BAPTIST CONVENTION

Encouraging Reports From Different Institutions.

Dr. Trotter and the Forward Movement—Outlook for College is Bright.

TRURO, N. S., Aug. 21.—A number of visitors were yesterday invited to a seat in the convention. Among them were: Rev. E. Bosworth of Grand Ligne, Quebec; A. E. Wall, Windsor, N. S.; Rev. A. J. Vining, Aylmer West, Ont.; Rev. Dr. Newcomb, Massachusetts; Dr. Jas. McLeod, Fredericton; S. R. Giffin, Goldboro, N. S.; C. L. Bentley, Mass.; Hon. J. N. Armstrong, Sydney; Rev. E. E. Gates, Rev. Chas. R. McNally of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. Goodspeed, Toronto; Rev. A. A. Shaw, Brookline, Mass. Each of these responded to the invitation of the president to address the convention.

A communication was then read from the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, expressing themselves as very grateful to the maritime convention for its expression of sympathy in their fight over the education bill of Great Britain.

The report of the board of governors of Acadia University was given by the secretary, Dr. Kempton of Dartmouth. One hundred and seventeen students were in attendance last year; 12 received the degree of B. A.; eight received the degree of M. A. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. J. A. Gordon of Montreal, formerly of St. John, and D. C. L. was conferred upon Hon. H. R. Emmerson, M. P., minister of railways for Canada; 23 ministerial students were studying at the university proper.

Hereafter all ministerial students shall receive aid only for work done upon the mission fields of the provinces. This aid will amount to $160, $180 and $200 respecvtiely for first, second and third year students. Formerly this grant was made irrespective of the amount of work done. The faculty has established two new courses in the college—one a four-years' course co-ordinative with the B. A. course, leading to the degree of B. Sc., and the other two-years' course in science without degree. Both of these courses are arranged in affiliation with the McGill University. The attendance at Horton Academy has been satisfactory. The enrollment for the year was 92. Former Principal H. L. Brittain resigned last year to pursue his post-graduate studies elsewhere. Prof. E. W. Sawyer of the college has been appointed to the principalship and ably assisted by the new appointee, C. J. Mersereau of Doaktown, N. B., will enter upon his work under most favorable auspices. Another New Brunswick boy, J. C. Rayworth of Middle Sackville, has been appointed to the staff of the academy.

With the Ladies' Seminary the past year has been a prosperous one. One hundred and ninety-two have been in attendance. The musical festival of May 10th and 11th, given by the Acadia Choral Club, under the direction of Prof. G. P. Maxim, director of music, was a marked feature of last year's work and attracted a great deal of attention. A sophomore matriculation course has been added. Pupils taking this course can enter the sophomore year of the university. The report further added that of the $100,000 to be raised among the churches, $55,000 has been raised by Dr. Trotter, president of the university, by purely personal private solicitation. A more general canvass will be made among the churches. This will be undertaken by Dr. Trotter in person, who believes that "the denomination can and will carry this second forward movement to a successful conclusion."

At the afternoon session the treasurer's report of the university was taken up and the receipts were shown to be $48,788.14, and the expenditures $53,676.03; the deficit was $4,887.89. By this it was found that the Baptists are not niggardly in the management of their education plant at Wolfville. The question was raised by Dr. E. M. Keirstead as to whether the 400 churches of these provinces could not send more than 400 students to these institutions. He believed each church should send at least two students to Acadia, and also that the number of students seeking to enter the ministry was smaller than it ought to be, only fifteen seeking work upon the home mission fields of Nova Scotia alone. He pled for greater attention to these things. The vestibules emptied themselves into the audience room as he pled for care in fostering our own institutions and not to look for the coming of a better day because of the establishment of Rhodes scholarships. He sat down amid applause.

A strong report was presented by the committee on temperance, reaffirming undying antagonism to the traffic and emphasizing the necessity of living and working to drive this curse from the land.

Saturday evening was given up to a truly great education meeting. The speakers of the occasion were Prof. E. W. Sawyer, principal of Horton, who presented the work of the academy; Rev. L. D. Morse, pastor of Wolfville Baptist Church, who spoke upon the "Unity and Importance of Our Education;" and the president of the college, Dr. Thos. Trotter, who spoke of our educational assets. This was a powerful platform, the net importance of which was that education has an increasingly large place of importance in the work of the denomination.

