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**The Christian Visitor.**

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**To our Patrons.**

The HOMES of these Provinces require a Religious Newspaper, vigorous and healthy in its intellectual and moral influence. The FATHERS and MOTHERS and CHILDREN demand reading matter. Is the Christian Visitor what they want? Do they wish it given up, and its name and place removed from their homes? We know the response will be—NO. If it is to be continued, then its FRIENDS must be faithful to it. They must send in their names with a dollar and half bill, and at least one new subscriber. This would double our list and greatly encourage us, and this might easily, we are sure, be done.

To MINISTERS and DEACONS and their WIVES we would say.—The CHRISTIAN VISITOR especially belongs to you, and those over whom you watch. Will you help to sustain it by contributing for its pages? Will you see that proper efforts are made to extend its circulation among those over whom you have influence? To all our friends—we would express our thanks for past favours and encourage the hope that they will with one heart come to our help in sustaining this paper, which under God will be the promoter and safeguard of our Holy Religion.

We are obliged to omit several articles this week, with matter of our own, also, to lay before our readers the deeply interesting proceedings of the BIBLE UNION.

The Head Quarters has been issued this week in a new dress, and greatly enlarged. We sincerely wish the Editor and Publisher success in their important duties.

We heartily recommend all our readers who have not taken "Gleason's Pictorial" to do so. The Proprietor is determined to keep pace with the times.

We have just received a deeply interesting letter from A. Alward, Esq., of New York, on the Bible Union. He will see by to-day's No. why we do not publish it. His paper will be directed in future to the care of Dr. Charles W. Potman, New York University.

Elder Thomson intends, (D. V.) to do himself the pleasure of visiting the friends of the "Visitor" in Carleton County next week.

**Extracts from the Minutes of the Western Association of New-Brunswick.**

**MONDAY MORNING SESSION.**

Introductory Sermon by Elder I. E. Bill, from St. Matt. ix. 37, 38, "Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

The Moderator took the Chair. Prayer by Brother Thomas Magee.

Resolved, That Brother Bill be requested to publish his introductory sermon in the pages of the Christian Visitor.

The Committee read the Letters from the Churches.

Resolved, That the next Session of the Association be held in Fredericton.

Resolved, That Brother Thomas Magee preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Brother G. F. Miles be his alternate.

Resolved, That Brother Foshay write the Circular Letter.

Prayer by Brother Spurden. Adjourned.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Prayer by Brother Gould of Maine.

The Circular Letter prepared by Bro. Robinson was read and adopted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes, and also in the Christian Visitor.

The following Report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted.

The committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to Report, that having investigated the letters from the churches, find that eighteen report their schools, twenty-two in number, having one thousand four hundred and forty-three scholars, two hundred teachers, and three thousand and seventeen books in their libraries. We find in this examination that there are not as large a number of scholars reported this year as was last, but there are a number of churches who have not reported, which, if they had, would make the number much larger than on the past year. This presents an encouraging feature in Sabbath School operations; nevertheless, there is much yet to be done in this department of religious instruction. We would most faithfully urge upon our churches the absolute necessity of well organized Bible classes for the teachers and others disposed to attend, and that a more strenuous effort be still put forth by each one who loves the Saviour, for the furtherance of this universally approved of auxiliary to the church of Christ, and that it is of great importance that each church should send a statistical account of its schools to the Association. All of which is respectively submitted.

THOMAS TODD, Chairman.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows—

The committee on Foreign Missions Report, Whereas, we have been disappointed in not being able to send a Missionary to Burmah under the direction of our Foreign Missionary Board.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the Convention to select Australia as their Foreign Missionary Field, and that they send two or more missionaries to that inviting country with the least possible delay. WM. BURTON, Chairman.

Addresses by Brethren Robinson, Bill, Burton, Dr. Maclay, Rideout, Seelye, Miles, Ross, and Sime.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Union Societies reported.

An interesting discussion followed, in which several Brethren took part, and as there was a difference of opinion expressed upon the subject of the Report, it was referred back to the Committee for revision.

Prayer by Brother Burton. Adjourned.

**EVENING SESSION.**

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows.

The committee on Home Missions Report, that whole Counties numerous populated in this Province are destitute of Baptist preaching; churches are without pastors, or have an inadequate supply of ministerial labor. Your committee acknowledge with gratitude the success which has attended Missionary labor in our denomination, and cannot but feel that the time has come for increased effort in this department. They rejoice to learn that a society has been organized in St. John, designated the New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Society, and as the Eastern Association has committed its funds to the direction of this organization, they would respectfully recommend to this Association to adopt the same course, and as far as possible replenish its funds and extend its influence by forming auxiliaries, taking collections, and in any other way that may be adapted to accomplish so desirable an object.

