were pretty close up on the cavalry, but the St. John men were far behind.

Following are the scores of the teams:—

*74th Battalion (First Prize) $20.*

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Lieut Weyman, | |
| Capt Kinnear, | |
| Sergt Major Gray, | |
| Lieut McElmon, | |
| Lieut Langstroth, | |
| Total, | 324 |

*8th Cavalry (Second Prize) $15.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Trooper Beatty, | 69 |
| Corp W Langstroth, | 68 |
| Sergt Geo Langstroth, | 59 |
| Lieut W Langstroth, | 53 |
| Lieut McRobbie, | 55 |
| Total, | 309 |

*71st Battalion (Third Prize) $10.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Lieut Smith, | 69 |
| Sergt McFarlane, | 62 |
| Sergt Miner, | 61 |
| Lieut Perkins, | 55 |
| Pte Hollins, | 44 |
| Total, | 291 |

*62nd Fusiliers.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Sergt Ewing, | 62 |
| Lieut Lordly, | 60 |
| Sergt Henderson, | 56 |
| Capt Hart, | 55 |
| Lieut Manning, | 51 |
| Total, | 284 |

*St. John Rifles.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Capt Hartt, | 60 |
| Sergt Bourne, | 58 |
| Pte J L McAvity, | 56 |
| Corp Humphrey, | 51 |
| Pte Gilbert, | 47 |
| Total, | 274 |

The greater number of the individual prizes were carried off by the 74th Battalion men, the St. John men getting scarcely anything. Following are these scores:—

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Lt Weyman, 74th Batt, cup medal and $10, | 77 |
| Major O R Arnold, 74th Batt, $12, | 76 |
| Capt Kinnear, 74th Batt, $3, | 72 |
| Pte Burns, Rifles, $7, | 70 |
| Lt Smith, 71st Batt, $5, | 69 |
| Sergt Major Carmichael, Rifles, $5, | 69 |
| Sergt Loggie, 73rd Batt, $5, | 69 |
| Trooper Beatty, 8th Cavalry, $5, | 69 |
| Corp W Langstroth, 8th Cavalry, $4, | 68 |
| Lt Cressman, 74th Batt, $4, | 67 |
| Lt Shives, retired, $4, | 67 |
| Lt Col Beer, 74th Batt, $4, | 67 |
| Sergt Major Gray, 74th Batt, $3, | 66 |
| Sergt Mosturray, 67th Batt $3, | 66 |
| Lt McMillan, Rifles $3, | 66 |
| Corp Fowler, 8th Cavalry, $3, | 65 |
| Lt Thompson, 62nd Fusiliers, $3, | 63 |
| Sergt Jones, 62nd Fusiliers, $2, | 63 |
| Lt McElmon 74th Batt, $2, | 63 |
| Corp Russell, 74th Batt, $2, | 62 |
| Lt Fletcher, 67th Batt, $4, | 62 |
| Sergt Ewing, 62nd Fusiliers, $2, | 62 |
| Corp Kearney, I S C, $2, | 62 |

Sergt. McFarlane, 71st Batt., with 62, was counted out.

Sergt. Murray, 67th Batt., won the first prize in this competition last year.

After dinner the Domville match was commenced, the conditions being the same as in previous years.

DOMVILLE.

The cup presented by Lt. Col. Domville, 8th Cavalry, and $100 added by the association. The cup restricted to *bona fide* residents of the province and to be held for the year by the winner. Open to all members and affiliated members.

Entrance fee—25 cents.

Ranges—500 and 600 yards. Number of shots—Seven at each distance. Position—Any with head to target.

| | |
|---|---|
| First prize.....cup and | $15 00 |
| Second " | 10 00 |
| Third " | 8 00 |
| Fourth " | 6 00 |
| Five prizes of $5 | 25 00 |
| Five " 4 | 20 00 |
| Eight " 2 | 16 00 |
| Total 22 prizes, value | $100 00 |

Many of the competitors when not firing in other matches are shooting in the Martini extra series and some one is constantly blazing away there. The highest score reported up to the time of writing was 32 points, out of a probable 35, made by Sergt. Loggie of the 73rd Battalion.