Sunday was a great day. The convention sermon was delivered by Rev. G. R. White of Charlottetown. Pulpits of the town were filled by visiting ministers. In the afternoon Rev. J. H. McDonald spoke to the Sunday school. At 3 o'clock Rev. H. F. Adams addressed the convention upon the 20th Century Fund, and Rev. A. J. Vining of Aylmer West, Ont., eastern field secretary for the Northwest convention, spoke upon the mission work in the great west.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Two splendid addresses were delivered Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. F. Adams, who spoke upon the 20th Century Fund and upon the resources of Canada, and by Rev. A. J. Vining of Aylmer, West Ont. Eastern Field Secretary for Northwest missions. Mr. Adams reported that of the $50,000 to be raised for the 20th Century Fund $43,210 had been pledged.

In an unconscious manner these men engaged in mission work are the greatest emigration agents that we have. The splendid facts they give are attracting the attention of the people in all the churches they visit. Mr. Vining is among our churches every year, both in this country and the United States. In a few weeks he will visit Great Britain. The story that he tells of the vast resources of the great west, with such magnificent power and winning skill, is calculated to attract the attention of many. Among other things he said that he had come to advocate another meeting of the national convention. He suggested that such be held in St. John, N. B., in June, 1906.

Sunday evening a strong, helpful sermon was preached by Rev. A. B. Cohoe of Brussels street church. He took for his text Matt. 18, 3-4: "Except ye be converted," etc. He spoke to the man who did not know the love of God, and to those who have missed much in life; to the man who feels that he has depended too much upon the love of God. The supreme passion of Christ's life was to do His Father's will. He lived an innocent, pure life amid sin, and He was heart-broken at the revelation that others were not like Himself. Nazareth became too small when it came to Him that He knew God alone of all the earth while the world was sinking. The burden of a world rolled upon Him, and He started out to make men know what He knew. This message was a joyful one at first, as He was met there in Galilee and the murmur and the applause was mingled. He heard the murmur and went into the north country for recreation and meditation; then set His face toward Jerusalem, that He might make this world feel that they needed God. It makes little difference what Jesus Christ thinks about you, but it makes a greater difference what you think about yourself. There is value only in Christ's thought of you when you make this your thought. Men must have faith, and not be wrapped up in dead dogmas. Paul has a living faith. One thing we need is love, and the one thing that rebukes us is hate. The man that does not love is slowly cutting himself off from his fellows, his loved ones and his God. The Christian or the preacher that feels himself cut off from the fallen, the heathen, or right, stands with the man who does not love. Gracious Christ, if we are not men, make us men. But how is this to come? When you receive God as the little child. If we can prove that Jesus Christ did these things, you have only a theological formula. Never mind the analysis so you get the message. One day years ago you did the deed and it was wrong. All was wrong. By and by you choked out your wrong to mother, and then you went to sleep and the next day you are different. You know your mother, for she did something for you. So it is when you cry out to your Father and He comes to you, and you know something about Him. You do not find out Jesus by saying, "What does Jesus teach?" You find out by crying out to God the Father in the time of need: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye cannot know the Father."

Following this helpful, tender sermon, the Rev. D. Hutchinson of Moncton conducted an after-meeting for testimony.

TRURO, Aug. 23, 11 p. m.—The report of the committee on union between the Baptists and Free Baptists was adopted by the Baptist convention in Truro assembled by a unanimous vote.

At the Monday morning's session a communication was received from Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, asking that delegates be appointed by the churches of the maritime provinces to attend a world's congress to be held in London in the summer of 1905. This would be for the purpose of an exchange of theological thought, as a school of method, and to learn much from one another as to our work in church, Sunday school, and mission work. This congress would be made up of delegates from all Baptist churches, boards, and religious institutions.

