pastor wherever possible. On motion this report was adopted and in speaking of it Secretary McIntyre delivered an interesting address, turning his attention first to endorse the addresses on Education and then making a plea for wider interests in New Brunswick Home Missions. The northern counties need far more than we can give to them. It may be that in each of them at some time we may reach our ambition and have two missionaries.

Rev. A. H. Lavers spoke briefly of the general work of Home Missions and in particular of the efforts of the Maritime Committee and their distribution of funds.

SABBATH DAY.

The unfortunate weather continued to lessen the attendance at the meetings. For this there was general regret on the part of delegates as well as their kind entertainers. Social meetings were conducted by the women and the men at 9 30 a. m. These were followed closely by the Sabbath School at which addresses were given by Rev. W. H. McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, the latter singing some Telugu hymns.

At 11 o'clock Rev. A. H. Lavers, of St. George, preached in the Baptist church, being assisted in the service by Revs. Geo. Churchill and W. H. McLeod. The text was Hebrews 11, 27, last clause. It was a good and helpful discourse.

AFTERNOON.

The rain unfortunately continued to interfere with the attendence. A good congregation however was present at 3 o'clock to listen to the Associational sermon by Rev. J. A. Gordon. Isaiah 53 was read by Rev. N. A. McNeill. Prayer was offered by Bro. P. J. Stackhouse, (Lic.). Pastor Camp in his introduction voiced the general sentiment of regret with which announcement of Mr. Gordon's retirement from this body has been received, and the speaker prefaced his remarks with expression of his sorrow in appearing for the last time as a member of a Maritime Association. "What lack I yet?" the rich young man's question and its answer, were the subject of this sermon. It is small commendation to call it good. Those fortunate enough to hear it will not soon forget its strength and practical helpfulness. Our readers will do well if when it appears later in our columns they give to it a careful reading.

EVENING.

A young peoples meeting in the vestry at 6.15 was well attended and a profitable season. In the church proper at 7 o'clock Rev. E. C Jenkins read the scripture, Rev. H. D. Worden offered prayer. Excellent music was rendered on this occasion as at other meetings of the Association by the choir of the church. Rev. W. C. Goucher, the preacher of the evening, preached a serious and thoughtful message from iii John 2, maintaining the standard of the day and giving words of cheer and hopefulness. Pastor Dykeman led an evangelistic service in which a number took part, closing a day of privilege.

MONDAY.

Association assembled at ten o'clock. Rev. Ira Smith, the newly installed pastor at Leinster Street, was happily introduced by Dr. Gates and warmly greeted. Mr. Smith took the platform and made fitting reply.

The associational sermon of yesterday was heartily endorsed by the brethren and on motion of Rev. J. Coombs its publication was requested.

A resolution moved by Dr. Gates was unanimously adopted expressing deep regret at Rev. J. A. Gordon's prospective removal to Montreal, with hearty appreciation of the very valuable services he has rendered to our denominational work and earnest desires for his continued prosperity and usefulness.

The Committee on Temperance having failed to report the association on motion appointed Revs. N. A. McNeill, A. T. Dykeman and R. M. Bynon to withdraw and present a resolution for consideration.

Rev. M. C. Higgins read the report on Sabbath Schools prepared by T. S. Simms. This regretted the inaccuracy of statistics often sent to the associations, and with emphasis recommended the introduction of normal work and grading as essential to the healthy and progressive development of our Sabbath School work. Attention was called to the special grading helps now appearing in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

The report was received for discussion. Bro. Coombs regretted that distinctly Baptistic normal helps and outlines are not in general use in our schools.

Dea. Hughes, of St. Stephen, spoke of his experience in S. S. work and his conviction that the New Testament should be more prominent in our teaching. Rev. W. E. McIntyre urged that our schools send their contributions to our own denominational enterprises and not to the Union International work. Our home needs are pressing and great. Union schools in communities evenly divided are perhaps best, but in districts largely Baptist the schools should be Baptist and their contributions sent to our own interests. Pastor McNeill made practical plea for Baptist helps and only Baptist helps. Other remarks were made by Dr. Gates, Dea. Frost, Rev. E. C. Corey and Rev. R. M. Bynon.

Committee on Correspondence, in regard to letter from Richard Phillips of Fredericton, in regard to professorship at U. N. B., presented the following:

"Your committee regard the communication as one demanding the careful consideration of this body and of the entire Baptist constituency of this Province. We recommend that this association appoint a committee of three to confer with similar committees from other associations of this Province to carefully consider this special matter referred to in Mr. Phillips' letter, and as well kindred subjects in which as a denomination in N. B. we are vitally interested."

This recommendation was discussed by Revs. Gordon, McIntyre, Gates. To their minds it was not clearly the cause of wisdom to ask for a Baptist Instructor at U. N. B. Acadia's interest might better be served in some other way. It was the conviction of all however that Baptists and other denominations having Educational Institutions of their own should hardly be taxed for an Institution whose general usefulness is sometimes questioned.

The Moderator, Bros. Hughes and Lavers were appointed this committee.

