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THE DEMANDS OF THE HOUR.

THE Convention year is about closing. The accounts of our great benevolent operations will soon be submitted at the approaching session at Yarmouth, N. S. We cannot accurately forecast the result, but from all sources of information open to us we think it safe to say that unless unwonted giving marks the next four weeks we shall have to report a falling off in receipts of Home and Foreign Missions, and also of Acadia College. This will be much to be deplored inasmuch as it cannot be charged to an increased financial depression in the business world. Times are no worse than they have been for three years past. What are the difficulties. There may be some dissipation with the different Boards whose work is embraced in the Convention, but we are inclined to believe that no sufficient reason for withholding gifts can be shown. Some here and there feel sore over the action of each of the Boards in certain cases, but we are satisfied that they command the general confidence of the denomination. Our failures, if such there be, are the result of indifference rather than of dislike and antagonism. Our people have not had the necessities and the facts pressed upon them with that persistency and pleading that ever arouses to generous action in a good cause. Many churches to this day have been afforded no opportunity, through pastor or agent, to respond to the crying demands of the great work in which, as a denomination, we are engaged.

The Convention will have to take hold of the financial matter and deal with it in a broader and more practical way than ever before, or the Boards will have to be unfettered and left free to appeal each in its own way for that support which it must have. The Convention Scheme if vigorously worked is, for our comparatively new country, a cheaper way of raising funds than by having a separate machinery for each Board. Each plan has arguments in its favor, but no plan will work as we, for two years have been working. In fact we have simply spread our plans on paper, and left them with little or no force being generated behind them, to see how they would run themselves. The result is they have run distressingly slow. Friction has increased, and the farther we have gone the steeper has the grade become. Some good engineering is now demanded.

So far as we can learn we have made no progress in our Home Mission work. In the Foreign field we have simply supplied the vacant post. We ought to send out another family, but our resources cause us to hesitate. In the College work we have rolled up large debts and reached a point where expenses exceed income. What is the near result of all this it needs no soothsayer to divine. We must awaken to the prosecution of our benevolent work in a way which will be a vast improvement on our past record.

The denomination is able to take a forward step, and the people we believe are willing to supply all that is absolutely needed to carry on all departments of our work in a prosperous condition. The duty of the present hour is generous giving to help swell the receipts of the year, and then we must devise and execute means to bring increased life and relief to all our benevolent Societies. Like Paul we must forget those things which are behind and reach forth un-

to those which are before and press for the realization of our own and our fathers' hope.

From a brother in the N. S. Central Association we learn that the Committee on Foreign Missions appointed by that body, "would have been better pleased if the F. M. Board had not accepted Mr. Armstrong's resignation and appointed another Missionary without appealing to the Convention."

This certainly is a singular deliverance. Does anybody expect the F. M. Board to hold its Missionaries in its service against their wishes. As to the case of Bro. A. he at different times pressed his resignation upon the Board in the most peremptory manner. If Bro. A. or his friends now find that he is in unpleasant relations they must bear the burden of the step he insisted upon taking and not endeavor to shift upon others the consequences of that act.

The Board acted not only on its own judgment but on the pressing necessity urged by Bro. A. for a man to be appointed at once to Chicacole, and in this opinion the Missionaries on the field concurred, especially in view of the possibility of Miss Hammond's health being unequal to the strain set upon it.

The Missionary appointed by the Board is now visiting the Associations and is being cordially received by the brethren. We hope there will be no attempt to further manufacture sympathy for the Missionary resigned at the expense of injustice to the Missionary under appointment. The Missionaries on the field deplore the agitation that has been at work here the last year. They are united in sympathy and action with the Board and will give Bro. Hutchinson a cordial welcome.

SPURGEON in speaking of the necessities of London says: "Churches are needed, men are wanted, there are plenty of things with white cravats." This is wholesome talk. The needs of the hour are for men who have convictions, men who have experienced the grace of God, know something of vital moment and press it with an intelligent and forceful earnestness upon their fellow-men who must receive it or die in their sins. The external habiliment such as cut of coat or color of cravat amounts to nothing. The nasal whine, assumed tremor of voice, and affected tenderness amount to nothing; but the inward girding of the Holy Spirit with a message from God, pressing the soul into an intensity of desire for the welfare of men, this is all important and every preacher of the gospel should wait in persistent preparation till he be thus endued with power from on high.