The afternoon session found the convention disposed to take up the business in earnest. The first discussion was over the question of special appeals to the churches in the interests of the regular and ourside denominational work. The whole matter of special appeals was referred to a committee, who reported favorably upon the request of the home mission board of the Northwest to allow their representative to visit the churches of these provinces and to appeal for funds in the fall of 1905.

EVENING SESSION.

Monday evening before the regular addresses of the evening, Rev. Dr. McLeod of Fredericton; Rev. Abram Perry, moderator of the Free Baptist conference of N. B., and Rev. David Long, of the Victoria St. Church of St. John, N. B., as visiting brethren, were invited to the platform and made stirring and especially inspiring addresses supporting the movement looking to the union between the Baptists and Free Baptists of New Brunswick. Every reference to the subject was made amid applause, showing that the spirit of union pervades the atmosphere. Dr. McLeod gave a splendid address in which he showed in the clearest manner that the difference between these bodies which now exists is not sufficient to longer warrant the existence of two denominations. The freedom which is the foundation of British power is founded on British unity. The disagreement of the fathers was honest, but they left all of these disagreements this side of the grave. It is our duty as well as our privilege to walk together for the glory of God. Seldom has such a man had such an inspiring theme and seldom has this body of delegates listened to such an address. Mr. Perry and Mr. Long were equally happy and equally acceptable in their remarks.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre, field secretary of home mission secretary for New Brunswick, followed. His presence was somewhat unexpected, as it had been reported that he would not be able to attend. But he was called upon and dwelt upon the question of union as the one great home mission movement which would weld the 12,000 Free Baptists of New Brunswick with the 18,000 Baptists, which would be a great force. We laid out last year $2,700 in home mission work. With this new force we should lay out $5,000. He favored union.

Monday evening the home mission meeting was addressed by Field Secretary Rev. Maynard Brown. He spoke of the Conditions and Needs of the Work. In Nova Scotia and P. E. Island eighty churches are now receiving aid ranging in sums of from $10 to $365. Nearly all of these churches are now supplied with pastors. It is a remarkable fact that a large proportion of our best and most successful men came from home mission fields. The rapid growth of the Baptist church at Sydney Mines was alluded to as an illustration of what can be accomplished by faithful mission work. There is a great need of men and means. Twelve fields are now served in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island by students who will leave these fields vacant on their return to college.

Rev. E. Bosworth, field secretary of Grande Ligne, Quebec, then spoke of the mission work in that province, which has had such a wonderful history and has drawn support from these provinces.

The last speaker of the evening was Rev. Wm. A. White, a young colored man from Baltimore, Maryland. This young man is doing mission work among the 6,000 colored people of Nova Scotia. He was led into this work by Miss Helena Blackadar, now a missionary in India. Although the hour was late, yet not a person left the church during the splendid address of this remarkable young man.

At the close of the platform meeting a business session of the convention was held, lasting until midnight. The editor of the Year Book reported, and Rev. A. Cohoon, treasurer for denominational funds for Nova Scotia and Dr. J. W. Manning, treasurer of denominational funds for New Brunswick. The amount raised in Nova Scotia for denominational work, including the W. M. A. societies, was $18,084.25; for New Brunswick, $4,064.05.

Rev. A. Cohoon resigned his position as treasurer, which he had held without salary for twelve years. His resignation was referred to the committee on nominations. Thus ended one of the busiest sessions of the convention. Tomorrow promises to be still more interesting. The matter of denominational union comes up at 3 p. m.

TRURO, Aug. 23.—A sudden change in the weather which has come each alternate day, changed beautiful Truro into dripping Truro as the Baptist delegates assembled to transact the business of the last day of the convention. A heavy task faced them, and at an early hour, notwithstanding the pressure of the day before, a large number were in their places at 9.15, when Vice President Goucher called the convention to order. The first matter under consideration was the report of the committee of nomination, which was as follows:

Preacher convention sermon, Rev. W. F. Parker, Windsor, N. S.; alternate, Rev. Christopher Burnett, St. John. Representative of N. W. Missions, Rev. W. N. Hutchins.

Committee on the state of the denomination, Rev. W. E. McIntyre, N. B.; Rev. M. W. Brown, N. S.; Rev. F. D. Davidson, P. E. Island.

