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OUR EDUCATIONAL COMPACT.

CERTAIN articles that have appeared of late in the Messenger, as well as the document in this issue, from the Fredericton Church, demand some explanation and correction. Rev. T. H. Porter in an article, which he sent us, and which we did not consider it prudent to publish, labors to show that Horton Academy ought to be sustained by New Brunswick Baptists. The Messenger says, Horton Academy is the property of N. B. as well as N. S. Baptists, and then adds in a long article in last week's issue, so many statements that are wide of the facts of the case, that we are not a little surprised to see them put as they are.

Now in reply to these articles, we have to say that N. B. Baptists so far as we know, are loyal to Acadia College, and mean in good faith to stand by with sympathy, prayer, money and students. That N. B. Baptists in addition to carrying on the work of Academic Education, for nearly two score years, ever felt that they were in any way bound to support Horton Academy also is entirely wide of the facts of the case. The N. B. Baptist Education Society never handed over its work to the Convention, and as it never had anything to do with the Convention, it can not possibly "break faith" with it.

But to the law and the testimony on this matter. Horton Academy was founded by N. S. Baptists in 1828. In 1838 N. S. Baptists founded Acadia College. The College became seriously embarrassed, and in 1849 Judge Johnston moved the following resolution:

The Committee on Education appointed by the Convention respectfully report: That in their opinion the cause of Education and the interests of society would be promoted were the energies and resources of the Province of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island united in the support and government of the Collegiate Institution for extending to the youth of the three Provinces the means of Education in its higher branches and the advantages of a Collegiate course of instruction—leaving to each Province the support and duty of maintaining and managing such Schools and Academies as it now supports or may deem proper hereafter to establish.

The italics are ours. The original Compact never contemplated the doctrine now propounded by the Messenger and Bro. Porter and a few others.

The three Provinces have since worked on harmoniously in sustaining Acadia College. In 1865 we find the minutes of the Convention containing a record, reading thus:

By an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia passed during the recent session (a copy of which will be found in the Appendix,) the Governors of the College are entrusted with the management and control of Horton Collegiate Academy; those of them who reside in Nova Scotia being constituted a special Committee for that purpose.

It is to be desired that a similar arrangement should be entered into with regard to the Fredericton Academy, so that the result of all our Educational efforts in both Provinces may be presented at the meetings of this Convention.

It will be noted, that such Governors of Acadia College, resident in N. S. and they only were to be a special committee to manage and control Horton Academy. Thus the very thin end of the wedge was entered to give a color to the new doctrine, now propounded. The desire that the Education Society of N. B. should put its work under the Governors of Acadia College in N. B., is expressed, but the Society did not choose to do so then, or at any time since.

In 1874 the wedge entered, in 1865 was driven a little tighter, and we read in the minutes of Convention, that the clause vesting the management and control of Horton Academy in the N. S. Governors was to be repealed, and leave the Academy to be controlled by the Governors generally. Now if our N. S. brethren found this plan meet their convenience better, N. B. Baptists were not disposed to object, but they never considered it wise for them to follow this course. N. B. Baptists remained loyal to Acadia College, and loyal to their Seminary, even though they deemed it wise to sell it and

invest the money for a time. The Baptist Seminary still exists. It has merely been converted from a campus and building into cash securities, and now N. B. Baptists are contemplating the conversion of the cash back again into a building and lot, so as to resume its beneficent work. Why certain brethren have so persistently opposed this work is passing strange. The old Seminary caused Baptists in this Province, to lead the van in the number of Common School teachers. Its work is associated with the best names in the denomination, viz.: Miles, Tupper, Hart, Spurden, &c. Most of our old N. B. ministers there received their education, and at times in its history, it had nearly twice as many students as Horton Academy. All this good work, these brethren don't want done again. Moreover it is well known that Acadia College receives less Baptist Students from N. B. than the N. B. University. Is this what our brethren want to see perpetuated. Those who are anxious to resume the work of the Baptist Seminary are desirous of changing this. They want to gather up our young folk and prepare them for College, and have them matriculated in Acadia. The young men as a rule, who now prepare in our Grammar and High Schools, go to N. B. University, and in many instances are lost to the denomination. The zeal of our opposing brethren, is manifest, but we cannot say that it is zeal according to knowledge, even though our Superintendent of Education is among the number. We can see why he, a member of the Senate of the N. B. University, and an ardent admirer of State Education in the High and Grammar Schools can wish no Baptist Academy in N. B.; but we are perplexed to divine the reasons of the few others, and as we do not wish to be unfair to any in the discussion of this question we shall not attempt to guess reasons. Assured we are that only by having an Academy in this Province, will we be able to hold our young men for Acadia and Baptist faith.