Further the correspondence committee replying to a letter upon the future of Associations received from the clerk of the N. S. Western Association, recommended as follows:

1. Our Associational boundaries are for the present quite satisfactory to us.

2. That our Maritime Convention has at present on hand about all that it can attend to.

3 and 4. We are of the opinion that our general business could be done in the forenoon sessions and that using the evening sessions for public platform meetings to discuss such questions as Education, Missions, Temperance, etc, and that the afternoon sessions might be profitably given to such topics as "Bible study," "Sermons," "Devotional Conferences," and "Evangelism."

5. That at the next Association the morning sessions be given to the routine business of the Association, the evening sessions be devoted to platform meetings for the discussion of our denominational interests, that for the afternoon sessions a committee be appointed to prepare a programme and that this committee see that those who are appointed to take the lead in the discussion of topics be given due notice.

This was discussed by Bros. Hughes, M. S. Hall, Gates and on motion adopted, the committee to act in this matter being the committee of arrangements. On motion the report as a whole was adopted.

Report of nominating committee was presented by Chairman T. H. Hall and adopted. Rev. J. H. Hughes, with alternate Rev. M. C. Higgins, is appointed to preach the next Associational sermon, Rev. N. A. McNeill to prepare the circular letter.

Pastor Goucher made an appeal for payments of money now due the Alumni Association of Acadia.

Pastor Dykeman presented a resolution strongly endorsing the work at Grande Ligne.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Ira Smith.

The Musquash church having requested the Association to act as a council in the ordination of their pastor, Mr. W. M. Field, it was on motion resolved that Rev. J. A. Gordon act as leading questioner. Pastor Gordon in filling this position exercised kindly consideration for Pastor Field and yet presented all questions seemingly essential. To use a trite phrase Mr. Field was submitted "to a full and searching examination," but in nothing was he confounded or found lacking. The motion of approval was hearty and unanimous. The clerk of the Association was instructed to inform the clerk of the Musquash church of the result of this examination and that as a body we recommend the church to proceed with the formal act of ordination of Pastor Field.

Report of committee on Temperance was presented by Rev. N. A. McNeill. (1) "Position taken by this body is again affirmed. (2) The best interest of our churches and the welfare of the people demand the total prohibition of the liquor traffic. (3) We regret that the voice of the plebiscite has been disregarded and urge upon our churches eternal vigilance for the final adoption of a prohibitory act. Temperance may be profitably taught in our Sabbath Schools."

Rev. R. M. Bynon thought this finding far too mild. Dea. Hughes believed that there should not be union of church and state, that principle should precede party. Rev. A. H. Lavers urged effort apart from political leaning. Pastor Gordon referring to the position taken on this question by other denominational bodies urged Baptists to take a stand beside these in condemnation of the disregard of the expressed will of the people. Such a law should be enforced by the government enacting it. Revs. Ira Smith, Geo. Churchill and H. D. Worden also spoke upon this question.

The order of business was here suspended while Revs. Mr. Hubley, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Swim, and H. G. Mellick were invited to seats in the Association. Mr. Hubley responded with a few words of greeting from the Reformed Episcopal church. Mr. Mellick also responded to the cordial greetings of his brethren.

On motion the report on Temperance was adopted.

General regret was expressed that no circular letter was ready for presentation. The moderator and clerk were requested to arrange a meeting place for the next Association.

Revs. G. O. Gates, W. Camp, and J. H. Hughes were appointed a committee of arrangements for the coming year.

Mr. Innes of Bloomfield who is about to go to Africa as a missionary was introduced and spoke to the Association.

Pastor Gordon introduced Bro. Leaman of Georgetown, P. E I., who is collecting funds toward the building of a Baptist meeting house at that place. This brother is cordially endorsed and supported by the brethren who know of his work. His heart was made glad by the successful appeal made by Mr. Gordon in his behalf.

MONDAY EVENING

was given to Foreign Missions and the North West, Rev S. D. Ervine presenting the report on Foreign Missions. Publication of the recommendations contained in this therein was on motion requested. (1) "That pastors be urged to lay these facts (our imperative needs) clearly before the people, endeavoring to teach them that this is not a work of charity or benevolence, but real debt. Let us put it 'we are debtors both to the Jew and the Gentile,' carrying out the spirit of the Master who said "freely have ye received freely give." (2) That earnest prayer be made for this work, the kind of prayer that leads men to work to bring about answers to their prayers, prayer that touches the purse. (3) That regular stated offerings be taken or made for this purpose, letting the merit of the cause appeal to the sympathy and loyalty of the giver."

Addresses of much interest and profit were delivered by Brother and Sister Churchill and Bro. Mellick.

The Treasurer's report showed collections of $25.51.

Rev. J. A. Gordon spoke in behalf of the Foreign Mission Board, stating its difficulties and asking for it the fair and loyal support of our people in all our churches.

On motion votes of thanks were tendered to the Sussex Baptists for their handsome entertainment, to the choir, to the moderator, to the St. John Dailies, to railways and steamboats. This expression of gratitude was but natural for all our needs were well provided for.

On motion the session adjourned.

From Halifax.