Committee on travelling arrangements, H. E. Gross, J. S. Trites.

S. S. board, Rev. G. P. Raymond, Dr. E. M. Keirstead, Principal E. W. Sawyer for Nova Scotia; Brothers T. S. Simons, A. H. Chipman, J. J. Wallace for New Brunswick; J. K. Ross for P. E. Island.

Foreign board, Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. Howard H. Roach, Dr. G. O. Gates,, Rev. Ira M. Baird, E. M. Sipprell.

Board of Governors of Acadia College—J. B. Oakes, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, R. P. Starr, R. G. Haley, Rev. J. O. Spurr, Hon. L. P. Farris, Rev. G. R. White, W. W. Clark.

Home Mission Board—Retiring 1906, Rev. C. H. Martell in place of Rev. H. F. Adams; retiring in 1907, Rev. J. Miles, Geo. F. Allen, W. J. Rutledge, Rev. C. W. Rose, Rev. F. C. Wright.

Ministerial Education Board—Retiring 1907, Rev. M. P. Freeman, J. B. Oakes, Prin. E. W. Sawyer.

Finance committee for Nova Scotia—John N. Alder, A. E. Wallace, Rev. A. Cohoon.

Finance committee for New Brunswick—Rev. J. Manning, B. N. Nobles, F. W. Emmerson.

Finance committee for P. E. Island—A. W. Sterns, Rev. G. R. White, J. P. Gordon.

Ministers' Amnesty, retiring in 1907—J. C. Dumaresq, William Davis, E. D. Strand, E. D. King, Rev. E. M. Saunders.

Press committee—Rev. R. O. Morse for Nova Scotia; Rev. H. H. Roach for New Brunswick; J. K. Ross for P. E. Island.

Representative on Grand Ligne Mission Board—Rev. D. Hutchinson, Moncton.

Committee of arrangements—President and secretary of convention pastor of entertaining church, etc.

Editor of Year Book—Dr. H. C. Coud. Advisory committee on Year Book—Rev. J. H. McDonald, W. R. Robinson, J. W. Spurden.

Members of History Society retiring 1907—Dr. J. H. Saunders, Rev. A. C. Chute, Rev. T. B. Layton, Rev. J. W. Brown, Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Rev. J. A. Cahill, Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Rev. W. A. White.

The committee on obituaries, reporting through Dr. E. M. Sawyer, reported upon the death of Rev. W. D. Manser, Rev. H. H. Perry, Dr. D. N. Welton, Rev. Samuel D. Irvine, Mrs. J. T. Eaton, Mrs. Allison Smith. This report was followed by prayer by Rev. Isaiah Wallace at the request of the president.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the foreign missions was lengthy and interesting. Four missionaries, Rev. R. E. Gullison and wife, Rev. H. T. Corey and wife, are now on furlough. It also was reported that the new appointee, Miss Alberta Parker, was seriously ill. One new field has been opened in Rayagadha Valley. The board recommended that the special foreign missions day, the last Sunday in March, be observed in all churches, and that some phase of worldwide evangelization be considered. Among the new movements the B. Y. P. Union has pledged for the salary of Rev. S. C. Freeman, the missionary of the young people. It was reported also that Miss Eva Dprazer has bequeathed to the F. M. board a valuable property in India, worth $3,300. It was also learned that Miss Iva Gibson is being educated as a medical missionary at the expense of the board. On the foreign field, among the Telugus in India, there are eight churches, with 537 members. The total increase last year was 66, of which 46 were baptized.

Summary—There are eight churches, as was reported last year. The membership is 537. The total increase was 66, of which 46 were by baptism. Two churches have passed the 100 limit and two are well up in the nineties. Each church had additions by baptism. There are nine male missionaries, six wives of missionaries and six single ladies, a total of 21. Of this number there are two families at present on furlough, Rev. H. T. Corey and family and Rev. R. E. Gullison and wife. Of the native helpers who are pastors one only is ordained. There are 42 preachers and evangelists, 7 colporteurs, 32 Bible women, 32 teachers, 23 of whom are men and 9 are women. There are 3 medical assistants. The total number of helpers, not including the latter, is 103. There are 7 principal stations and 20 out-stations. The villages in which Christians live number 32, and there are 3,039 villages in the whole field. There certainly seems to be very much land to be possessed. Of the additions to the churches 17 were from Sunday schools. There are two boarding schools. One of these, for boys, is located at Bimlipitam; the other is for girls, and is located at Bobbili. It is expected that all pupils of other stations who are prepared to take lower secondary work will be sent to these schools. Primary departments only will be maintained at those stations. At Chicacole there is a hospital for the benefit of the women and children of the mission. Miss Constance G. Dee is the lady in charge and so far her work has given much satisfaction. The total receipts of the F. M. board were $20,633.83, and the deficits for the year were $1,287.08.