SOME of our people in the Maritime Provinces are given to chronic complaining, concerning N. B. Baptists, and their want of interest in Acadia College. We beg to remind such that some of the greatest benefactors the College has ever had, have been New Brunswickers. As to agents, Rev. Dr. Bill went to England in its behalf, and did a good work. Rev. Isaiah Wallace and Rev. A. D. Thompson were among its most successful agents. As to laymen, Brn. N. S. DeMill, A. McL. Seely, G. White, Capt. Geo. Masters, Capt. H. Calhoun, C. F. Clinch, Dr. Rand, A. F. Randolph and many others, have given nobly in money and service. Then let us have less invidious thrusts at New Brunswick, and an abatement of efforts that tend to alienate the affections of our people.

At a recent meeting of the Canada Baptist Foreign Mission Board, it was decided that Maritime Province Baptists might have the privileges of the Theological School about to be established in India, under the direction of Mr. McLaurin, by paying their proportionate amount of the expenses of its maintenance. It will be for our Board to consider this question carefully in all its bearings. Bro. Boggs presides over a more efficient school in Ramapatam, whether it may not be used by us to greater advantage is a point worth investigating.

REV. J. E. CRACKNELL, may be expected in St. John about the third week in November. He has been preaching and lecturing at several of the principle churches in the States. It is necessary for those who wish to arrange for his services to preach or lecture in the Dominion previous to his return to England, immediately to communicate with the Editor of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, who will make the necessary arrangements. The lecture on "Happy Homes—how to make them," is spoken of by the press as containing some graphic pictures of Home life.

THE BAPTIST UNION.

ON Friday morning the Rev. J. Coutts read the annual report of the Canada Baptist Foreign Mission Society which showed a falling off in the receipts of \$1,260.88. It intimated that steps had been taken to establish a Theological School in India. The Rajah of Samulcotta having given ground for the purpose valued at 2 or 3000 dollars. At Cocanada there had been 42 baptisms, at Adiku 81.

In the afternoon Mr. D. E. Thompson presented the report of the committee on arrangements, which stated that they found that the constitution of the Union was prepared with the view of absorbing other bodies, but that was done without due consideration of the legal status of those bodies, and of the difficulties in the way of amalgamation. It was found that the bodies which they proposed to absorb were not voluntary bodies but incorporated ones. The Convention West, for example had an act of incorporation with which the Dominion Government, from which the Union obtained its act of incorporation had no power to deal. Further, these Societies had taken no steps toward amalgamation. The original objects of the Union having thus been found to be to a large extent impracticable, it was desirable to change the constitution. But they had found that this meeting could not deal with the matter, as it was not a regular meeting of the Union, not being held at the time appointed by the constitution. They, therefore, recommended that the committee be discharged, and that the following committee be appointed to draft a new constitution, and to make arrangements for holding the next meeting at Hamilton in connection with the regular meeting of the Baptist Missionary Convention of Ontario, or at such other time and place as the committee might deem advisable for the adoption of such constitution.—Hon. Wm. McMaster, Rev. A. H. Munro, T. J. Claxton, Rev. Drs. Clarke, Castle, Davidson and Stewart, Wm. Craig, D. E. Thompson, J. B. McArthur, T. S. Shenston, D. W. Karn, Revs. J. W. Stewart, A. A. Cameron, R. Cameron.

