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REV. I. E. BILL, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. SAINT JOHN, NEW-BRUNSWICK, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1858. VOL. XI.—NO. 27.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION OFFICERS FOR 1858-9.
President, Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D.
Vice-Presidents, Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. W. B. Kinneer, Rev. S. Robinson.
Secretaries, Rev. Stephen March, N. B. Rev. Henry Angell, N. S.
Treasurer, Hon. A. McL. Seely.
Board of Directors.—As last year, substituting the names of Rev. A. D. Thomson and E. B. Demill for those of Rev. C. Tupper and A. McL. Seely.

St. John, N. B., August 21st, 1858.
The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, convened this day at the Baptist Meeting House, Germain Street, St. John, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

After a season spent in social conference and prayer, the Convention was called to order by the President of the last year, Rev. I. E. Bill, who commenced by reading a letter of welcome from the Church to the Convention.

DELEGATES PRESENT.
New Brunswick Education Society.—Hon. W. B. Kinneer, C. D. Everett, John Chaloner.
Home Missionary Society.—Hon. A. McL. Seely, Solomon Hensley, N. S. DeMill, and Bro. Lowder.

CHURCHES AND UNION SOCIETIES.
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.—Deacon Calvin Baker, Thomas Baker, and John E. Goucher, Lieutenants. Union Societies.—Brethren John Clerk, Leason Baker and Enosh Stronach, Nicholas, Rev. W. G. Parker, Dea. Samuel Wheelock, Andrew B. Parker, Lieutenants, and Geo. Dodge.
Regynouth.—Rev. G. Randall, and Geo. Dodge.
Digby.—Rev. A. H. Munro.
South Yarmouth.—Rev. J. V. Tabor.
Bridgewater.—Rev. J. Parker and C. R. Phil, Esq.
Second Harlow.—Rev. E. O. Reed.
First Cornwallis.—Brethren Mayhew Beekwith and Otis Eaton.
Granville Street, Halifax.—Brethren J. W. Johnston, and S. Seldon.

St. John, Germain Street.—Rev. I. E. Bill, Deacons J. E. Barthelemy, M. Francis, G. A. Garrison, and Bro. F. A. Cosgrove.
Brossard's Street.—Rev. S. Robinson, Deacons S. Kineman, John Smith, Titus, M. Lawrence and Hicks.
Marsh Bridge.—Rev. E. B. DeMill, Deacon Geo. Godsoe and Thos. Bell.
Portland.—Rev. Jno. W. Gouher.
Carleton.—Rev. E. Clay, M. D.
Fredericton.—Rev. H. J. Guilford, Rev. C. Spurden, A. M.
St. Martins.—Rev. J. A. Smith.

MEMBERS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.
Brethren C. Tupper, D. D., A. D. Thomson, John H. Hughes, P. Duffy, S. March, W. Hall, James Walker, W. H. Caldwell and Bro. Edward Woodbury, Rev. T. Keillor, John Chase, G. F. Miles, David Freeman, Robert R. Philp, and Bro. Seldon, Thos. R. Patillo, James N. Fitch, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Rev. D. McKean, Rev. L. H. Marshall.
Noted: That the following visiting brethren be invited to take a seat with us:
Rev. Dr. Pryor, Cambridge, Rev. Dr. J. W. Parker, Cambridge, Bro. David Parker, Hamilton, U. S., Bro. Vaughan, St. Martins, Bro. D. Thomson, Bro. Earl, New York, Bro. Benjamin Harris, Bro. H. S. Pillsbury, Bro. R. Wells.
Revs. A. S. Hunt, H. Angell, C. Randall, W. Hall, A. D. Thomson and S. Robinson were appointed a Committee to nominate Officers for the ensuing year. Reported and Report adopted. (See List of Officers.)

The Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., then took his seat as President. Prayed by Rev. H. Angell.
The Constitution and Rules of the Convention were read by the President.
Voted: That the Ministers of the City Churches constitute a Committee to make arrangements for the Sabbath services.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following Report which was received and adopted.
Your Committee recommend that prayer meetings be held at the several places of worship on the Sabbath at the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock, A. M., respectively.
That Collection be taken up, if agreeable, in all places occupied by Ministers of the Convention on the Sabbath for the purpose of aiding the Funds of the Foreign Mission.

That the Committees and Boards of the Convention meet at 9 o'clock, on Monday morning in the Chapel. Convention Sermon at 10 o'clock, A. M., and a collection for Foreign Missions taken at the close; after which the subject of Education to be considered. A Public Educational Meeting to take place Monday evening.