MINISTERS' ANNUITY.

Report on ministers' annuity—Dr. E. M. Saunders gave a brief report for the ministers' annuity fund. There is a fund in hand of $31,000, the interest of which, together with the offerings of churches and individuals, together with a per cent. of denominational funds, are used to assist deserving ministers and their families. Eighteen have drawn help from this fund amounting to $622.50 during the year.

THE UNION MOVEMENT.

Dr. Gates moved the adoption of the report of the committee and referred to the history of the movement. It commenced twenty years ago in 1884. Reciprocal courtesies were exchanged during the next few years at the several conventions of the two bodies. The proposed basis of union which appeared in the Sun was drawn up in 1887 by a union committee and adopted by the Baptist convention in 1888, but was not adopted by the Free Baptist body. The standing committee of the Baptist convention was retained until 1893, when this committee was not reappointed. Representatives from the F. B. conference made certain advances to this convention last year in St. John, N. B., and as a result of this a committee was appointed consisting of Dr. G. O. Gates, Rev. W. E. McIntyre and Rev. H. F. Adams. The committee added to their number Dr. J. W. Manning and Rev. John Hughes. Dr. Gates cited the facts of union proposed in the southwest and the north. He proposed that the committee adopt the amended basis of union to which the F. B. conference has already subscribed.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre came to the platform to second the motion. He first pointed out the doctrinal unity of the two bodies. He could not see why the two should stand apart and cited the splitting up and overlapping that followed upon the separation. Pastor's work would be centralized by union. He emphasized the vast importance of the home mission work. An endless competition now existed which could be prevented by union. The speaker, with a full knowledge of the F. B. body, favored organic union even without any basis of union, of the special interests as annunities, and missions. He had prayed and labored for this throughout his ministry.

Following Mr. McIntyre came Rev. Dr. McLeod of Fredericton, so well known as the editor of the Religious Intelligencer. He explained the delay in the action of the F. B. body to be chiefly due to the fear of division upon the question of instantaneous and entire sanctification, which it was feared would divide the F. B. body of 20 years ago. Such a division came, however, but not to the same extent which would have taken place to a larger degree had the union proposed twenty years ago taken place then. The speaker favored the union even without any amendment to the basis drawn up in 1887. He interpreted the amendments suggested by the F. B. convention of last year to a desire to prevent differences. The Presbyterians, who were once so divided that they called themselves the "split peas," with all of their differences, have been one for thirty years, and the same is true of the Methodists. He believed that if this Baptist convention approved of the basis of union we would be one under one flag by the beginning of 1905. He then grasped the hand of the president, who rose to his greeting, and sat down.

Dr. E. M. Saunders followed and supported the basis of union. This was also supported by Rev. Isaiah Wallace. Dr. E. M. Keirstead, professor of Acadia College, supported the basis of union. Rev. E. J. Grant proposed to drop out section 16, which defined who should partake of the Lord's Supper. He contended that if this clause passed as an amendment, it meant the abandonment of the historic position the Baptists held for a hundred years.

Rev. Chas. McNally of Brooklyn, N. Y., spoke, supporting the basis of union.

Rev. H. F. Waring asked the question: "Does voting for this basis of union commit us to every word in it. If we have to endorse this now we shall have to thrash it all out later. Let us leave a basis similar to the one suggested by Rev. W. E. McIntyre. He would have no basis of union drawn up.