After a little discussion, in which one or two speakers expressed themselves in favor of a Union purely voluntary, in preference to an incorporated body, the report was adopted. The Rev. A. H. Munro moved that the committee appointed to formulate a new constitution should aim to constitute the Baptist Union so as to afford the denomination the advantages of a great annual assembly, in which its churches and institutions should be represented, all its interests and enterprises discussed, and through which its voice may be heard on all questions it might desire to influence or decide, and that the committee be authorized to invite to the meeting as delegates those who according to the proposed new constitution would be entitled to the membership. The motion was carried.

After the passage of a few resolutions of thanks to different parties the Union adjourned to meet next year at Hamilton Ont. The Rev. Dr. Castle offered the closing prayer.

The committee appointed by the Union to meet with the Maritime Convention next year consists of Dr. Clarke, Rev. A. H. Munro, and Dr. Castle.

WE have a report of the speeches of Dr. McKenzie and Dr. McArthur, as well as an account of the missionary meeting, Friday evening, which we are obliged to hold over till next week. By the way, how is it that the Canadian Baptist made no report of the Baptist Union meetings? The report given by it appeared in the Montreal dailies. For a metropolitan paper published within the field of the Baptist Union, that looks a little like lack of enterprise.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY.

Reference has been made in a recent number of the Christian Messenger, to a portion of the educational policy of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR. This journal has the courage of its convictions and for their information of all and that we may not be misjudged, we deem it fitting to set forth what it holds to be, under our present circumstances, the true line upon which we ought to work. First. It is the duty of Maritime Province Baptists to rally vigorously to the support of Acadia College, so as to keep it, the peer of the best Colleges in the Dominion. Second. It is the duty of New Brunswick Baptists to resume at as early a date as possible the work of the Old Baptist Seminary as a school for the giving of an Academic Education to our young men and women who may desire a better preparation for the duties of life, than is

given by our Common Schools, or who may desire to matriculate in Acadia College. Third. We hold that as Baptists, we have no need for a Provincial University, nor for State Academies, and that the support of these by taxation of the people is needlessly burdensome, and that our efforts should be directed to supply simply a good English education to all the youth of our land. To this extent we are the friends of Free Schools and no farther. To put our policy in other words, it is to foster free Schools, that supply an English education by a tax of all the people, to provide in our own Province for our people, and all who desire it such an education as the old Baptist Seminary was founded to supply, and then to send as many of its students to Acadia as possible, for Collegiate education. As a Baptist paper we shall strive to be loyal to these three educations—Common Schools, Baptist Seminary—Acadia College.

REV. W. B. BOGGS' LETTER.

In the Christian Messenger of Oct. 26th appears, a letter from Bro. Boggs with an editorial introduction in which the Editor implies that we refused to publish Bro. Boggs' letter. We at once wrote Bro. B. concerning the matter, and gave him some facts we had gleaned, and closed by saying in view of representations made: "I hope you will not insist on the publication of your letters."

The difference between Bro. Boggs' statement and ours, is not material. The first as to physicians advising against his going. It is well known that in the Amherst Association, Dr. Clay was most emphatic, in his representations on this point. The Visitor Editor was there and heard these statements, and to these we referred. We never said the Board consulted physicians, but that Dr. C. did pronounce upon Bro. Boggs' case, an adverse opinion as to the propriety of his going out is beyond question.

As to the second question, we had enquired of members of the Missionary Union, and we learn there was at first hesitation, as to sending Bro. Boggs out, and in the end, Bro. B. was sent out because of the willingness of the benevolent Bro. referred to, to allow his subscription of \$1000, to apply to Bro. Boggs. Does anyone deny this?

There is in our statement, and that of Bro. B. no difference in our judgment, sufficient to warrant a newspaper correspondence, and so we wrote Bro. B., and we are satisfied that, but for the applications of gentlemen here these letters would not now appear.