Committee of Arrangements.—Revs. I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, T. Todd, A. S. Hunt, S. T. Rand, Brethren James E. Masters, S. Kineman.
Committee on the State of the Denomination.—Revs. Dr. Cramp, A. D. Thomson, S. T. Rand, J. V. Tabor, Dr. Tupper, James Parker, J. H. Hughes, W. Hall.
Committee on Departed Brethren.—Revs. Dr. Cramp, H. P. Guilford, A. H. Munro, S. Robinson, C. Randall, I. E. Bill and A. D. Thomson.

Voted: That the Meetings of this Convention commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., 21-2 P. M., and 7-2 P. M. Adjourned 12-1-2 and 5-1-2 P. M.
Adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.
The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. S. W. DeBlois of Wolfville, N. S. Text Zechariah 4 chap. 6th verse. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." After prayer by Rev. E. O. Reed, a collection was taken up in aid of the Foreign Mission.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.
In presenting the annual report, it has been deemed advisable for the Board to omit the particular statement of the studies in each department.

The curriculum laid down in the Catalogues has been, so far as possible, faithfully complied with, and your Board feel satisfied that they cannot speak too highly of the manner in which the professors have carried on the work of instruction.

Six have been matriculated, who will commence their studies at the beginning of the ensuing term.
Eleven of the students have received instruction in the Theological Institute, most of whom have also occasionally labored in the neighborhood.

The Anniversary was held on Thursday, June 3, in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville. The Exercises took place in the following order:—
Prayer, by Rev. I. E. Bill.
Music.

ORATIONS BY UNDER-GRADUATES.
Youthful dreams of the prophecies of coming life, Henry Vaughan, St. Martin's N. B.
A master's passion, George W. Sanderson, Yarmouth.
The cultivation of the fine arts, Simon Vaughan, St. Martin's N. B.
Men for the times, Charles H. Corey, New Canada, N. B.

DEGREES CONFERRED.
Rev. Daniel Weston, A. B., of Windsor, and Mr. Alfred Chipman, A. B., of West Cornwallis, received in course, the degree of Master in Arts. Messrs. Henry Vaughan, George W. Sanderson, Simon Vaughan, Charles H. Corey, Robert S. Weatherbe and Edward M. Saunders, having fulfilled the prescribed term of study, received the degree of Bachelor in Arts.

After the degrees were conferred, and addresses was delivered by the Hon. Prov. Secretary of Nova Scotia. A Public Meeting was held in the Evening, Rev. W. Chipman in the Chair, when the following Resolutions were passed:—
Moved by Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., seconded by Rev. S. T. Rand, and
Resolved, That the blessing and success already vouchsafed to Acadia College call for abundant thanksgiving to Almighty God, and should stimulate its friends to renewed and persevering exertions.

Moved by Rev. D. Freeman, seconded by Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., and
Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the efforts now in progress for the increase of the College Income should be continued, and extended to all the Churches of our Denomination with a view to realize a sum sufficient to sustain the increased number of instructors which has become necessary, and thus render the Institution more efficient, and better adapted to the wants of the age.

Soon after the meeting of the Convention in August last, and in accordance with the expressed desires of many of the members of this Convention, M. Gustave Peple, was appointed to the chair of modern languages; such an arrangement having been entered into with the N. S. Baptist Education Society, as made the increase of outlay to gain this object comparatively trifling. Your Board would cheerfully bear testimony to the efficiency of Professor Peple; and regret that in consequence of the low state of the funds, and in accordance with his wish it was deemed necessary to accept his resignation, which took effect at the close of the last term.

Your Board have also sustained a serious loss by the resignation of professor Stuart whose labors in the mathematical and kindred departments have been of so thorough and efficient a character. Professor Stuart left the College in March last. Partial provision was made for the studies of the Mathematical department by securing the services of Mr. Alfred Chipman. Negotiations are now in progress for the selection of a Mathematical Professor from the Alumni of the College.