WE rejoice at the statement made by the Canadian Baptist, that there is every probability that Prof. Newman will accept the position of Professor in the Baptist Theological Seminary of Toronto. Dr. Castle and Prof. Newman are now selecting books for the Library of the Institution to the extent of \$2000 in value, which is the amount recently given by Mrs. McMaster of Toronto, for this worthy purpose. The books to be procured with this donation will be added about 1000 volumes belonging to the Theological Department of the Woodstock Institution. Together these will form a respectable nucleus for a good library.

The new Seminary will be opened about the 1st of October and a recent favorable change in the health of Prof. Torrance affords encouragement to believe that the entire faculty may be ready for duty at that date.

LAST Sunday the editor, who is also a pastor, had a rest. His pulpit was supplied by Rev. J. F. Bartlett, of Maine, while he spent the day in Moncton and listened with pleasure and profit to Bro. G. O. Gates. Moncton is improving in material interests and the churches are each feeling the added life. The Baptist Church is enlarging her borders. The new S. S. building is approaching completion, and will contribute much to the comfort of the school, and the advantage of general church work.

PERSONALS.—Pastor A. A. Cameron, of Ottawa, has gone to spend a vacation in Europe.

Rev. W. H. Porter has accepted the call to the pastorate of the church in St. Catharines, Ont.

Rev. W. H. Warren is spending a few weeks with his friends on the Island.

Rev. W. Stewart, D. D., unable by reason of shattered health to attend to preaching and pastoral work has become Associate Editor of the Canadian Baptist. We have no doubt that his well known talent in the editorial line will be helpful to that paper, and render it still more worthy of patronage. We sincerely hope that our brother's health will also be improved by change of work.

A STRONG desire is expressed by such scholars as Dr. Conant and Dr. Hovey for an edition of the Revised New Testament in which the suggestions of the American revisers as set forth in the Appendix may be incorporated in the Text. We hope such an edition will speedily be issued; it will be a further improvement and ought to be welcomed by all our people.

The Baptist Publication Society has decided to do the work above indicated, and Dr. Weston, of Crozier Seminary is to do the editing. The edition may be expected this autumn.

VASSAR Ladies' College, although possessed of about a million dollars worth of property, makes, this year, an appeal for \$200,000 more. Such are the demands of Higher Education. There is no limit to mental development, and there will be no cessation in the demand for better and yet better appliances to promote it.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM MISS HAMMOND.

To the Secretary of the Central Board.

"I am fighting over again the old battle consequent on putting in a Christian teacher, and with the help of the Lord God, we will conquer. . . A few heathen children are coming in, but they are from the lower castes, and poorer classes, just the kind I want to see, for they are the ones who will receive the Gospel most readily, and to give them that is my whole aim. All the education I can give will never save them, but now our school is Christian, every pulse beats with Christian influence. There is a man at the head of it who knows what regeneration is, and who loves the Hand that wrought the change. He prays with, and for his pupils, seeks the heathen, and every way is different from the ones who preceded him. A very visible improvement has been coming on ever since the change was made.

I try to teach two Bible classes every day, and it does me good to see the heads of young men, women and children drop, and the tears start to the eyes that are all unused to them. It would not be the case were the Master's presence not with us. I tried just as earnestly to teach the Bible in the other schools, but I usually felt as if I were working against walls of brass.

The other day while teaching my class of children, one little heathen boy looked at me very earnestly as he said 'I very much want to be a Christian, and love Jesus.' Christian influence now is the strongest, and such that they who come in from outside are wrapped around with it. Personally, I never enjoyed the school work half so well.

When Mr. Sanford was here last and saw this part of the work, he said, 'I feel glad that we have not now in all our mission a school that may be called secular.'

