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CANADA BAPTIST UNION.

Through the courtesy of Thomas Lailey, Esq., we have full reports of the Baptist Union meetings at Brantford, as published in the Toronto dailies. It would seem that some steps have been taken in the line of an advance, toward a more compact union of the forces of the Baptist denomination in the Dominion.

Dr. Clarke presided over the meetings of the Union with great ability, and discussed in his inaugural address the subject of "Baptist Union."

Dr. Pattison of Rochester Seminary delivered an excellent paper on: "The Baptists and the hour."

A committee previously appointed, presented a series of resolutions as follows:

A PLATFORM.

This committee respectfully suggests that this Baptist Union now assembled affirm the following recommendations:-

1. That our societies be requested to change their constitutions so as to provide for a membership made up of delegates appointed from Baptist churches.

2. That the articles in each constitution defining the basis of representation in our societies shall be identical, so that the same delegates shall do the business of all our societies and each society shall have the same constituent membership common to all the others in so far as they occupy the same field.

3. That a meeting of delegates be designated "The Baptist Union," as the general name covering the whole of the societies assembled, and covering also this meeting of these delegates when transacting any business that may not be within the powers and purposes of any of the societies now in existence, provided always that its action be considered advisory and not legislative.

4. That if by the Acts of Parliament incorporating any of the societies, it shall be found that present life members have rights in property which will continue unless removed by special legislation making changes in the acts of incorporation, then, in that case, no legislation shall be sought, but the privileges of these present life members shall be respected in the new basis upon which the societies are to be placed.

5. The Western Convention change its constitution so that it legally do mission work in any part of the Dominion of Canada.

6. That the time allotted to the different societies be definitely arranged so that no one society shall interfere with another in the transaction of business.

A discussion of some two hours followed, during which it was decided, without a dissenting voice, that the steps recommended should be adopted, and that the measures proposed were highly desirable.

These resolutions were passed next day with some additions, one of which was the appointment of a Committee of five to secure immediate aid for work, in the North-West, and another: "That the officers of the Union be requested to confer

with the convention of the Maritime Provinces, to ascertain how far they can co-operate in the work common to the whole Dominion."

Dr. McVicar presented an Educational paper, which we shall refer to again, and Rev. Mr. Copp one on "Forms of Worship."

Officers were elected of the Union for the ensuing year as follows:— President, Hon. A. Mackenzie; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Toronto, Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Rev. A. A. Cameron, Winnipeg, Rev. A. S. Upham, Montreal; Secretary, Rev. R. Cameron, Brantford; Treasurer, W. H. Lailey, Toronto. The following committees were chosen:—On arrangement for next year—Rev. R. Cameron, B. D. Thomas, C. A. Coon, T. Trotter, S. S. Bates. On Manitoba and the North-West, to provide means for present and immediate work—T. Lailey, Toronto, Hon. Mr. McMaster, C. Raymond, Rev. E. W. Dadson, Rev. E. Harris. On Education—Rev. R. Cameron, Prof. Wolverton, J. W. A. Stewart, D. A. McGregor, W. H. Porter, Prof. MacVicar, and E. W. Dadson.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

Perhaps there was never, since the introduction of christianity into the world, a more general and intelligent belief prevailing that it is the duty of the churches of Christ to send the gospel into all parts of the world, than at the present time.

The commission, given at first in the days of the Apostles, but never fully obeyed, is, by unanimous consent, regarded as still in force. And, had it been fulfilled in letter and spirit by the Apostolic Churches, and by every generation since, it would still be binding upon this generation.

It is Christlike in its plans and operations. There are not wanting indications of the same spirit and faith in both the home and foreign work of the Baptists of the Dominion.

What then, it might be asked, do we yet lack? So far as human agency is required, the reply might be, that when there is a personal conviction that the gospel must be given to the whole world, corresponding to the general belief, then there will be giving and going into the dark world, which, with the blessing of God, will bring down pentecostal success.

SPURGEON'S HUMOUR.