Your Board would report the following additions to the library:
LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.
By DeWolfe Legday Fund.—British Essayists, 18 volumes; Smithsonian contributions, vol 8; Worcester's Dictionary; Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Geography, 2 vols; Milton's Poetical Works, 3 vols; Schaff's Germany; Olshausen's commentary, vols 3 to 6; Elliott's commentaries on the Galatians and the Pastoral Epistles, 2 vols; Spier's and Suetonius's French Dictionary; Adler's German Dictionary; Livingstone's Travels; Annual of Scientific Discovery; Stuart's Philosophy of the Human Mind; Stuart's Active and Moral Powers of Man; Philosophy of Sir William Hamilton; Cousin's Elements of Psychology; Sprague's Annals of American Palaeontology; Hugh Millars' Old Red Sandstone, and Schools and Schoolmasters, 2 vols; English Bible, two copies in all.

(Besides the Quarterly, Edinburgh, and North British Reviews; the Bibliotheca Sacra, the Christian Review, and the American Journal of Science.)
By Contributions from friends of Montreal.—Baroness Annales, 26 vols folio; Theodori Opera, 8 vols; Macculloch on the Divine Attributes, 3 vols. In all 48

By Rev. Dr. Davies, late of Montreal.—Novum Test. Græc. Editio Hellenistica, 2 vols; Dilectus Epigrammatum; Antæroentis Opera; Xenophontis Cyropædis; Platonis Dialogi, 8 vols; Demosthenis Orationes Selectæ, 2 vols. In all 15
By John Douglas, Esq., Montreal.—The Congregational Lectures, 3 vols.

By Benjamin Dawson, Esq., Montreal.—Kitto's Illustrations of the New Testament, 4 vols; Barnes on Isaiah, 2 vols; Henry's Life of Calvin, 2 vols; Lee on Inspiration; Brown's on the Galatians; Milton's Prose Works, 5 vols; Lord Bacon's Essays. In all 16
By Andrew Russell, Esq., crown Land Department, Toronto; Geological Survey for 1853-6 (besides several public documents)

By G. B. Muir, Esq., Montreal.—Census of Canada by Smithsonian Institute, Washington.—Reports for 1855, '56, 2 vols; contributions to Knowledge, vol 9
By Patent Office, U. S.—Reports for 1854, 1855
By Provincial Secretary, Halifax.—Journals of the House of Assembly, with appendix.

By Mr. Cramp, sen. st. Peters, Isle of Thanet, England.—Augustini Opera, 43 vols; Furst's concordance of the Hebrew Bible. In all 44
By Rev. Dr. Cramp, Acadia College.—Works of the British Reformers (Parker Society edition) 22 vols; Henderson's Minor Prophets; Selden's Table Talk; Sherman's Memoirs of W. Allen; Angus's Butler's Analogy; Nutt's catalogue of Foreign Books; Bruder's concordance of the Greek Testament; Baptist Magazine, 1856. In all 29

The year first closed has been an eventful one in the history of the College—after the Convention at Yarmouth, Rev. A. D. Thomson continued his agency with some unavoidable interruption, on account of sickness and domestic afflictions, and succeeded, to a considerable extent, in obtaining an increase of the Endowment.

So much of his time, however, was necessarily devoted to this object, that he has not been able to traverse the provinces generally, for the collection of notes and interest, and obtaining donations for annual expenses.

Circulars were addressed to the Churches. From a number of their favorable responses were received. As, however, there was still a large deficiency, a special meeting of the Convention was called, and another Agent, Rev. D. Freeman, employed to solicit extra subscriptions and donations, to meet the present emergency.

The Convention assembled at Wolfville on the 4th inst.; and decided to continue the College in its present state of efficiency. As there is quite a large sum still due to the Professors, and, at least, £150, more than the amount now pledged, will be required for the current expenses of the year, the Governors, in accordance with the advice of the special Convention, have requested their Agents, brothers Thompson and Freeman, to continue their labours till the meeting of Convention; and the above notice to the Professors was rescinded.

The Financial matters will be more fully presented in the Treasurer's report.—From this report it will be seen, that in order to carry on the College, an agent who shall have the general supervision of such matters, should be constantly in the field. That all outstanding notes, principal and interest should be collected immediately, and such a vigorous course of action entered upon, as shall at once secure the endowment and provide for the annual support.—Your Board are not without hopes that the services of such an agent can be obtained.

On motion, Resolved: That the Delegates and members of this Convention adjourn to meet with the Governors and Holders of Scholarships of Acadia College, at 1-2 past 2 P. M. Prayer by Rev. T. Todd. Adjourned.

MAINE HALL, AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 1-2 P. M.
Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp.
Resolved: That the Treasurer's Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
Read letter from Bro. J. W. Nutting resigning his office as one of the Governors of Acadia College. Resignation accepted.