Huriamah, my woman, and the young men who are in one daily Bible class, have been doing a good deal of outside work of late. As I have been able I have gone with them. At such times we all go to one village. She and I talk to the women, while the others talk to the men. When I cannot go she takes another woman and goes to one place, while the boys go elsewhere. It is good work, but I wish it were being done in a better way. We are trying to do the best we can, but, oh, how sadly we need a Missionary. Sometimes I have wished that I could speak one who had the Telugu language into existence; but that is not the Lord's way. These young men have not yet learned the secret of telling the 'old, old, story.' Their own hearts are not warm in the work; there is so little love in their talk. It is the love of Christ which wins the heart, and by that the heathen must be drawn into the kingdom. I hope the experience they have lately had will ever be a help to them,

and it is very evident that they are improving. God has been good to them, and they realize it as never before. A deeper sense of that will strengthen their love for Him and His work.

I hope that the right man will be forthcoming ere long. I do not want to see any other kind. You need not think that because I do not keep up a constant growling, I am perfectly willing to stay here alone. Because the Board does not send help, I do not intend to affirm that it must be upset. I believe it and our people are doing all they can to help me. I try to be happy, cheerful, hopeful, and to do my best for my Master. Yet more help is needed, but to be help it must be the right kind. This mission work requires two great things—Love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and common sense. My own feelings assist me in seeing what is needed. I do trust that something will be decided by the coming Convention. If I thought a young lady were coming, I might be able to give her a little useful advice. I required it when I was getting ready to come, and realized it deeply when I got out here. Three young ladies ought to be sent out this Autumn.

I was very glad to see that the Leinster Street Sabbath-school had undertaken to support a native preacher for Mr. Churchill. . . The Aid Society at Amherst voted from its funds \$25 for me to use as I might think best. I have taken another boarding girl. She comes from a Christian home some distance from here, where there are neither education nor religious advantages. She was for a time in my school at Bimli. She is not a Christian, but has come when there is a good feeling among my people. The Band at Fredericton has also asked for any object for which to work. I am thinking of taking this girl's sister if I can get her. I cannot go out much to talk, but as I teach two Bible Lessons every day, I may as well have eight as six. Were there other Christian families I should ask to take children who were promising to board. If I must always stop at the station, give me boys and girls, whom, with the Lord's help, I will try to train for His work. I should not care to take heathen children, or children from heathen homes; so I say we want a Missionary to go out on the field to preach the gospel, for from the field must come our future helpers. I have not Telugu as I want it, but I can talk to and pray with those about me.

The weather is something dreadful; you cannot imagine how hot it is. To-morrow is the Queen's Birthday. I am preparing a feast of sweets for my people. The children are delighted. May 23rd, 1881.

THE ONLY HOPE.

Now, as Christian people, all manner of fun is made of us constantly because we go forth only telling people about the fatherhood of God, presenting to them the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, telling them that if they will but ask, they may have the Holy Spirit, and that as the result of this they will be made new men and be put into new relations with God; that by seeking first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, all good things will be added unto them; that coming into the family of God, they will come into the brotherhood of man, and in the end the common prosperity will be established and involved in the individual's prosperity, and so there will be a complete and undivided, because indivisible, joy. People laugh at us. They say: "Why do you not become practical? Why do you not go to men and teach them domestic economy and political economy, and enable them to combine together in order to conserve the fruits of their labor, that they may enjoy the benefits of life? Why do you not cultivate their intelligence and refine them; put them in connection with libraries and galleries of art, in order that they may have taste, and so lift them up, and in this way bring man to his last term of development and finish him in the last stroke of cultivation?" Jesus Christ was right. You cannot better a man's condition until you have made him a better man. Your reform must begin at the centre of the man. The first conditions of well-being are moral and spiritual. Bring him to his God, re-establish his faith and love toward his Heavenly Father; bring him through the fatherhood into the brotherhood; cause love to burn supreme in his heart, and righteousness to become regulative in his conscience; and then, with his new wit and wisdom and moral force, under the providence of God and by the inspiration of his Spirit, he will lay hold of God's world and make it serve him, and will rise to health and comfort and enjoyment; or, if called to the sacrifice of these for higher ends, he will gain a higher good; or, if called to the highest sacrifice of all, he will die for his fellows, that he may be translated and transfigured, as was the glorious and beloved Son of God.