The Rev. John Brown, addressed Mr. Spurgeon's students lately on the subject of coming to the Provinces. He told them that he came fishing, but said, I do not want every kind of fish. Mr. Spurgeon, who was present, interjected at this point the following remark—"You don't want fat fish."

S. A. White, Esq., a retired merchant of Halifax, N. S., was introduced to Mr. Spurgeon not long since at Mentone. On shaking hands with Mr. White, Mr. Spurgeon said, "You resemble a dear friend of mine; but he is a much better man than you are." Mr. White seemed astonished at the abrupt remark, and Mr. Spurgeon then said in explanation, "My friend is in heaven." Mr. White expressed himself delighted with Mr. Spurgeon as a most agreeable christian gentleman.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK AT WOLFVILLE.

The very unpleasant weather of the past week gave place on Wednesday to a beautiful clear day. Wolfville exhibited its usual June attractions, and large numbers of the friends and Alumni of Acadia, gathered from different parts of the Lower Provinces, were present to witness the closing exercises of the Academies and College, and renew their acquaintance with the attractive scenery which they had admired while students at Wolfville.

The institutions have just finished a very profitable year. The Academy has been doing very excellent work, and a class of 19 matriculants have been sent up to College, besides others for partial work. Their names are Harry Brown, Wolfville; M. D. Hemmeon, Wolfville; C. R. Higgins, Wolfville; D. I. Bethune, Loch Lomond, C. B.; L. D. Morse, Middleton; H. S. Shaw, Berwick; A. E. Shaw, Avonport; Louis Lovet, Kentville; Herbert Harris, Canning; Arthur Harris, Canning; Charles Lyons, Berwick; Charles Eaton, Canard; John Dewles, Advocate; Clarence Minard, Biltown; H. E. Wilson, Clarence; E. C. Blair, Portapique; Howard Harris, Canard; Miss Lene Lyons, Berwick. The three who intend to take a partial course are W. H. Morse, Weymouth; Fred. Johnson, Greenwich; and A. B. Holly, St. John.

The closing exercises of the Academy took place in Assembly Hall Wednesday afternoon in accordance with the following programme. Mr. E. W. Sawyer, Vice-Principal, presided, Prof. Tufts, we regret to learn, being unable through sickness to attend any of the anniversary exercises.

Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Pryor. Music.....Miss Eaton. Essay—Wm. Pitt.....Herbert Harris. Reading.....The Lost Steamship. A. B. Holly. Essay.....The Will or the Way. John Dees. Reading.....The Engineer's Murder. Lewis Lovet. Music—Duett.....Misses Higgins and Hill. Essay.....Napoleon Bonaparte Arthur Harris. Reading.....The Schoolmaster's Guest. A. E. Shaw. Essay.....Self Culture. Howard Harris. Music—Vocal Solo.....Miss Campbell. Essay—Our North West.....A. E. Shaw. Reading.....Speech of Spartacus. Clarence Minard. Music.....Chorus Misses Wallace, Rogers and Gourley.

At the close short appreciative addresses were given by Principal Calkin of Truro, and Rev. Dr. Day, of Yarmouth.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI.

At 4 p. m. the Alumni Association held its annual meeting for the transaction of business, Judge Johnston, V. P., in the chair.

The report of the Secretary exhibited a membership of 99. The Society decided to pay two scholarships of \$25 each.

The Society nominated, W. M. McVicar, Esq., M. A., of St. John, as scholar of the Senate of Acadia instead of Rev. I. Dukee, deceased. They also nominated for Governor Rev. D. G. McDonald, of Sackville, N. B. A strong desire was manifested on the part of many that more prominence should be given to these Alumni gatherings on anniversary week. The officers elected for the ensuing year are, His Honor, Judge Johnston, President; Rev. D. G. McDonald, Vice-President; Frank Andrews, B. A., Secy-Treas.; W. L. Bars, B. A., E. D. King, M. A., Rev. J. W. Manning, B. A., Rev. E. J. Grant, Prof. R. V. Jones, M. A., B. H. Eaton, M. A., J. W. Longley, M. A., Directors.