Several resolutions and amendments were brought forward and a very animated discussion took place with reference to the affairs of Acadia College and its future prosperity and efficiency.
On motion resolved that Brother Sparden and Cramp be appointed a Committee to draw up Resolutions for presentation at the public Educational Meeting to be held at the Germain Street Chapel, this evening, at 1-2 past 7 o'clock.
Prayer by Rev. J. A. Smith. Adjourned.

In the evening at 1-2 past 7 o'clock a public Educational meeting was held in the Germain Street Chapel before a large and deeply interested audience. Addresses upon the subject were delivered by the Revs. W. Hall, Dr. J. W. Parker, C. Spurden, Dr. J. M. Cramp and H. Angell, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1st. Resolved: That Education is a blessing, which cannot be over-valued, and that its attainment should be secured by all men, whatever the cost or toil necessary to that attainment.
2nd. Resolved: That it is the duty of Baptists to promote the Education of the people by the establishment of Schools, Academies, and colleges, to the utmost possible extent, and to maintain them in such a state of efficiency as shall command general patronage and confidence.

3rd. Resolved: That the history of Acadia College is eminently instructive and consoling; illustrative as it is of the gracious care of God, and of the results of believing prayer; and that in the opinion of this Meeting the Board of Governors should be encouraged to persevere in their efforts for the advancement of the interests of that institution, and to expect the support of the Denomination.

Whereas it has been judged necessary by the Board of Governors, during the past year, to borrow from the Endowment Fund of Acadia College, the sum of £425, or thereabouts, in addition to a sum borrowed in the previous year, in order to sustain the college and prevent ruinous consequences, it is hereby declared by this convention that the procedure of the Board of Governors in that respect, although adopted with the best intentions, and in their opinion unavoidable, tended to impair the confidence of the people, and must never on any account be repeated; but that if at any time a state of pecuniary embarrassment should again occur, the difficulty must be met by raising a temporary loan, or by a special appeal to the denomination.

Whereas it is desirable that measures be adopted with a view to the removal of the pecuniary difficulties, which at present exist in the affairs of Acadia College.
Be it therefore resolved:
1. That in order to provide for the repayment of the sums borrowed from the endowment Fund, at the earliest possible period, the Board of Governors be instructed to offer for sale such portions of the landed property belonging to the corporation as may probably be disposed of to the greatest advantage, so as to secure the object contemplated.

2. That in the employment of Agency during the ensuing year the Board of Governors be recommended to endeavor to provide, in the first place, for the increase of the regular income of the College, by the systematic collection of interest yearly accruing and by voluntary contributions; next, for the settlement of all outstanding accounts with the owners of scholarships or of parts of scholarships, and with other donors, both with regard to principal and to interest; and finally, for the enlargement of the Endowment Fund, so far as the same can be accomplished without interfering with the success of the other measures contemplated in this resolution.

3. That the Board of Governors be directed to invest in real estate of ample value, the proceeds of the Endowment Fund, as the same shall be from time to time realised, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Convention at its annual session held in Liverpool, N. S. in September, 1855.

4. That this convention cannot but entertain the hope that the Board of Governors, in carrying into effect the preceding resolutions, will be sustained by the sympathies and the co-operation of the churches; so that, while they duly study carefulness and economy in the management of the funds entrusted to them, they will not be compelled by the deficiency of resources, to content themselves with imperfect and inadequate arrangements in the educational department of the college.
Brethren Thomas on Miles and Spurden tendered their resignation as Governors of Acadia College.

On motion resolved: That the tender of these several resignations be with drawn, and that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the number of Governors in Nova Scotia, in the vicinity of Acadia college.
Further Resolved: That Brethren Robinson, Bill, Clay, Armstrong and James Parker constitute such Committee.
Resolved: That Brethren Pryor, Randall, and W. G. Parker be a committee to nominate some person to supply the office vacated by Bro. J. W. Nutting resigned.

Committee having nominated Bro. Jas. Parker.
Voted, That Brother James Parker be appointed a Governor of Acadia College, in the place of Bro. J. W. Nutting, resigned.
Resolved, That the next meeting of the Convention, be held at Canard, Cornwallis N. S.
Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Clay, preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. J. A. Smith, be his alternate.