Minutes of the P. E. I. Association.

FIRST SESSION.

BEDEQUE, JULY 2ND, 1881.

The fourteenth Annual Session of the P. E. Island Baptist Association, met with the Baptist Church at Bedeque, to-day at 10 o'clock a. m.

Moderator in the chair. Opened with Prayer by Bro. Lavers, Lic.

In the absence of the clerk, Rev. C. C. Burgess and Bro. J. B. Leard were appointed to prepare a list of delegates which are as follows:

- Alberton—Rev. E. N. Archibald, Deacon Rider, Bro. Thos. Gabel, Sisters Ireland and Gray. Alexandria—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Bros. Robert Pollard, Thomas Wood. Bedeque—Rev. E. N. Archibald, Deas. Stewart Burns, Joseph Schurman, Bros. John Crawford, Albert Schurman, Caleb Schurman. Belmont—Dea. S. Simpson, Bro. H. McDougal, Francis Simmons, Wm. Bagloe, James W. Simpson. Charlottetown—Rev. D. G. McDonald, Bro. Wm. T. Filmore, Lic. Geo. W. Warren, Nathan Davies, J. Burhoe, J. Ross. Cape Wolf—Rev. E. N. Archibald, Bro. John Rice, Robert Kinlay, Lic. Cavendish—Rev. J. B. Woodland, Deacon Arthur Simpson, Bro. H. Bradshaw, M. D., Geo. W. McNeil, David McNeil, David Smith, Lic. Clyde River—Rev. C. C. Burgess. Dundas and Lower Grand River—Bro. Thos. Clay. East Point—Bro. Wm. Ford. Emmysvale—Bro. W. T. Filmore, Lic., John Curry, Dea. Henry Ball. Fairview—Rev. J. B. Woodland, Dea. Neil Matheson, Bro. John Hickox. North River—Rev. C. C. Burgess, Dea. Alex. McKinlay, Brethren Chas. Warren, Daniel Howard, Frederick Warren, Peter Warren, Jacob Bain. O'Leary Road—Rev. E. N. Archibald, Dea. Joshua Smallman, Bro. Schurman. Summerside—Dea. Scott, Bro. Wm. Lefurgey, N. A. Stewart Lic., A. Burns, W. T. Lefurgey. Tryon—Rev. E. B. Corey, Deas. W. B. Howatt, Wm. Simmons, Bro. W. B. Calbeck, L. Tremaine, M. D., J. B. Leard, John Boulter. Three Rivers—Bros. Alex. Lemon, Amos J. Robertson, N. J. McDonald. Uigg and Belfast—West River—Rev. C. C. Burgess, Dea. Paul McPhee, Bro. D. Lamont, Archibald Neil, Rev. M. Ross. Western Association, N. S.—Rev. J. A. Gordon. Central Association, N. S.—Revs E. M. Saunders, R. R. Philp, Bro. S. Selden. Eastern Association—Rev. A. Chipman. Southern Association, N. B.—Rev. J. E. Hopper, A. M. Invited—Rev. A. Estabrooks returned Missionary, Bro. J. R. Hutchinson, Missionary elect. Bro. I. C. Archibald, Lic., J. M. C. Saunders.

Resolved, That the members of sister churches attending this association be invited to sit with us in council.

The following officers were then elected:

- BRO. G. W. MC NEIL, Moderator. REV. C. C. BURGESS, Clerks. BRO. J. B. LEARD, BRO. JAS. DESBRISAY, Treasurers. NATHAN DAVIS,

After appropriate religious exercises the Moderator appointed the following committees of Nomination and Arrangements.