THE SEMINARY EXERCISES.

The closing exercises of Acadia seminary, held in College Hall Wednesday evening, were well patronized, the large hall being filled. The exercises took place in accordance with the following programme:—

Processional March.....Misses Dickie and Campbell. PRAYER. 1. Piano Trio—Barber of Seville. Rossini Misses Holly, Rand and Rogers. 2. Essay—Grecian Sculpture.....Lizzie C. Hill, New Westminster, B. C. 3. Vocal Solo—One Sweetly Solemn Thought.....Ambrose Hattie E. Wallace. 4. Essay—The World's Heroes.....Lillian J. Benjamin, Wolfville. 5. Piano Solo—Rondo Brillante, Op. 62.....Lizzie C. Hill. 6. Essay—Shakespeare's Heroines.....Fannie C. Cox, Stewiacke. 7. Vocal Solo—Water Cresses.....Laford Ernie A. Day.

S. Essay with Valedictory—The Commonplace. Laura E. Hartt, Whyocoomagh, C. B. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS. ADDRESSES. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

In listening to these young ladies, one scarcely knew which most to commend, the general literary excellence of the essays, the artistic rendering of the piano selections, or the evidence of thorough voice culture exhibited in the reading and more especially in the vocal solos. The audience testified their delight by frequent and very hearty applause.

Dr. Higgins presided at the very enjoyable entertainment, and at the close called upon Dr. Sawyer to present the diplomas to the graduating class. The President came forward and presented certificates of graduation to the following who have honorably completed the prescribed course.

Lillian Jane Benjamin, Literary Course; Frances Elmina Cox, Classical Course; Laura Eliza Hartt, Classical Course; Elizabeth Carrick Hill, Literary and Musical Course.

In presenting these Dr. Sawyer gave the class very excellent counsel. Addresses were afterwards given by the Rev. Mr. Bartlett, of St. John, and Dr. Welton, of Toronto.

ART DEPARTMENT.

Acadia Seminary offers superior facilities for what are called the accomplishments in a young lady's education. In music, vocal and instrumental, and in drawing and painting very excellent work has been done. Some of the results of the work in the latter department are on exhibition in one of the class rooms and the productions elicit unqualified commendation. About seventy pieces were shown representing a great variety of work. The most pretensions of these were five large panels (18-46) in oils, representing plants and flowers. The coloring in these are close imitations of nature and were very fine. There were some twelve plaques very artistically executed, several very well painted landscapes in oils, one of Blomidon taken from nature, attracting much attention. The smaller pieces were many of them gems, but the panels in water colors seemed to please most. The work on these was very delicate and the combined effect of the picture and the mounting very harmonious. Acadia Seminary has had during the year 76 students, 40 being boarders.

THE SENATE.

The Senate of Acadia met on Tuesday evening, and held five sessions during that and the following days. Rev. W. H. Warren was chosen Secretary for the sessions. Considerable routine business was attended to. The present curriculum of the College was approved, and it was decided that the Senate should hereafter wear at the annual session, academic costume.

The honorary degree of D.D. was voted to the Rev. D. M. Welton, Ph.D., and the honorary M.A. to Mr. L. E. Wortman, B. A., of St. John, and J. P. Chipman, Esq., LL.B., of Kentville.

Though not directly connected with the anniversary exercises, it will be appropriate to mention here a MEMORIAL TO DR. CRAMP.

A beautiful marble tablet in memory of the late Dr. Cramp has just been put up in the Baptist church in Wolfville. The marble was cut in Montreal and the tablet was presented by Thomas Cramp Esq., of that city. The following is the inscription:

In memory of The Reverend JOHN MCKEYTT CRAMP D.D., Born at St. Peters, Isle of Thanet, England, On the 25th July, 1796. Departed this life at Wolfville, On the 6th December, 1881. Eminent as an author, teacher and preacher, he gave to God all his best powers from early youth. In 1851 he became president of Acadia College and devoted his life hereafter to that institution and to the Baptist denomination in this Province. In this church he ministered for many years in aid of the pastor, and his public labors in the service of the Master only ceased when strength failed. He died full of years and honors, esteemed, revered and loved. "His works do follow him" and he now rests from his labors.

