

REPORTS

Of the Eastern New-Brunswick Baptist Association, held at Hillsborough, N. B., July 9th, 11th, and 12th, 1853.

The Committee on Colportage submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

They are most happy to learn that Brethren Mutch and Moore, who have been travelling as Colporteurs somewhat extensively during the past year, have been successful in this department of Christian labour; and they most cordially recommend this enterprise as one that is adapted to do great good.

It is proper that the friends of this cause should know that in extending to the Colporteurs, as they traverse the Country, their hospitality, they are aiding an object in which the diffusion of useful and evangelical knowledge is deeply involved.

Respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Letters from New Churches submitted their Report which was adopted:

The Committee on New Churches beg leave to Report, that they have examined five letters from different Churches, and would recommend the reading of these letters, and the reception of these Churches as members of the Eastern Association of New Brunswick, under the names of Second Hillsborough, Kingston, Shediac, Point Monash, and Second Johnston Churches: and pray that the little one may become a thousand amongst these dear brethren that are casting in their lot amongst us, and the small one a strong nation, and that He who is the desire of all nations may grant it in his own appointed time.

WELLINGTON JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Missions submitted their Report, which was adopted:

They regret to learn that Brother Arthur Crawley has resigned his connection with our Society, in order to enter into the service of the American Missionary Union. They trust, nevertheless, that a friendly connection will continue to be maintained between Brother Crawley and the Churches in these Provinces, and that the accounts of his Missionary labours, which may from time to time be published, will tend to perpetuate sympathy and affection; and they pray that he may be abundantly blessed in all his efforts for the salvation of the heathen.

With regard to the Funds contributed for Foreign Missions, the Committee advise the Association to recommend that they be retained in the Treasurer's hands, till Providence shall point out some way in which they may be beneficially employed, whether in sending Missionaries to British India, to Australia, or other Colonial possessions of Great Britain, or elsewhere.

The Home Mission field daily assumes increasing importance. Large districts in this Province are entirely destitute of evangelical labour in connection with our Denomination, while their inhabitants are prepared to receive our Ministers, and are desirous of enjoying the benefits of their ministrations. Other districts, in which Churches are already formed, are very inadequately supplied with the means of grace. Your Committee rejoice in the success which has for years past attended Home Missionary operations. They think, however, that the time is come for more fully organised and extensive effort. Entertaining these views, they contemplate, with much satisfaction the recent formation of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society; and they take the liberty to suggest whether it may not be expedient and advantageous for the Association to commit its Home Missionary Funds to the management of that Society, to recommend the formation of Auxiliaries within the limits of the Association, and to aid its operations by the establishment of Corresponding Committees, and in any other way that may be deemed advisable.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that Brother Knight has laboured among the Acadian French during the past year with commendable assiduity. It is hoped that success will crown this endeavour, and that before long we shall have to welcome converts from Antichristian error and superstition to the true faith.

They would beg to suggest further, that the French Mission be taken under the special supervision of the New Brunswick Baptist

Home Missionary Board, and be sustained by its Funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

The Report was sustained by able addresses from Brethren Cramp, Robinson, Thomson, Bill, Crandal, Brother Duval, Brother Knight, Missionary to the French, and Brother Miles. After which upwards of £8 was collected in aid of the New Brunswick Domestic Missionary Society.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor submitted their Report, which was adopted, and followed by remarks upon the value of the Visitor, by Brethren Spurden, Cramp, Scott, and Robinson.

The Committee on the Christian Visitor beg leave to report:

The Committee learn with regret that the sum of £442 8s. 1d., remains due from the denomination to the Committee appointed to conduct the Visitor, before it came into the hands of the present Proprietors, of which sum £216 1s. 1d. is due the Estate of our late esteemed Brother Very, and that sum must be paid to prevent the sale of the property of the widow and children.

The balance of £226 7s. will probably be met by the subscriptions unsettled.

The Committee recommend for the purpose of raising the above sum due the Estate of our deceased brother, that the Committee nominated by the Association to conduct the Paper, be empowered to distribute the burden on the Churches in this Association, according to their relative ability, and thus raise their proportion of the amount required. Those Brethren who had charge of the Paper finding it impossible to conduct it without involving the denomination in fresh debts, as was proved by a six months trial, deemed it expedient to transfer the Visitor to the present Editors.