Committee of Nomination, Rev. E. N. Archibald, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Rev. E. B. Corey, Bros. N. A. Stewart Lic., Chas. Warren, Deacon Joseph Schurman. Committee of Arrangements, Revs. M. Ross, D. W. Crandall, E. N. Archibald, Bros. N. J. McDonald, L. Tremaine, M. D.

Committee of Nomination reported in part, which was adopted as follows. To Read Letters.—Bro. I. C. Archibald, Lic., Rev. D. G. McDonald, Bro. N. A. Stewart, Lic. Com. on Circular Letter.—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Rev. A. Estabrooks, Rev. A. Chipman. Com. on Questions in Letters.—Dea. A. Simpson, Dea. W. B. Howatt, Rev. E. B. Corey, Rev. M. Ross, Rev. J. B. Woodland. Extracts in letters.—Rev. J. B. Woodland, Bros. Chas. Warren, Nathan Davis.

Resolved, That Bro. D. Lamont be requested to prepare the report on temperance. The same to be submitted this evening. Committee of Arrangements reported in part as follows: Order of meetings. Prayer meeting every morning during association in this house at 6.30 a.m. Morning session to commence 9.30 a.m. Close at noon. Afternoon session to open at 2 p.m. Close at 5 p.m. Evening session to open at 7.30 p.m. The Reading of letters then occupied some time. Closed with prayer by Rev. D. W. Crandall.

Afternoon Session 2.30 p.m.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. E. N. Archibald took the chair. Session opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Gordon. Minutes of last meeting approved. The following resolution was heartily passed:

Resolved, that we take this opportunity to acknowledge our indebtedness to Bro. M. G. McLeod, who has gratuitously labored as clerk of this Association for the past three years, and we would hereby tender to him this grateful recognition of his services.

A bill from Bro. M. G. McLeod for postage Minutes, Blank forms, etc with balance of \$6.92 was presented, and ordered to be paid by collection at evening session.

Bro. J. R. Hutchinson, Missionary elect, was then introduced to the Association, who briefly addressed the body. Reading of letters resumed, and concluded.

Resolved, That the letters from O'Leary and Cape Wolfe Churches be referred to the Committee on Questions in Letters. Remarks were called for from the chair and responded to by Rev. A. Estabrooks, returned missionary, D. W. Crandall, J. A. Gordon, D. G. McDonald, E. N. Archibald, W. B. Bradshaw.

Resolved, That the clerk of this Association, and Rev. J. B. Woodland, be a committee to prepare suitable blank forms for our letters to the Association, in keeping with the Convention Scheme, if not attended to by Convention.

Supplementary report of Committee of Arrangements made and adopted. Sabbath service, Bedeque Chapel, Introductory Sermon Rev. J. A. Gordon, 10.30 p.m.; Rev. R. R. Philp, 3.00 p.m.; Rev. J. E. Hopper A. M., 7.30 p.m. Bedeque Methodist Church.—Rev. J. B. Woodland, 10.30 a.m.; Rev. D. G. McDonald, 7.00 p.m. Summerside.—J. R. Hutchinson Lic., 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. South Shore.—J. C. Archibald Lic., 7.00 p.m. Charlottetown.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Upper Ereetown.—Bro. Lavers Lic., 11.00 a.m. Belmont.—Bro. Mellock, Lic., 10.30 a.m. Tryon.—Rev. A. Estabrooks, 2.30 p.m. Augustine Cove.—Rev. D. W. Crandall, 6.30 p.m. Wilnot Valley.—R. Kinlay, Lic., 7.00 p.m.

Resolved, That the report on Temperance and Sabbath-Schools be taken up this evening. That the Circular Letter be read Monday morning, after the reading of which, the report on Education be taken up. That the afternoon Session be devoted to report on denominational literature, and other reports of interest.

Resolved, That the Clerk, Rev. D. G. McDonald, and Bro. N. Davis, be a committee to attend to the publication and distribution of the number of Minutes they would each require at the rate of about nine cents per copy.

Resolved, That any members of this Association attending other Associations in the Provinces be recognized as delegates herefrom. Closed with prayer by Bro. Hutchinson.