THE ANNIVERSARY.

Tuesday morning was fine, and the friends of the College in large numbers took advantage of it to grace with their presence the graduation exercises of the class of '84. The large

hall was filled to its utmost capacity, when the usual procession of professors, alumni, students and governors, marched into the room while the piano gave forth the inspiring notes of a processional march. Prof. Foster, of N. B., took his seat with the Faculty. The following was the order of exercises:

Prayer by Rev. D. M. Welton, Ph.D. Orations by members of the graduating class. The Genesis of Scepticism in Thought, Enoch H. Sweet, Newport, N. S. Education a Natural Process Directed by Human Art, H. Bert Ellis, Fredericton, N. B. Solo by Miss Hartt. The supremacy of Law in the British Constitution, Benjamin A. Lockhart, Lockhartville, N. S. The harmony between the Artist and his Work, Clara B. Marshall, Lawrence-town, N. S. Piano Solo, Miss Hill. The Classical and Modern Theatre, Frank R. Haley, St. John, N. B. The Origin and Permanence of Civil and Religious Laws, Frank M. Kelly, Collina, N. B. Vocal Solo, Miss Hartt. Honor certificates were given to Mr. F. M. Kelly, for work in Philosophy, and to Mr. Haley for work in classics.

CONFERRING DEGREES.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on H. Bert Ellis, of Fredericton, N. B.; Frank R. Haley, St. John, N. B.; Frank M. Kelly, Collina, N. B.; B. A. Lockhart, Lockhartville, N. S.; Clara B. Marshall, Lawrence-town, N. S.; Enoch H. Sweet, Newport, N. S.

The degree of M. A. in course was conferred on Walter Bars, B. A., (1880) and the honorary degree of D. D., on the Rev. Dr. Welton, Ph. D. It was announced that the honorary M. A. had been given to Prof. Wortman of St. John, and J. P. Chipman, Esq., of Kentville.

The candidates for degrees were introduced this year by the Secretary of the Senate, Rev. W. H. Warren, instead of by the Secretary of the Governors as formerly. The Senate have decided that diplomas shall in the future be given with all degrees, honorary as well as those in course.

Dr. Sawyer delivered a very impressive address to the graduating class, after which the Rev. D. M. Welton, D. D., in a brief speech gracefully acknowledged the honor bestowed upon him by the Alma Mater. The anniversary of '84 is memorable as having produced the first lady graduate of an Art College in N. S. Miss Marshall has taken a leading position in her class from the first, and has been remarkably regular in her attendance on college work, having missed but one exercise during the four years course.

The orations exhibited variety in thought and style. Mr. Sweet with his commanding presence and voice easily secured the attention of his auditors while he unfolded to them the workings of the intellect in the regions of speculation and doubt. Mr. Ellis was unimpassioned and analytical, but clear and forceful in his statements. Miss Marshall gave an eloquent exhibit of the domain of true art. Mr. Haley in a somewhat untrodden field gave a valuable account of the rise of the old classic theater and its connection and contrast with the new; while Mr. Kelly in the most thoughtful paper of the series gave the origin of human law.

Miss Hartt by her solos added very much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

THE ALUMNI DINNER.

was next in order. About 150 Alumni and friends sat down to a well spread board. Judge Johnson presided, and after the animal cravings had been satisfied, gave a short address, and called upon other gentlemen who entertained the company till 4 p. m. The speakers were Prof. Foster, Benjamin Rand, M. A., F. H. Kelly, B. A. for the graduating class, Principal Calkin, of Truro; A. J. Eaton, M. A., Ph. D.; S. D. Scott, of the Halifax Mail; Rev. Mr. Churchill, and J. F. Parsons.