In regard to the French Mission, your committee are happy to be able to report, that Brother Peter Knight has been labouring for the past year with commendable zeal for the spiritual instruction and salvation of the Acadian French, and they would beg to suggest that the Association cordially approve of the adoption of the French Mission by the New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Board, and they earnestly pray that Brother Knight may be increasingly successful in his work.

E. F. FOSHAY, Chairman.

The Report was sustained by stirring addresses from brethren Robinson, Maclay, Bill, Todd, Burton, Walker, Knight, and Ross. Adopted.

Resolved, That this Association recommend that the funds collected for the Gaelic Mission among the Roman Catholics of the Island of Cape Breton, be paid over to the Board of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Mission Society, and that they give £20 additional, making in all £40, upon the condition that the associations of Nova Scotia pay £60 to the same object.

Prayer by brother Gilpatrick. Adjourned.

**Extracts from the Minutes of the recent Convention at Nictaux, as published in the Christian Messenger.**

NICTAUX, Sept. 17th, 1853.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, convened to-day in the Baptist Chapel at Nic-

taux, N. S., at 2 o'clock, p. m. After an appropriate sermon preached by Rev. J. Davis, of Yarmouth, the meeting was called to order by the Rev. C. Tupper, and the Rev. Samuel Robinson, one of the Vice Presidents, was appointed to the Chair.

The Rev. Wm. Hall, the Secretary for N. S., being absent, the Rev. Geo. Armstrong was chosen Secretary pro tem. The names of Delegates were then announced and recorded.

The following Document was read and referred to the Committee on Temperance:—

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN NOW ASSEMBLED AT NICTAUX, IN CONVENTION.

SIRS,—We the undersigned in behalf of the Tee-total Abstinence Society in this place, beg leave to request, that you will be pleased to appoint a day to hold a public Temperance Meeting, during or at the close of your business, and give the public the earliest notice of such meeting.

We shall be happy to co-operate and assist in carrying out the same object.

WILLIAM RANDALL, Esq., President. SAMUEL C. LONGLEY, V. P.

COMMITTEE—Beniah Morse, Benjamin H Porter. Wilnot, Sept. 16, 1853.

**MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.**

The Introductory sermon, an interesting one,—was preached by the Rev. George F. Miles, of St. George's, N. B., from 1 Peter, v. : 10. Father Harding prayed, after which the Convention resumed business. The Report of the Governors of Acadia College was now read by Rev. I. E. Bill.

Father Harding at the request of the Convention offered thanks to God for the brightening prospects of Acadia College and for the union that exists in the Denomination.

On motion of the Rev. T. S. Harding, seconded by the Rev. W. G. Parker,

Resolved, That the Report now read be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes of this Convention.

The venerable mover delivered a thrilling speech on the blessings and advantages of sound education to ministers and people and our duty to maintain institutions of learning, and was most happily followed by the Rev. Dr. Maclay, Rev. J. Francis, Rev. J. Davis, Hon. J. W. Johnston, Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. Dr. Crawley and Rev. S. T. Rand. Motion passed.

The following Resolutions were passed:

1st. Resolved,—That in accordance with the Report now adopted, this Convention recommend that the Endowment fund be raised to at least £15,000, and that Dr. Crawley, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Simon Fitch, Rev. Samuel Robinson, Rev. I. E. Bill and A. McL. Seely, be a Committee to make arrangements for carrying this measure into effect.

2nd. That the same advantages shall be given to those subscribing £100 to the enlarged Endowment of sending a scholar free of Tuition fees for each hundred pounds; that the sums given, however, shall not be conditional on the completion of the Endowment but shall be absolute in each case, to be paid or secured between the present Convention and the next.

3rd. That it be referred to the above Committee to consider whether it would not be desirable to give the owners of Scholarships to the extent of £5000 the privilege of sending free scholars to either the College or the Academy at Horton or Fredericton, provided the Endowment be raised to £20,000.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Convention be held with the Brussels Street Church, in the City of St. John, N. B.

Resolved, 2nd, That Rev. S. N. Bentley, preach the introductory sermon, and that Rev. J. Davis be his alternate. Resolved, 3rd, That the Pastors and Deacons in St. John, Portland and vicinity be a Committee of arrangements. Resolved, 4th, That the Delegates and Ministers be requested to report themselves to this Committee at the Vestry of Brussels Street Church, so that a list of their names may be presented to the Convention without delay.

