlemen form a Board of Governors of Acadia College together with the President of the College as an ex-officio members of the same.

Rev. Ingraham E. Bill; Hon. J. W. Johnston; Rev. William Burton; Hon. W. B. Kinnear; Rev. Samuel Robinson; Simon Fitch, M. D.; Rev. Charles Spurden; John W. Bars, Esq.; Rev. Edward D. Very; Stewart Freeman, Esq.; Rev. Abraham S. Hunt; Prof. I. L. Chipman; Caleb R. Bill, Esq.; William Stone, Esq.; James W. Nutting, Esq.; James R. Fitch, M. D.; Nathan S. Demill; Alexander McL. Seely.

Resolved, 4. That at the expiration of every three years six of the governors shall go out of office, subject however to re-election, and that an appointment of six be then made to complete the Board. But nothing in this resolution shall be held to controul or abridge the power of this Convention at its pleasure to remove any one or more of the governors and appoint others in their stead as occasion may make necessary.

J. W. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BROTHER VERY,—I am happy to inform you, and those interested in the welfare of our Institutions, that the sum of £2000, for Acadia College is now fully pledged. I shall remain in the city a few days, to collect the first instalments, and to receive the notes for the balance agreeably to the terms of subscription. The friends in this vicinity as well as in Nova Scotia have come nobly to the work; such generosity and intelligent action must command the respect of men, as it surely will the approbation of our Divine Master.

Your's &c., JOHN CHASE.  
St. John, Friday, A. M., Sept. 27.

**Extract of a Letter Received this Morning from the Colporteur.**

SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 26th, 1850.

DEAR BROTHER.—I arrived here last evening, having just returned from a visit to several of the Parishes situated on the river Saint John. I have only time to observe that I was much delighted both with the country and with the kindness and hospitality of its inhabitants. During my tour, I succeeded beyond my expectation in the prosecution of my work. I find the people generally desirous of purchasing religious books, and for the most part, I meet with the encouragement and co-operation of the brethren.

Next week, if all be well, I will bend my course towards Westmorland and Albert Counties.

I find the cause of religion still in a most flourishing state here. Since the commencement of the revival upwards of 60 have been baptized; the glorious work is extending.

Your's very truly,  
I. WALLACE.

**SHOCKING ACCIDENT.**—One day last week, the schooner Lark, Masters, bound for this port, was lying at Hantsport, seven miles from Kempt, N. S. A miserable leaky boat left Kempt, containing eleven passengers, among them six children, (to be put on board the Lark) and two boatmen. They had hardly got half a mile from the shore, when the boat filled and sunk. The six children and two boatmen were drowned. The mother of the children and four male passengers were saved—but in what manner, Capt. Masters, (our informant) did not learn. The boatmen's names were Brown and Spearing; the children were all of one family, and with their mother, were on their way to this City, to join their father, whose name is Ingham Macomber—a workman on some rail road in this city or vicinity—whom, up to the writing of these particulars, it has been impossible to find—and who will probably be first apprised of the dreadful death of his whole family of children by reading this article.—*Portland Argus.*

**COTTON CROP.**—The New Orleans Commercial Bulletin says, speaking of the estimates of the cotton factors, that some have put the production for the present year as low as 2,000,000, and others up as high as 2,400,000 bales. All of them, however, are mere estimates, for it is beyond the wit of man to predict, at this time, with any degree of correctness, what the result will be, as it will depend upon contingencies, which can neither be foreseen, promoted or prevented.

Father Mathew was to leave Little Rock for Memphis on the 17th ult. His health had much improved, and he intended to proceed to St. Louis and thence to other cities and towns of the West.