The great importance of possessing a denominational Paper like the Christian Visitor cannot be too highly appreciated, if it be remembered that the periodical press must always exert a powerful influence. In reviewing the history of the Visitor during the past year, they think it would be an act of injustice to the present esteemed Editors, to withhold the tribute of their approbation and thanks for the effective manner in which they have discharged the onerous duties of the new and difficult position in which they have been placed.

They would heartily commend the interests of the Paper to the sympathy of the Brethren, and strenuously urge upon them the duty of united exertion for its circulation and support.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES SPURDEN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Collegiate Education submitted their Report, which was received.

On the subject of Collegiate Education, the Committee do not think it necessary to present a lengthened report, since full information has been recently furnished in the columns of the *Christian Visitor*, relative to the progress and present state of Acadia College.

The success of the endowment enterprise has surpassed general expectation. About nine thousand pounds being now secured, the accomplishment of the object may be regarded as certain, and Acadia College may be contemplated as a permanent Institution. The friends of education cannot but rejoice in a result so encouraging. It is a triumphant manifestation of the power of the voluntary principle, and a pleasing proof of the high value set upon intellectual advancement in these Provinces.

The Committee are informed that negotiations are going on with several persons with the view to the appointment of a full staff of Professors. When this object is attained, and some desirable additions have been made to the Library and the Philosophical apparatus, the Institution will be placed in good working order, and the number of students will no doubt quickly increase.

The Committee hope that the liberally disposed will continue to found scholarships, or otherwise to enlarge the funds of the College, in order that the increased income thence arising may enable the Governors to establish additional Professorships, particularly in Agricultural Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Natural History and Geology, and Modern Languages, all of which are greatly needed.

The recent arrangements made for the in-

struction of Theological Students are generally regarded, the Committee understand, with entire satisfaction.

It is respectfully requested that the friends of the College will encourage and aid young men who are desirous of availing themselves of its advantages, whether with reference to the full College course, or to any separate branches of instruction.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

The Committee to prepare a Memorial to departed Brethren, submitted their Report, which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial in reference to departed Brethren, beg to report as follows:

It has pleased God to remove from us, during the past year, our beloved Brother Burpe, late Missionary to Burmah. He died at Jacksonville, Florida, February 26th last, enjoying to the latest moment of his earthly existence, the blessedness of faith and hope. By his affectionate disposition, his humble bearing, his consistent deportment, and, above all, by his earnest piety, he had become greatly endeared to all his brethren. They glorified the grace of God in him. And they rejoiced, that though his Missionary life was short, and his labours in the Foreign field much interrupted by bodily indisposition and other causes, encouraging success crowned the efforts he was permitted to employ. Some now in heaven, and some who are still on earth were converted to God by his instrumentality. Thus the seal of divine approbation has been placed on our Foreign Missionary enterprise; and it is peculiarly gratifying to the Churches of New Brunswick to reflect that one of themselves was the first Missionary to the heathen from the British Colonies of North America.

The friends of the Missionary Society will deeply sympathise with the afflicted widow and children of the departed Missionary, and such provision will doubtless be made for their support as Christian kindness will dictate.

Another servant of God has also fallen asleep since the last meeting of this Association, who, though not exclusively identified with New Brunswick, laboured often and diligently in the Province, preaching the Gospel of Christ. Brother David Harris proclaimed the great salvation during the space of forty years, and was instrumental in turning many to the Lord. He has finished his course, having kept the faith, and his spirit has joined kindred spirits before the Throne of God and the Lamb.

Our brethren in Nova Scotia lament the loss of Brother Park, late Pastor of the Church at Nictaux, and of Dr. Sawers, of Halifax, a member of the Church in Granville-street, highly esteemed and honored by all who knew him, and whose labours in connection with the introduction and establishment of the Union Society system will be long remembered.

These dispensations are admonitory to all. They warn us to be ready for the last summons. It may come when least expected. May we be habitually prepared!