Your correspondent must here give expression to some impressions received during Anniversary week. New Brunswick was, to the gratification of all present, to the front. The Lieutenant Governor and his lady, the Premier and members of his family, Mr. Ayer, of Moncton, and others entered most sympathetically into one of the most buoyant Anniversaries ever held. The element of thorough business men is now large on the Board of Governors: C. W. Roscoe, Wm. Cummings, A. F. Randolph, R. G. Haley, C. H. R. Starr, A. P. Shand, C. B Whidden, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Hon. T. R. Black, H. H. Ayer, H. H. Crosby, N. A. Rhodes.

This is most gratifying. All are good men and true. They harmonize delightfully with the professional elements of the Board.

Miss True's paper to the Board in which she gave the work and character of the school was most inspiring. Her ideals are high and right nobly and successfully has she worked toward them. For the four years of her administration adverse criticism of her or her work has been speechless or asleep. Her work and name will be a sweet memory.

In the Board of Governors William Cummings gave fervent expression to his conviction, that in discharging his duties in the Board, God was working through him for His own glory. That sentiment found a warm response in all hearts present. At a subsequent meeting, when Rev. J. H. McDonald was present conferring with the Board about accepting the offer to become Principal of the Seminary, he said nothing would induce him to consider the offer unless he felt that God had called him to the work. He then enumerated the evidences indicative of God's will in the matter.

The employers and the employed hold the same sentiments. This would have been gratifying to the fathers and founders of these schools had they been present to hear it. In this is the hiding of Acadia's power. The same inspiration is in all the schools. They are a trinity and a unity.

A new indication of the deep interest in the Institutions was seen in the resolve of the students to raise funds to erect a building for a reading room and College Y M. C. A. work. The public will respond to the appeals of the enthusiastic children of Acadia. The building is much needed and will serve a good and sacred purpose.

The Rev. J. F. Robinson is still working in the interests of the Cornwallis Street church. He is planning to take the Baptist ministers and brethren into his confidence which, when done, will be of great help to him. There has been some dissatisfaction in respect to his methods. It is hoped harmony will soon come.

It is whispered that one of the vacant Nova Scotia churches has extended an invitation to the pastor of the Tabernacle. All would regret a decision to remove from the city. Rev. F. O. Weeks is preaching to large congregations at the West End. Now is the time to arise and build a larger place—one more suited to the needs of the church. The Rev. Messrs. Fash, Chute and Kempton are continuing in their noble work. Such work as all the Baptist ministers of the city and Dartmouth are doing must be effective in strengthening and building up the kingdom. Miss Grey, the returned missionary, was entertained at a tea by the Baptist ladies of the city, in the school rooms of the First church. In the evening she addressed a public congregation. Her words were earnest and her spirit excellent. The Rev. F. O. Weeks, on invitation, gave an address on missions before Miss Grey spoke. The good brother is not as hopeful and sanguine about the work as it is hoped he will be in the near future. But he spoke his mind on the subject and he always does that eloquently. A little more of the Christ spirit, the Carey and the Judson spirit would make his notes harmonious with the mission spirit and song of these glorious days.

At Bedford, eight miles from Halifax, there have been a few Baptist members for some years past. They have had occasional preaching services. Two of this number, Mrs. Archibald and Richardson, have kept a Sunday School in their own houses for the last seventeen years. It numbers thirty scholars at present. A few months ago, it came to the knowledge of the Halifax District Committee, that the Temperance Hall at Bedford was for sale. The price was $550. The friends in Halifax raised $150 and got $400 on mortgage and secured the building for the Baptists at Bedford. The building will accommodate 150 people and the grounds admit of enlargement, so as to meet the demands for space for an indefinite time

An official report of the organization of a church in this house appeared in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR last week. The purchase of the building and the organization of the church have greatly cheered the few Baptists in the place. The city pastors have engaged to preach on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month, other help will be given from time to time. The village is growing slowly. The electric train system of the city may soon be extended to Bedford. If so, that will greatly increase the population, especially in the summer season. The women are now busy in raising money to buy an organ, seats and other furniture for their place of worship.

Principal I. B. Oakes who has been laboring for thirteen years in Horton Academy, sent in a conditional resignation to the Governors at their June meeting. A free conference led the Board to believe that Mr. Oakes would continue at his post for at least another year. But within a day or two he has renewed his resignation. This will necessitate an immediate meeting of the Board. An efficient successor must be obtained as soon as possible. Mr. Oakes left a good position in New Brunswick and has done a noble work in Horton Academy. His work has been characterized by strength and thoroughness, and has been dominated by manly Christian principles. Mrs. Oakes, too, has been a mother to the boys for these thirteen years. Only second to the work done by Mr. Oakes is that done by his noble, Christian wife. The hundreds of boys who have come under her influence will carry sweet memories of her through life. But both Mr. and Mrs. Oakes are much worn with these years of hard labor. Their economy has saved thousands of dollars to the denomination. In June Mr. Oakes magnanimously offered, if the Governors would relieve him of the principalship, to work all summer in the interest of the school as he would were he to continue at its head. He has made for himself the name of a conscientious efficient principal. There is another good one prepared by the Lord to take his place. But he must be sought out.

REPORTER.