Resolved, That 1200 Copies, of the Minutes, be printed at the Office of the "Christian Visitor" and that Bro. Bill superintend the printing and distribution of them. And that a Table of the Ministers and Churches, composing the Convention, together with the number of additional members during the year, be added to and comprised in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Tickets (which are not returned) be sold as follows:—St. John to Moose Path and back, same day, 9d; St. John to Kennebecasis and back, same day, 2s. 3d. Ordinary Tickets are only good for the day on which they are issued.
By order of the Board of Commissioners,
L. JARDINE, Chairman.
Railway Commissioner's Office,
St. John, June 23, 1858.

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.
THE Subscribers have this day entered into a Professional Copartnership, as Attorneys and Barristers at Law, Conveyancers, &c., under the firm of GILBERT & SKINNER. Office No. 11 2d at Judge Ritchie's Building, Princess street.
GEO. G. GILBERT, Junr.
CHARLES N. SKINNER.
June 16th, 1858.—3m.

CHARLES N. SKINNER,
Attorney at Law, Solicitor, Conveyancer, &c.
Office.—No. 11, Judge Ritchie's Building.
2nd Flat, St. John, N. B.
June 16th, 1858.

HAS received per steamer Admiral an additional supply of
AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL
Holloway's PILLS,
LIMB'S JUICE,
BALM 1,000 FLOWERS,
Wood's Hair Restorative,
FRANGIPANNI,
Castor Oil Pomade,
Also—An assortment of Hairson's celebrated
Lumbian Perfumery.
June 16th, 1858.

GEO. ANDERSON, Piano-forte Manufacturer, 120, Germain-street.—The subscriber is constantly manufacturing Instruments of superior one and finish (with all the modern improvements), which he can positively recommend as good articles. Purchasers desirous of procuring a sterling PIANO-FORTE, as a fair rate, will find it an advantage to examine the Instruments at this establishment, as I am convinced the most fastidious will be thoroughly satisfied of the superiority of these Instruments (in their adaptation to this climate,) over those imported from the foreign Markets. Piano-fortes bought at this Establishment are warranted three years.
Piano-Fortes tuned and repaired as usual.
June 2, 1858. GEO. ANDERSON.

New Store! New Goods!!
New Store, No. 46, King Street, will be open on Saturday next, with an entirely New Store of General Dry Goods, comprising a large assortment of dress materials in—
REGES, SHAWLES, CASIMERE,
LZAMINES, PAISLEY,
FLANS, DOWN A LA MUFFLAIRE,
Resolved, That the Convention adjourn to Germain Street Chapel, at 1-2 past 2 o'clock, P. M.
Prayer by Rev. A. S. Hunt.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 1-2 P. M.
Prayer by Rev. W. S. Parker.
Resolved, That the Members of the special meeting of the Convention held at Wolfville, be inserted in the Minutes of the present Session.
The Committee on the state of the Denomination Reported as follows:—
That the necessary information for the making up of the Report not being at present forthcoming, this Committee beg leave to be discharged.
Respectfully Submitted,
J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

Report adopted.
Resolved, That Revs. Dr. Cramp, and I. E. Bill, be a sub-Committee to prepare a statement for insertion in the Minutes. Report of the Foreign Missionary Board, Read by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper.
REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

The receipt of the first sum remitted by the Board to Rev A. R. Crawley, is thus gratefully acknowledged by him, in a letter addressed to your Secretary, written from Henthada, October 5th, 1857:—
MY DEAR DR. TUPPER.—
I hasten, through you, to thank the churches of N. S. and N. B. for their donation of 200 dollars for the support of native preachers in our Missions." He subsequently remarks, "I feel gratified, I do assure you, for your confidence in me, that these funds will be spent to the best advantage. I shall, indeed, do my utmost to deserve that confidence, and prayerfully endeavor to make such disposal of the money entrusted to me, that the churches shall have reason to rest satisfied, that the cause of evangelization has been benefited by it."

Under date of November 10th, our esteemed Brother writes to the Secretary, "your letter of June 10th, 1857, has been received. In compliance with the instructions it contains, I have the pleasure to inform you, that two men of marked piety and intelligence, and supported from the fund contributed by the churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, are now actively employed in the good work of preaching among their countrymen—the unsearchable riches of Christ." Their names are Ko Cung Ban and Mung Shong; both baptized by myself. The former is stationed at Saing Dou—a considerable village up the River, and the centre of a district containing many large and populous villages and towns—the latter is with me at Henthada at present."

On the receipt of the former letter, your Board met in Tremont, Aylesford, Feb. 4th, 1858; and made arrangements for carrying into effect the Resolutions passed at the Meeting of Convention in Yarmouth. Among these was the appropriation of 400 dollars for the employment of native teachers in Burmah.—This sum has been remitted, as per receipt from the treasurer of the American Missionary Union.