The Committee of Nomination reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to nominate officers of this Convention for the ensuing year, do now accordingly recommend that the existing officers be re-appointed with the following exceptions:—Bro. Geo. Armstrong as Secretary, instead of bro. Wm. Hall; bro. Dr. W. C. Dimock as a Director in lieu of Dr. Savers deceased, and Rev. Dr. Craw-

ley as a member of the Foreign Missionary Board in lieu of bro. Wm. Hall removed to too great a distance to act; also that brethren D. C. Landers, of N. S., and Richard E. Steves, of N. B., be the Treasurers of this Convention.

E. A. CRAWLEY, Chairman.

Adopted.

By the Act of Incorporation six of the 18 Governors of Acadia College are to retire every three years. Those who have retired this year as determined by lot are, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, Rev. C. Spurden, Rev. Geo. F. Miles, and Dr. James Fitch, all of New-Brunswick; and of those in Nova Scotia, J. W. Nutting and Stewart Freeman.

Messrs. Kinnear, Spurden, and Dr. James Fitch were re-elected by ballot as Governors for New-Brunswick.

Messrs. Nutting and Freeman were re-elected in the same way for Nova Scotia. Dr. Cramp having resigned the Presidency was elected as Governor of the College. But by a subsequent vote he was made ex officio Governor as Principal of the Theological Institute. Bro. J. W. Barrs resigned as Governor, but was requested by vote of the Convention to continue in office.

The Rev. Geo. F. Miles was declared by the Convention a Governor for New-Brunswick.

**TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.**

The Missionary Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Crawley, from 1 Cor. vi. 19, 20; after which the Convention resumed business. The Report on Union Societies was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee beg to state that inasmuch as Union Societies have been exceedingly useful, as a medium for raising funds for the benevolent objects of the denomination, they would therefore respectfully recommend the Churches to continue their efficient working until they discover and adopt a better method. Your Committee cannot but express the deep anxiety they feel on this subject, inasmuch as increased means are necessary in order to send the glorious Gospel to the destitute portions of these Provinces, Newfoundland, Magdalene Islands, the numerous fishing stations of the Colonies, as well as to those who dwell in the distant parts of our Globe.

Your Committee would further state that in their opinion the holding of Quarterly Meetings is calculated to facilitate all the noble objects connected with the furtherance of the cause of God.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN FRANCIS, Chairman.

Resolutions in relation to the employment of a vessel for missionary purposes around our Shores and the adjacent Islands introduced by Bro. Francis, and seconded and supported by the Hon. J. W. Johnston and others were referred to the following Committee.

Honble. J. W. Johnston, J. W. Barrs, J. Davis, E. A. Crawley, S. Robinson, I. E. Bill, J. Francis, Thos. Delong, S. T. Rand, and Z. Morton, who subsequently made the following Report:

This Committee deem the measure of a Missionary ship to be both practicable and highly expedient; but inasmuch as it would seem to be premature to act without further information on so new and untried measure, this Committee recommend that the following persons be requested to act as Committees of enquiry in their respective localities to ascertain the expense that would attend such effort, the cost of a suitable vessel and of her maintenance from time to time, &c., &c., and to forward the result of their enquiries and any other suggestions to the Committee in Halifax, who shall be requested to embody and publish the same in the Messenger and the Visitor.

For Halifax—Hon. J. W. Johnston, John Whitman and Rev. Richard McDearn.

For Liverpool—J. W. Jacobs, Thos. R. Patillo, and Rev. S. N. Bentley.

For Yarmouth—Samuel Brown, Joseph Shaw, and Rev. J. Davis.

For Saint John—N. S. Demill, A. McL. Seely, and Rev. S. Robinson.

Report adopted. E. A. CRAWLEY, Chairman.

Committee on Religious Periodicals and Colportage reported as follows:

That there be tendered to the esteemed Editors of our Religious Periodicals a grateful acknowledgement of the obligations due to them by this Convention, for the able, indefatigable, and highly beneficial manner in which they have continued to conduct their respective Papers; as also an expression of approval of the course which they have publicly signified a readiness to adopt;—rejecting all anonymous communications that contain injurious reflections either upon individuals or collective bodies. Likewise, that it be strongly recommended to all our friends to sustain these truly valuable Periodicals, especially each in its respective sphere, to the utmost of their power.

Your Committee heartily approve of the system of Colportage, as being exceedingly serviceable on many accounts, and earnestly desire and request that it may be generally fostered and encouraged. Report adopted. CHAS. TUPPER, Chairman.