Rev. A. Cohoon moved that clause 11, concerning perseverance, be dropped and that the following be substituted for clause 16, concerning communion. Moved in amendment (1) that clause 11th be dropped out, (2) that clause 10 read, "The Lord's Supper. We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Christ to be observed by the individual church in the manner indicated by Him."—Mat. 26, 26 to 30.

Dr. Thomas Trotter, president of Acadia, believed that union ought to take place anyway, and was ready to support it upon any basis likely to be drawn up. He seconded the amendment proposed by Rev. Mr. Cohoon.

Baptist Union.—The following tentative plan of organization with general memoranda was drawn up by the joint committee May 17th, 1904.

Organization for New Brunswick.—1. The formation of ten district meetings of the united Baptist churches to be formed of (a) ministers laboring in the districts, (b) two delegates from each church for first 100 resident members, and one for each additional 100 or fraction thereof; (c) the presiding officers ex officio of convention and the New Brunswick association, the secretaries of the missionary and educational boards and retired ministers resident in the district.

Objects.—The district meetings shall receive reports of statistics, spiritual condition and benevolence of the churches and Sunday schools. The clerk of the district meeting shall annually make a summary of reports of the churches and Sunday schools for the provincial association.

2. There shall be a New Brunswick association of the United Baptists, the membership of which is to be as follows: (a) All ordained ministers members of the churches in the province; delegates from district meetings, one for each 500 resident members or fraction thereof; (c) One delegate from each church in the association; (d) The presiding officer of the convention and the secretaries of the missionary and educational boards ex officio.

Objects.—The objects of the association shall be: (a) The reception and consideration of reports of district meetings; (b) The supervision of the home mission work of the province and the appointment of the members of the boards; (c) Charge of the annuity and relief funds for superannuated and infirm ministers and widows and children of deceased ministers; (d) The consideration of the Sunday school, foreign mission and educational interests, with other general matters pertaining to the welfare of the body.

3. There shall be in connection with the N. B. association a ministers' conference to be composed of the ordained ministers, who are members of the association. The purpose of the conference shall be to promote fellowship and to remove any matters of trial between its members, to investigate the moral character of its members when necessary and to aid in the removal of difficulties between pastors and people.

General.—1. It is understood that the ministers and licentiates of the bodies uniting shall have the standing held by them in their respective bodies at the time of union.

2. It is proposed to so amalgamate the ministerial relief funds of the uniting bodies that all ministers shall participate on equal terms.

3. The church covenants hitherto in use in both bodies are to remain unchanged, except by the action of the individual churches.

4. In case of the existence in the same community of a church of each of the uniting bodies, a union of the churches if so desired by them may be effected by voluntary action.

5. Rearrangements of pastors are to be subject to the control of the churches themselves.

6. The association shall appoint from year to year an advisory committee, which may be consulted by churches desiring to unite, and also by churches desiring the rearrangement of pastorates, such committee having authority to decide unsettled questions.

7. Titles of churches and other property of the uniting bodies to remain as now, except such changes in name and form as may be necessary, provision for which may be made by act of legislature.

8. The several funds of the bodies to become common funds of the united bodies for the several purposes for which these funds have been contributed.

9. Neither of the uniting bodies will be required by the union to withdraw support from any mission work hitherto carried on by them.

10. It is desired and hoped that as speedily as possible the women's missionary societies of the respective bodies will unite and carry on jointly the work they now have on hand.

11. It is recommended that the young people's societies of the uniting bodies organize a provincial league or union for the better prosecution of their work.

12. The presiding officer of the district meeting shall be known as chairman, and that of the association moderator.

Territorial divisions—The committee suggest the division of the province into the following districts: First, Madawaska, Victoria, and upper part of Carleton Co.; second, lower part of Carleton Co.; third, York Co.; fourth, Sunbury Co. and Gagetown in Queens; fifth, remainder of Queens Co.; sixth, Charlotte Co. and western part of St. John Co.; seventh, Kings Co. and St. Martins; eighth, Albert Co.; ninth, Westmorland Co.; tenth, Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche counties.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A burst of applause greeted the announcement of President Cummings calling for the report of the committee on the union of the Baptists of the maritime provinces with the Free Baptists of New Brunswick. This committee was appointed last year. Dr. Gates read the report, which is as follows:

Report of committee on Baptist union:

Your committee met soon after the convention of last year. We felt that we were too few in number to face the great problem, and we agreed to ask J. H. Hughes and Dr. J. W. Manning to deliberate with us, which they did.

