

## LATE CONVENTION.

For the purpose of making our Churches generally acquainted with the proceedings of the recent Convention of the Baptists of the three Provinces, recently held in Brussels st., St. John, we have resolved to publish, in the *Visitor*, the reports of the several committees, having charge of the business as adopted by the Convention, and published in the minutes. We begin with the report on Education which reads as follows:—

In presenting a statement of their proceedings during the past year, the Board of Governors are gratified in being able to report that Acadia College enjoys an encouraging degree of prosperity. The various courses of instruction have been attended, wholly or partially, by thirty-two students. Twenty-four are still in the Institution, eleven of whom entered by matriculation at the commencement of the present Term. One half of the entire number are candidates for the Ministry, and ten of them are now receiving instruction in the Theological Institute. Mr. David McKean, who left at the close of the last Term, was ordained pastor of the Church at Maccan, N. S., on the 13th of September. Several of the Theological Students embrace opportunities of preaching the Gospel in different parts of the district, and their labours are very acceptable.

The earnest desire of the Board of Instruction to give to the department of Natural Science, a high position has been abundantly met in the course of the last year. Professor Stuart has had a large and highly interesting class in Chemistry as well as classes in Algebra and Geometry.

The usual classes in the classical languages have been well attended under the President, who has also had a small class in Hebrew; and under the instruction of the Principal of the Theological Institute as Professor of Political Economy and of History, classes in these departments have been well attended; and the Quarterly Examinations have been entirely satisfactory. At the anniversary, on the 23d of June last, Mr. T. A. Higgins, who had attended all the prescribed College courses, and undergone a full examination, was admitted to the degree of B. A. The public exercises of that day were conducted in the following order:—

Prayer, Rev. T. S. Harding; Music, *Wilmot*. "Lo the Lord Jehovah liveth."

COMPOSITION BY UNDER-GRADUATES.—The relation of Language to Thought, Alfred Chipman, West Cornwallis; Obligations of the Men of the 19th century, William Johnston, Horton; The true history of the Church, Isaiah Wallace, Coverdale, N. B.; Music, "Pilgrim Fathers."

Luther in the Wartburg, David McKean, Mabou, C. B.; Moral Power of kindness, J. Judson Skinner, West Cornwallis; The hope of Missions, Robert Philp, Halifax; Music, "Tell us of thy God."

The relation of the Natural Sciences to Human Progress, Thomas Patillo, Liverpool; The Divine Mission of Poetry, Daniel M. Welton, Aylesford; A voice from the Pyramids, Thomas A. Higgins, Rawdon; Music, "Eternal Mansions."

DEGREES CONFERRED.—Addresses by various gentlemen. Music.—*The National Anthem*; Benediction.

In order to provide accommodation for an increased number of Students, it has been found necessary to finish the interior of the College building. In the portion of the building thus completed, two large rooms are appropriated to the Library and Museum, one is used as a class Room, and sixteen are occupied as studies or sleeping apartments. The expenditure incurred in effecting these and sundry other desirable improvements and alterations amounts to about £577. An appeal has been made to the Churches in behalf of this object, and the sum of about £280 has been already contributed. It is confidently hoped that the whole expenditure will be provided for by the further presentation of the appeal.

The endowment Fund has been increased by about £3000 since the last Annual Meeting, for the larger portion of which sum the College is indebted to the strenuous exertions of the Rev. John Francis, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Stephen Deblis, having also rendered good service. It is so desirable to raise the

whole sum to £15,000, and ultimately to £20,000, on the completion of which last-mentioned amount the Scholarships may be made partially available for the Academies at Horton and Fredericton, that the Governors earnestly recommend the adoption of measures to secure the accomplishment of the object.

An arrangement has been entered into whereby the College Building and other property heretofore held by the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society are to be transferred to the Corporation of Acadia College. The terms of the transfer are to the following effect:—

I. That the Governors of Acadia College pay the Mortgage and bond held by the Hon. E. Collins, so as to relieve the property, and the Executive Committee of their liabilities. The Governors receiving in return the whole property with the reservations and other conditions hereafter stated, and the rents thus accruing.

II. Upon the mortgage being paid, then the Executive Committee to deed the property to the Corporation of Acadia College, to be held solely for the purpose of a seat of learning connected therewith.

III. The Property being conveyed to Acadia College, the Governors to give a lease to the Education Society, of the Academy Hall and two recitation rooms adjoining, so long as they may be required for an Academical School, free of rent, reserving however, the occasional use of the Hall for the College as heretofore usual.