Further we are satisfied that no good can arise from this stirring up of old matters, that should have remained buried. If these things with heated discussions that ever and again, grow out of them, tend to build up Christ's Kingdom, we fail to see it.

THE Messenger and several of its writers seem to know more about New Brunswick matters than New Brunswickers do themselves. We ought to be grateful for their interest and we would be if only it were harmonious with facts. They speak about a "College in St. John" a "St. John Institute" and so on. Now as a matter of fact the N. B. Education Society Board has never had the question of locating a College or Institute before it. Some work preliminary to the resumption of the work of the Old Baptist Seminary has been taken, but the question of location has never been determined. Some would prefer a city location, but many of the strongest supporters of the Institution prefer a country village. The Messenger is quite too fast in making a location for our Baptist Seminary. The religious press ought to proceed upon more reliable data than rumor.

REV. W. P. EVERETT has returned from his visit to the United States and preached last Sunday at Clinch Mills. He expects to return to the States again soon. A vacancy will then be made in the Secretaryship of the Mission Board. An appointment will be made in due time. Bro. Everett will be much missed in all our denominational work.

WHY does our good neighbor the Christian Messenger refer so often to the "St. John Board" the "St. John Visitor." St. John is a goodly city but neither of the above designations are correct. The Foreign Mission Board of N. S., N. B. and P. E. I. and the CHRISTIAN VISITOR are doubtless what is meant by the names given, but we have learned to call everyone by his own name and think it a good plan for general acceptance. We do not wish to say Halifax Board or Halifax Messenger.

REV. J. R. HUTCHINSON writes on Oct. 24th "we have secured passage to Madras by Ducal Line Steamer sailing Nov. 8th. He reports being disappointed in not being able to secure passage through to Bimbi direct. He expects it will be near Christmas when he reaches Chicacole.

REV. DR. DAY spent last Sunday in this city and preached in the evening for Portland Church. He left on Monday for Yarmouth.

The following article by some mis-carriage did not reach us in time for last issue as the Agent intended. Though part of the appointments have been fulfilled we nevertheless give the article entire to show our patrons that Bro. Warren is actively at work. We can only renew our hope already expressed that the canvass of our brother may meet a most hearty and generous response. All our benevolence work needs money at the present time and though some through the press may strive either ignorantly or knowingly to raise a feeling of suspicion concerning certain departments of our work, the denomination as a whole, should rebuke in the most practical way possible this miserable course of action by which suspicion is sought to be cast on brethren. So far as we know there is no basis of fact for the wild rumors and misleading deductions now current concerning breaking faith with the Convention, establishing a College in St. John, and an independent Missionary organization to send out Bro. and Sister Armstrong to India, etc., etc.

FINANCIAL AGENCY.

DEAR EDITOR.—It is a matter of some difficulty to make out a good programme of operations, in connection with the Financial Agency. There are many contingencies to be taken into the account, such as health, weather, etc., which may at any time be such as to materially disarrange the most carefully prepared plans. A general outline, however, may be given.

At a conference held with the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, it was deemed best for me to begin the work of the Agency in Annapolis County. I have, therefore, made arrangements to hold public meetings and deliver lectures or addresses on the "Progress and Claims of our Denominational Enterprises," in the following places and at the dates given:—

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date. Locations include Lower Granville, Annapolis, Round Hill, Bridgetown, Clarence West, Port Lorne, Clarence East, Paradise, Lawrence town, Pine Grove. Dates range from Nov. 1st to 14th.

Further arrangements will be made known in due time. Pastors connected with the churches named above, will be kind enough to give as much publicity as possible to these notices. I would also request pastors in the neighborhood of the churches named, to aid me, by attending as many of the meetings as they conveniently can, so as to afford interest and attractiveness to these gatherings, and thus secure the best possible results.

The day following each meeting will be given to visiting the people, as far as practicable, and consultation with pastors and deacons, in relation to systematic effort in raising funds for denominational purposes.