In addition to interviews that the committee have had with each other during the year, we held two all-day meetings with the committee appointed by the F. B. conference. These were hours of deep feeling, with much prayer, and the meetings were marked with unanimity.

It was the expression of the joint committee that union of the two Baptist bodies there represented is a most desirable thing, desirable because united we could do more and better work for the kingdom, and with a wiser economy of the Lord's workers and money. That for each body union would mean a great good, an inspiring stimulus, and would enable us the better to show the world the spirit of the Master as expressed in His prayer on the eve of His passion, "that they all would be one."

There was no thought in the mind of the joint committee that we would ask anyone to surrender a matter of conscience, but that in that large freedom of soul liberty the right to private judgment for which Baptists have always stood and for which they suffered and died could find a common platform. In regard to doctrinal belief and church probity, where we could unitedly stand and from which as a basis we could do as one denomination in a spirit of love and honor carry on the work of the Lord has intrusted us both at home and abroad.

We had before us the "doctrinal basis" of union which the convention of 1887 accepted and we found that the Free Baptist conference at the last annual meeting had considered the same and adopted it save with an amendment to two sections. We heard from the members of the Free Baptist committee some of their reasons for the modifications and then after long, earnest and prayerful consideration, we agree to accept these sections as modified and to recommend our convention to do the same. We make this recommendation because (1) we do not see that the modifications change in effect the general teaching of the basis as adopted by us in 1887, and (2) that if our convention will accept our report modifying the above-mentioned clause as passed upon by the Free Baptist conference in 1903, we shall then have proceeded thus far in this most desirable matter of the union of the two sister denominations, viz.: that a common doctrinal basis has been agreed to by the representative bodies of the Baptist and Free Baptist denominations in the convention of the Baptist and conference of the Free Baptists. With this done, who will not rejoice and anticipate as near an organic union that means more to Baptists and Free Baptists of these provinces in general and Free Baptists in particular, than any one thing longed for and prayed for for years. It will be a new, fresh stimulus to a Baptist population in these provinces and to the churches of these provinces, and will be followed by an increased activity in all the departments of denominational work.

Your committee would therefore recommend that sections 11 and 16 of the doctrinal basis of 1887 be changed to read: The Lord's supper—The Lord's supper is designed to commemorate the sufferings of Christ and to represent in the use of bread and wine the communion which saints have with Him and with each other. Every believer in Christ being a member of His visible church, has not only the right to partake of the emblems of His body and of His blood in the communion, but is under obligation thus to commemorate His death. Section 11.: Perseverance—We believe that a persevering attachment to Christ is necessary for the final saving of the soul. The responsibility therefore is placed upon the Christian of making his calling and election sure.

Your committee respectfully submits the above to your prayerful consideration. If passed upon as we recommend we see it possible at once to proceed toward the organic union of these two Baptist denominations, and that effeced will mean a new impetus to our body in both home and foreign missions and in evangelical and educational work. It will mean the answer to prayer for long years offered by many who have passed from us to join the Baptist and Free Baptist brethren in the union of believers before the throne. It will mean joy to many workers now living and who for years and years have seen this as an end toward which we believe our Lord and Master was leading. Respectfully submitted, G. O. Gates, convenor for the committee.

EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday evening the Baptist convention opened promptly at eight, with President Cummings in the chair. The session was opened by prayer by Rev. L. D. Morse, and then Foreign Missionary Rev. H. T. Corey addressed the meeting, which was a foreign mission meeting. Mr. Corey is somewhat of an ideal missionary. He does not feel that he is taking up his cross and thereby bearing all the burdens of the world. Wholesome in nature, healthy in body, optimistic in temperament, he minimized the difficulties and magnified the opportunities. He spoke of the climate as being endurable, the comforts abundant, the races intelligent, law-abiding, capable, and able to fill the different professions and places of trust and honor. Of the work accomplished, he spoke of the practices abandoned, such as child marriage. A church has been gathered out of this mass of 300,000,000 in India, including Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Baptist. A Bible has been translated. A rich literature in the English and vernacular is increasing. The transportation problem opened up the country so that we can work to great advantage. But the great purpose of the work is to preach the Gospel. Their religions may be a great system of philosophy. They are in need of Christ, and may the Lord help us to present this Sovereign Saviour.