IV. The Corporation of Acadia College to give a lease to the Education Society of the premises occupied and required by the Principal of the Academy at the annual rent of £20, the sum now paid by the occupant of said property.

V. The Governors to give a lease of the premises now occupied as a boarding house, except the students' dining-room, as well as the rooms in the rear of the original Academy building used as studies and lodging rooms, on the understanding that the Executive Committee shall from time to time decide whether rent shall be paid therefor, by the steward or other occupants, rents if given being payable to Acadia College.

VI. In case the Education Society wish to build new buildings, ample grounds to be provided for that purpose adjoining the Boarding House, or on the south side of the highway or in both places if needful free of charge under a perpetual lease.

VII. Should Acadia College in its future progress require all the Buildings now on the property for the purpose of extended operation, in giving College instruction, then the Education Society to yield them all up after a suitable time allowed for removal, upon receiving an equivalent to enable them to put up new buildings, and in case of disagreement as to the amount to be paid for such transfer, the same to be decided by reference to parties mutually chosen.

VIII. In consideration of all the rents transferred, the buildings now on the property or hereafter to be erected by the Board of Governors, to be kept in repair and insured against fire, at the expense of the College.

IX. Should the Education Society hereafter decide not to continue the Academy, or High School, then they are to yield up the rooms and Property, leases of which are now reserved, to the College free of further charge. But should the College at any subsequent period be discontinued, then the whole Property again to revert to the Education Society, if they wish it. They resuming therewith the liabilities with which the property is now charged or to the same extent.

This arrangement was confirmed by the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society at its last Annual Meeting. The Governors feel assured that it will be fully approved by the Convention.

The Faculty of the College have had under their consideration the desirableness of publishing an Annual Catalogue, comprising a list of the Students, a brief sketch of the course of study, in both departments, and other useful information. It is now nearly ready, and will be shortly issued.

Mr. Peto's donation of books for the Library has been received. It consists of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, in twenty-one volumes, 4to. and one hundred and sixty-five other volumes of great value, in various branches of literature. At the same time, fifteen volumes were received from E. B. Un-

Baptist Missionary Society, nineteen volumes (comprising the Periodical accounts, Annual Reports, and the *Missionary Herald*) from the above mentioned Society, and a copy of "Poli Synopsis" from Mr. R. S. Foster, of Cambridge, England. Other friends, it is hoped, will favor the institution in a similar manner.

Grateful for the good success which it has pleased God to grant to Acadia College, the Governors are anxious to take advantage of the favorable state of affairs, and to render the College still more attractive and useful, by the establishment of additional Professorships. As this can only be accomplished by the increase of the Endowment, they trust that the efforts of the friends of education will be continued, with growing energy, till the desired object is secured.

They ask also, with much solicitude, for the fervent supplications of prayerful men on behalf of the Institution—that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon it—that it may be a nursery of godliness—and that it may be the means of sending forth many effective labourers into the field—men "able to teach others," and "patterns of good works."

On the motion of Rev. I. E. Bill, seconded by the Rev. Samuel Robinson.

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

The seconder of the Resolution delivered an interesting speech on the favourable aspects of the College, congratulating the Convention on the success which has marked the Endowment Fund for the College, and was followed by the President of the College.

Moved and seconded that this Convention adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock, when the subject of Education will be resumed.

Prayer by Brother Jackson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. W. Barton.

Moved by Mr. Burton, seconded by Bro. Kinnear, that the Introductory Sermon preached by the Moderator be printed in our Religious papers, the *Christian Messenger* and *Visitor*.

The business of Education was resumed, when the following resolutions were submitted.

Resolved—That this Convention sanction and adopt measures for raising the Endowment Fund of the College to £20,000, so as to give all donors of £100 the privilege of free tuition, either in the Academies at Fredericton or Horton, as well as in the College, within the limits and in manner as already commenced under the authority of the Convention last year; and feel themselves called upon to take the most strenuous and immediate means to complete that plan by raising the fund to the proposed amount.

Resolved—That in view of the urgent necessity for the continuance of an agency for completion of the Endowment Fund, the Convention earnestly request brethren the Rev. J. Francis and A. D. Thompson, if it can possibly be made consistent with their other duties, to undertake such agency, and to labour together or otherwise as they shall judge expedient, for the purpose of raising the amount to £20,000 at the earliest possible period and on the plan already presented to the public.