PROF. FOSTER'S LECTURE.

on Patriotism, took place Thursday evening, in Assembly Hall, under the auspices of the Faculty. A large audience was assembled and the oration was a most brilliant effort. The peroration was especially fine eliciting unqualified admiration. Dr. Sawyer presided.

THE HARTT MEMORIAL.

The class of 1860 have placed in the college library a tablet to the memory of their class mate, the late distinguished scientist, Professor C. F.

Hartt. This tablet is a shield of white marble imposed upon a shield of dove colored marble, and having the following inscription:—

[Spray of myrtle.]

CHARLES FREDERICK HARTT, A. M., of the class of 1860.

A valuable assistant of Agassiz—professor in Vassar college and in Cornell university. Appointed by the emperor Dom Pedro II. in 1875, chief of the geological survey of Brazil, in which service our beloved "Fred" sacrificed his life. Born at Fredericton, August 23rd, 1840. Died at Rio Janeiro, March 18th, 1878. His remains were removed to Buffalo, June 7th, 1883.

This tablet is placed here by his class mates, June 1884. This Frederick Hartt was a brilliant student, and though young at his death, had already become an authority in geology. He was an intimate friend and student of Agassiz, and went on several scientific expeditions with his master. He is represented as being a great student of the modern languages and to have made many original enquiries in several branches of science. But geology was his final choice, and the fact that he was selected for this Brazilian survey indicates the reputation he had already won in that field. The college class to which Hartt belonged was, taken altogether, the most brilliant in the history of Acadia, Silas Alward now, by the grace of Acadia, Dr. Alward is one of the leading lights of the St. John bar. Edward Hickson is a successful clergyman in Carleton, St. John, and Alfred Chase, one of the college governors, is in Yarmouth, a business man of ability. Alfred De Mille is a lawyer in St. John. Andrew Jones died just after taking his M. D. at Edinburgh; Robert V. Jones is Acadia's professor of classics; J. Y. Payzant is one of the most cultivated and scholarly members of the Halifax bar. Theodore H. Rand, D. C. L., has been superintendent of education in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He is now a professor in Acadia. James E. Wells, M. A., is professor in classics and president of the Baptist institute at Woodstock, Ontario, and is a man of deep and varied scholarship. Dr. Wickwire is a Halifax physician of high standing. These were the members of the class of 1860 and the nine survivors of whom have joined in giving the tribute above mentioned to their distinguished dead comrade.

Prof. Hartt's five sisters were present to participate in this interesting ceremony. They brought with them for presentation to the college a fine portrait of their distinguished brother, which was thankfully received and accorded a permanent place in the library.

PERSONAL.

Mr. A. E. Coldwell, M. A., who for the past two years has filled the office of instructor in Natural Science in Acadia college, was at the recent meeting of the Governors, on the unanimous recommendation of the Senate, appointed Professor in that department.

Mr. Walter Bars, M. A., who recently graduated at Rochester is with his bride spending a few weeks at his home in Wolfville, before going to his far off chosen field of labor, Victoria, B. C. He preached for Pastor Higgins on Saturday evening.

Mr. E. W. Sawyer, (B. A. Acadia 1880,) who graduated with high rank at Harvard last year has recently been nominated by the Faculty of the latter institute to the Harris Fellowship, of the value of \$600.00, tenable one year. This is a high compliment to Mr. Sawyer's scholarship.

Rev. Mr. Churchill and wife were in Wolfville anniversary week.

Baptist Anniversaries.

Acadia College, June 5th. The Baptist Seminary, June 19. Southern N. B. Association, Fairville, June 10th. Western N. S. Association, Hillsburgh, June 21. Western N. B. Association, Woodstock, June 24. Central N. S. Association, Lower Aylesford, June 28. P. E. Island Association, July 5. Eastern N. B. Association, Dorchester, July 8. Eastern N. S. Association, Amherst, July 12.