It will be impossible at present to visit all the smaller churches, and outstations along my route, and still more impossible to visit all the families. It shall be my aim to set others at work in collecting funds, and to endeavor to introduce good methods of carrying out the Convention Scheme.

It is my earnest desire to be favored with the cordial sympathy and cheerful co-operation of my brethren. We are engaged in the Lord's work. Let our efforts be vigorous, combined and persevering. The great enterprise in which we, as Baptists, are engaged

needs our prompt and liberal aid. May we not for one moment forget our duty as to God, to our brethren, perishing souls.

W. H. WARREN, Financial Agent, Bridgetown, Oct. 27th, 1881.

For the Visitor.

MR. EDITOR.—At a meeting of the Fredericton Church, held last night, the following resolution was adopted by Bro. R. H. Phillips, seconded by Bro. T. H. Rand, and adopted.

Resolved, (1) That this Convention request the Editor of the Christian Visitor to publish in the next issue of that paper an extract (duly filed by the pastor, deacons and members) from the letter of the Church to the Western Association convened at Upper Gagetown in June last, relating to the proposed establishment of a Baptist Academy in this Province.

(2) That, inasmuch as the report of the Committee on Education, whom the letter from this Church was referred, was not published in the Visitor with the proceedings of the Association, we request the editor also to publish that report these resolutions.

I have therefore to ask, on behalf of the Church, that you will insert the letter in your next issue, together with the accompanying certified extract and the report above mentioned.

Yours &c. HERBERT C. CREED, Clerk of the Church, Fredericton, Oct. 22nd, 1881.

Extract of Letter from the Board of the Church in Fredericton to the Western Association convened at Upper Gagetown on the 28th June, 1881.

"As we have learned through public press that it is proposed to quest the Baptist Education Society of New Brunswick to consider propriety of instituting measures the early establishment of an Academy, to be located in this Province, and to be affiliated with Acadia College, we deem it important to the following remarks respecting the proposal.

1. In reference to the resolution which it is proposed to offer with view to the establishment of an Academy, we not only dissent from alleged grounds of the proposed resolution, but we believe that such an undertaking would be both inopportune and opposed to the best discharge of obligations which the denomination in this Province has voluntarily assumed, in connection with our educational work in charge of the Baptist Convention.

2. We are decidedly of opinion however, that the Associations should as early as possible, determine upon such an appropriation of the annual interest (including that already accrued) arising from the sale of the Seminary at Fredericton, as would not be inconsistent with the objects of the donors to the Seminary funds.

We certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of a portion of the letter adopted unanimously by the Fredericton Church.

F. D. CRAWLEY, Pastor. A. F. RANDOLPH, WILLIAM COOPER, THEODORE H. RAND, Deas. D. W. ESTABROOK, J. W. SPURDEN, HERBERT C. CREED, Clerk.

That there may be no wrong impression given by the above document it is proper to say that scores of churches in this Province could be obtained to pass resolutions affirming the necessity of resuming the work of the old Baptist Seminary, and that of a test vote taken on the Education question the mind of the brethren was pretty clearly shown by the following brethren being the only ones who voted against the policy of the N. B. Education Society viz. Dr. Rand, H. C. Creed and Rev. F. D. Crawley.

EDUCATION REPORT AD- OPTED BY THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee on Education Report that we note with thankfulness the increasing success of the work of our institutions at Wolfville. The fact that a competent authority has declared the buildings to be superior in equipments and in sanitary arrangements to any similar institutions in these Provinces and the information lately obtained that the board in the Seminary has been reduced from \$3.00 a week to \$2.50; and for ministers daughters to \$2.00 and for ministers sons in the Academy to \$2.25, increase the gratification with which we view these objects of our love and hope. We deem it important that this Association should re-affirm its unchanging conviction that Acadia College should maintain its independence, and should continue to develop its Theological work. Until some favoured son of Acadia shall do for her what Colby did for Waterville, we commend to the Churches a united effort to provide through the Convention scheme, for its current expenses. In conclusion we feel compelled to ad-