Whereas—The rest of the property, now to be transferred to the College, cannot be reasonably expected to be much if at all more than sufficient to cover the interest of the debt assumed, together with the insurance of the buildings, and it is obviously necessary that there should be provided adequate means to keep in constant and perfect repair the extensive buildings on the College premises at Horton.

Resolved—That immediate endeavours are needed for the formation of such a fund.

Remarks by Brethren Robinson, Bill, Francis, Burton, and Thompson. Resolutions adopted.

Resolved—That the accounts be submitted to the Auditors to report upon.

Resolved—That this Convention recommend the establishment of a Female Seminary in St. John or its environs, to meet the urgent claims of female education in these Provinces. And that the following brethren be a committee to take this matter in charge and to devise means for its erection as soon as possible:—

A. McL. Seely, Thomas M. Henry, N. S. Demill, John F. Masters, Richard Titus, David Roberts, A. Sime, John Christopher, Deacon Sharp.

Moved and seconded, that the Convention adjourn.

Prayer by Dr. Crawley.

## Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Newcastle, Miramichi, Nov. 10, 1854.

DEAR BROTHER BILL,—

My last letter was from Naskwaak, the field of Brother Magee's labours. He was absent from home on my arrival, but returned in good time to further the object of my visit. The people of his charge highly esteem their pastor. It is hoped that they will make every possible effort to encourage him in the good work. The meetings were deeply interesting, and the friends responded well to the application for the Newgate chapel.

I had a pleasing interview with Elder Foset, who has recently removed into the county of Northumberland, a little between Baie-Croix and Baie-Croix, and labours in the adjacent regions. After a laborious but encouraging excursion I arrived at home on the 2nd inst., and was gratified to observe the exterior finish of the chapel progressing. Our friends of the Northesk have also made rapid progress in the work of their chapel, which is some eight miles from this place.

Obtained by subscriptions for the chapel of Newcastle; at Naskwaak, £7 10s. 3d., of which I collected £4 10s. 6d.; do. collection, 14s. 4d. The sum total subscribed while on the tour, for the above object, is £66 4s. 8d.; of which I collected, £33 16s. 5d. The want of the chapel to worship in checks the advancement of the cause. We need more aid from abroad. It is hoped that the benevolent will not forget the struggling mission in this place, "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." Prov. chap. 19 v. 17.

Ever yours faithfully,

B. SCOTT.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Statement of amounts received from Churches towards payment of debt due by the denomination to the Estate of the late E. D. Very, on account of the *CHRISTIAN VISITOR*:—

	£3	5s.	0d.
Fredericton Church,			
2d. St. Martins,	1	0	0
1st. Springfield,	3	0	0
2d. Dorchester,	5	13	9
Upham,	1	0	0
New Jerusalem,	3	5	0
Harvey,	2	15	0
Keswick,	1	0	0
2d. Salisbury,	2	0	0
2d. Wickham,	1	10	0
Portland, N. B.,	12	10	0
Sussex,	2	0	0
1st. Wickham,	2	0	0
St. Stephen,	1	10	0
St. David,	1	10	0
1st. Johnston,	1	0	0
Elgin,	1	10	0
3d. Salisbury,	2	0	0
Hillsborough,	5	0	0
Moncton,	3	5	0
1st. Salisbury,	3	5	0
Kingsclear,	3	5	0
Germain st.,	25	0	0
Jemseg,	1	10	0
Maugerville,	5	0	0
1st. Sackville,	3	10	0
2d. " "	10	1	3
1st. St. George,	7	10	0
2d. " "	1	10	0
Canning,	7	10	0
New Canaan,	2	0	0
Carleton, St. John,	5	0	0
Upper Falls, St. George,	3	5	0
Bochabeo, St. Patrick,	1	10	0
1st. Gd. Lake, Cumberland,	0	11	0
2d. " Range,	1	14	0
Butternut Ridge,	2	11	10
1st. Dorchester,	1	10	0
Prince William,	3	5	0
1st. St. Patrick,	1	10	0
Nashwaak,	5	0	0
Brussels st., St. John,	25	0	0
James Brewster, Hopewell,	0	10	0
Total,	£178	1s.	10d.

The Churches that have not responded to the Circular are requested to do so as soon as possible, as it becomes necessary to close the accounts of the Estate.

A. McL. Seely

St. John, N. B., Nov. 14, 1854.