Following his address Louis Rice sang a pleasing baritone solo. The music of the convention was under the direction of Mrs. Ella Hill.

Rev. R. E. Gullison followed in an address showing that Hinduism had not satisfied the native, but Christianity can satisfy. India has been called the mother of religions. Their standard of morality is low. Their idea of the highest good is low.

On motion the discussion of the question of union between the Baptists and Free Baptists was taken up. Rev. David Hutchinson of Moncton began the discussion. The basis of union will have disappeared in six months and we will believe and practice just what we do now. Our F. B. brethren have passed upon this matter, and we now know just what they will support, and I will support the report.

H. C. Creed of Fredericton asked whether the churches had spoken upon this question. Does our action bind any local church? He thought that many would not agree to the basis, and if we could agree upon some basis let us adopt the amendment of Mr. Cohoon and Dr. Trotter. Dr. J. E. Brown of Hopewell pointed out that most of the pastors of this congregation are here. Most of them have no objection and can inform their churches.

Rev. David Long of St. John thought that both should be called upon to yield a little. He as a pastor of seven years has been somewhat close, too close, for not over one half dozen Baptists had communed with them in all those seven years. As the husband and wife exercised mutual influence upon each other, so if this union is effected we shall be less liberal and less conservative than some of us have been hitherto.

Rev. E. J. Grant thought the adoption of the report would mean confusion.

Rev. W. N. Hutchins pleaded for the report.

Rev. A. Cohoon thought that he should have a large amount of freedom and thought the amendment should pass and it would send this matter back to them and mean a larger freedom to them and to all.

The motion for the adoption of the report was put and carried unanimously.

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Well Known Weymouth Lady Thrown From Her Carriage.

DIGBY, N. S., Aug. 23.—The many friends in Digby of Norman B. Jones, collector of customs at the port of Weymouth, were shocked to hear of the sudden death of his estimable wife. It seems that she and her daughter, Mrs. Henry Filluel, went for a drive this afternoon, Mrs. Filluel driving. Before reaching the main road the horse became frightened and unmanageable, overturning the wagon and causing Mrs. Jones to fall on her head, breaking her neck. Death was instantaneous.

Mrs. Jones was a daughter of Rev. James Moody, a former rector of Trinity church, Yarmouth. Mrs. Jones, besides a host of real and true friends, leaves to mourn her death her husband, one sister, three sons, and the daughter already mentioned. The sons are: Brenton, living with his father; Henry, in the Western States; James, in Woodstock, in the Royal Bank, and the sister, wife of Edward W. Vlets of Yarmouth. Mrs. Filluel escaped with a few scratches.

NEW HOUSE BURNED.

H. J. Dick, who returned Monday evening from St. George, tells of a fire Saturday night at La Tete that destroyed a new house just built by W. J. Tucker, a farmer. The place was about completed and Mr. Tucker had moved in some of his furniture, but had not taken up his residence. During Saturday night's heavy rain storm the cellar was flooded and the water soaked into a barrel of lime that the builders had left there and it burst and set fire to the building, which was destroyed with all its contents. It was not until morning that Mr. Tucker knew of his loss. He had no insurance.

NEW MILLING COMPANY.

Notice of application for incorporation as the "Elgin Milling Company, Limited," is given by H. C. Read, Sackville; F. W. Emmerson, Moncton, and Jos. Friel, H. R. Emmerson, jr., Miss Ethel R. Emmerson and Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Dorchester.

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SENATOR HOAR'S CONDITION.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 23.—At 9 o'clock tonight General Rockwood Hoar said Senator George F. Hoar has had a very comfortable day, and while there is no substantial change tonight his pulse is more regular and his throat causes him less trouble. There is a prospect for a good night.

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