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

The following Resolution was then read and unanimously accepted:

Resolved, That all Christian efforts to ameliorate the condition of Sailors are deserving of approval and encouragement; and that the Sailors' Home, recently established in the City of St. John, is a useful Institution, which merits the sympathy and benevolent regard of the Churches composing the Association, and, moreover, that our Brother Elder E. N. Harris, is entitled to the thanks of the Churches for the interest he has manifested in the matter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. THOMSON, A. M.

The Committee on Union Societies submitted their Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Union Societies beg leave to Report, that your Committee, aware of the real value of Union Societies if efficiently worked, deeply regret that at present they are nearly in a state of prostration. Believing that they can only be revived by a prudent travelling agency, would recommend that as soon as practicable a judicious agent, whose services may be obtained for a moderate remuneration, be employed to visit the Churches comprising this Association, in order to establish and revive Union Societies as extensively as possible. Also recommend that Quarterly

Meetings be held in different localities, and that at said meetings the claims of the Union be advanced; and your Committee would urgently request the co-operation of all Pastors, Deacons, and Brethren, to advance this good work to the utmost of their power. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. COLEMAN.

The Committee on the Bible Question presented their Report, which was adopted.

The duty of circulating the Holy Scriptures is so manifest, that the Committee on the Bible Question refrain from any argument or exhortation. The members of this Association do not need to be reminded that the Book of God was written for all nations, and that it ought to be fully and faithfully translated into all languages. The Institutions by means of which these objects may be secured demand liberal support. Let not the Baptists of New Brunswick be backward in so noble an enterprise. Let them exert themselves to their utmost power, to give the word of truth, in all languages, to all lands.

JOSEPH CRANDAL.

Rebellion in China.

The Chinese Empire is now the theatre of a rebellion, embracing, at present, it is believed, a majority of its three hundred millions—a number equal to one-third of the population of the globe.

Very little doubt exists that the Tartar dynasty—the present government—will be overthrown, and with it will go the barriers to a free intercourse of the Celestials with all the nations of the earth.

When once China is open to the world, changes in her whole character, policy, and religion must follow; especially under a Government desirous to introduce a religion approaching to the religion of the Bible.

The *British Banner*, of May, has a long article full of interest on the bearing of this "great rebellion" upon Christian missions; and its editor is inspired with great zeal, calling upon British Christians to prepare to flood China with Bibles, and to give hundreds or thousands of missionaries to teach the people the gospel of Christ.

Rev. Dr. Medhurst, of Shanghai, has transmitted a curious document, (translated by him) entitled "A Religious Proclamation," issued by two leaders of the insurgent Chinese forces. It is supposed that the writer has been a member of Gutzlaff's Christian Union, though it is not thought that Gutzlaff, in his lifetime, had any share in exciting the present movement. It may be, however, that some of his pupils have not been simply observers of the preparations for the great change now being effected.—*N. Y. Recorder.*

PROCLAMATION.

"Yang, entitled the Eastern King, and General-in-Chief, with Seou, entitled the Western King, also General-in-Chief of Thaeping, by Divine appointment Emperor of Theenkwo; the celestial dynasty; unitedly issue this proclamation, to announce that they have received the commands of Heaven to slaughter the imps and save the people. According to the Old Testament, the great God (Shang-te) our Heavenly Father, in six days created the heavens and earth, the land and sea, men and things. The great God is a spiritual Father, a ghostly Father, omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent; all nations under heaven are acquainted with his great power. In tracing up the records of by-gone ages, we find that since the time of the creation of the world, the great God has frequently manifested his displeasure, and how can it be that you people of the world are still ignorant of it? The great God in the first instance displayed his anger, and sent down a great rain during forty days and forty nights, by which means the flood was produced.

"On a second occasion the great God manifested his displeasure, and came down to save Israel out of the land of Egypt. On a third occasion he displayed his awful majesty, when the Saviour of the world, the Lord Jesus, became incarnate in the land of Judaea, and suffered for the redemption of mankind. In later ages he has again manifested his indignation, and in the Ting-yew year (A. D. 1837) the great God sent a celestial messenger, who was commissioned by the Lord of heaven, when he ascended on high, to put to death the fiendish bands. Again he has sent the celestial king to take the lead of the empire and save the people; from the Mowshin to the Sihue