Under date of Dec. 22nd, 1857, Bro. Crowley has furnished for the Christian Messenger [inserted June 9th], an interesting and encouraging account of an extensive tour performed by him, accompanied by the two assistants named above. He bears testimony to their diligence and earnestness; and remarks in conclusion, "They are an unspeakable comfort to me; and preach the simple Gospel with great zeal and effect."

On the 14th of January, 1858, Br. C. addressed a letter to your Secretary, in which he says: "Donabon is a large Burman town, about 40 miles below Henthada. From my first arrival in this country, it was represented to me as most desirable to establish a good native preacher at this place. And as I became better acquainted with my field of labour, and more familiar with its wants, I at once perceived that it was a most important post, and demanded at least one assistant permanently stationed there. But owing to the depression under which the funds of the Union had laboured for several years past, it has not been in my power, until now, to supply the wants. Thanks to the liberal contributions of the churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Donabon will now have a good experienced native preacher to break the bread of life to his thousands."

The commercial disasters in Great Britain were even worse than in this country, so that the expectations from friends in that quarter failed. And even from California its usual remittances were cut short.

NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE UNION.
The Ninth Anniversary of the American Bible Union will be held in the meeting-house of the first Baptist Church, corner of Brome and Elizabeth street, on Wednesday and Thursday the 6th and 7th of October, 1858. The Business Meeting will commence at 9 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday in the Lecture Room. Public exercise in the Church commence at 10 o'clock.

Members and visitors are requested to enter their names upon the Anniversary Register, at the Bible Rooms 350 Brome Street, immediately upon their arrival in the city. A Committee of Reception will be in attendance at the Bible Rooms on Wednesday and Thursday to assign places of accommodation to members and delegates attending the Anniversary.
C. A. BUCKEE
Recording Secretary.

CLOSING UP THE YEAR.
HOW THE ACCOUNT STANDS.
We call special attention to the approaching Anniversary of the American Bible Union. Another year of its history is closing. Only thirty days remain to complete the account. It is a year distinguished by many mercies. No former year has witnessed so large an addition to the number of its publications of sacred Scriptures. No former year has been blessed with so great an increase in the constantly widening circle of its friends. No former period has been distinguished by such an increase of its influence, and the diffusion of its principles, even beyond the seas.

The preliminary publications of the Union are far advanced.—Its Final Committee are prosecuting their work with ardor.—Harmony has reigned in all its councils, and the blessing of God has attended all its operations. Such are some of the mercies which crown the closing year, and which call for gratitude to the God of the Bible.

Nor are the trials of the Bible Union for the past year less remarkable than its mercies. But for its unshaking confidence in God who gave it its being in answer to prayer, and who had never failed it in other seasons of trial, the commercial distress of 1858 must have overwhelmed it. Its last annual meeting was held on the very days when many of the Banking institutions of the country were breaking. It entered upon the present year with only a few dollars in the Treasury, not enough to meet the expenses of a single week. And from that period to the present hour, there has been a perpetual struggle to meet its current expenses. The country districts from which its receipts usually came have been almost stripped of their ordinary money circulation. The oldest agent of the Union in the midst of his earnest efforts was suddenly prostrated with disease, and soon called away to his rest.

The noble band of brethren, however, who constitute the Board of Managers have proved themselves equal to the emergency. They have given their time to the management of its affairs, some of them spending days and even weeks in the work, and with the officers they have generously contributed to the necessities of the Treasury. Many Friends, too, throughout the country have labored and given much abundantly. But how much depends upon the friends abroad for the next few days. It is during September that the Union usually receives its largest remittances. Upon these the Board is now depending. If the reader will remember this noble institution in his prayers, and immediately do something himself and seek the aid of others, and transmit the offering, his soul will be richly blessed. If the reader is a life member, or a subscriber, he is under a still stronger obligation now to work.

If every subscriber and friend of this cause does his duty at once, the receipts of the Union will compare well with those of former years, every obligation will be met, our laborious managers and officers will be cheered, the work will be materially advanced, God will be honored, the enterprise of pure versions of His word will be mightily impelled onward, and the Union will have to record among its richest blessings the trials and anxieties of the year now closing.

The commercial disasters in Great Britain were even worse than in this country, so that the expectations from friends in that quarter failed. And even from California its usual remittances were cut short.