LATER,

The following are the scores in the Domville match, which concluded about four o'clock:—

| | Pts. |
|---|---|
| J E Chess, St Andrews, cup and $15, | 52 |
| Sergt Henderson, Fusiliers, $10, | 50 |
| Capt Hartt, Fusiliers, $3, | 49 |
| Lt Col Beer, 74th Batt, $6, | 47 |
| Sergt Miner, 71st Batt, $5, | 46 |
| Trumpeter Fairweather, Cavalry, $5, | 46 |
| Pte H R Lordly, Fusiliers, $3, | 46 |
| Trooper Beatty, Cavalry, $5, | 45 |
| Trooper Whelpley, Cavalry, $5, | 44 |
| Sgt McMurray, 67th Batt, $4, | 44 |
| Corp W Langstroth, Cavalry, $4, | 44 |
| Lt S Langstroth, 74th Batt, $4, | 43 |
| Corp Parks, Rifles, $4, | 43 |
| Pte Curtin, I S C, $4, | 41 |
| Lt Smith, 71st Batt, $2, | 41 |
| Lt Thompson, Fusiliers, $2, | 41 |
| Lt Weyman, 74th Batt, $2, | 41 |
| Sgt Major Gray, 74th Batt, $2, | 40 |
| Lt Lordly, Fusiliers, $2, | 40 |
| Pte A Lordly, Fusiliers, $2, | 40 |
| Corp Kearney, I S C, $2, | 40 |
| Lt Manning, Fusiliers, $2, | 39 |

Sergt. O'Shaughnessy, Fusiliers, G. L. Chase, St. Andrews, and Sergt. McFarlane, 71st batt., with 39 each, were counted out.

THE ASSOCIATION MATCH

was then commenced and the competitors had only finished firing at the first range by supper time.

A meeting of the executive committee was held and it decided to finish the association match in the morning, and then to fire one range of the Elder match.

The presentation of prizes has been fixed for tomorrow afternoon at half-past four o'clock, but in case the weather is not fine, it will take place in the evening in one of the halls in the village.

SUN HEADQUARTERS,
Stockton Range, Sussex, Aug. 19.

The meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association which opened on Tuesday afternoon closed today. The matches were brought on and finished very quickly, one day having been saved. In previous years it was customary to commence on Tuesday and the shooting always lasted until Friday. This morning dawned fine and it was extremely warm all day. The marksmen, with few exceptions, donned their havelocks and were attired in as little clothing as was necessary. Up to today there have been very few visitors, although several ladies were on the grounds yesterday afternoon. This afternoon there was quite a crowd present, many of whom were ladies. The wind which prevailed today was from the right and was gusty, which kept the score low. At 8.30 the competitors commenced firing in the

ASSOCIATION MATCH

at 500 yards, having finished at the first range last night. They completed this competition between 10 and 11 o'clock.

| | Pts |
|---|---|
| Sergt Miner, 71st Batt, Cup and $15 | 83 |
| Sergt A Langstroth, 8th Cavalry, $10, | 78 |
| Lieut Raymond, 67th Batt, $9, | 76 |
| Sergt Major Gray, 74th Batt, $8, | 76 |
| Lieut Smith, 71st Batt, $7, | 75 |
| Capt Hart, Rifles, $6, | 74 |
| Trooper Beatty, 8th Cavalry, $5, | 74 |
| Sergt Jones, 62nd Fusiliers, $5, | 73 |
| Lieut Fletcher 67th Batt, $5, | 72 |
| Pt Burns, Rifles, $5, | 72 |
| Lieut W Langstroth, 8th Cavalry, $5, | 72 |
| Lieut McRobbie, 8th Cavalry, $3, | 71 |
| Sergt McMurray, 67th Batt, $5, | 71 |
| Pt H R Lordly, 62nd Fusiliers, $5 | 71 |
| Corp W Langstroth, 8th Cavalry, $5 | 70 |
| Sergt Ewing, 62nd Fusiliers, $5 | 70 |
| Sergt McFarlane, 71st Batt, $5, | 70 |
| Corp Pepper, Rifles, $5, | 69 |
| Capt Fairweather, 74th Batt, $5, | 69 |
| Lieut Weymouth, 74th Batt. $5, | 69 |
| Corp Fowler, 8th Cavalry, $5, | 68 |
| Sergt O'Shaughnessy, 62nd Fusiliers, $5, | 68 |
| James Hunter, St John, $4, | 68 |
| Lieut S Langstroth, 74th Batt, $4, | 68 |
| Lieut Col Beer, 74th Batt, $4, | 67 |
| Staff Sergt Steeves, 74th Batt, $4, | 66 |
| Sergt Major Carmichael, Rifles, $4, | 66 |
| Pt Kennedy, 67th Batt, $4, | 66 |
| Sergt Ferguson, 67th Batt, $4, | 66 |
| Sergt Parlee, 8th Cavalry, $4, | 66 |
| Sergt Loggie 73rd batt, $3, | 66 |
| Pt McAvity, Rifles, $3, | 65 |
| G E Chase, St Andrew, $3, | 64 |
| Capt Kinnear, 74th Batt, $3, | 64 |
| Sergt Langstroth, 8th Cavalry, $3, | 64 |
| Trooper Murray, 8th Cavalry, $3, | 63 |
| Pt McPherson, I S C, $3, | 63 |
| Surgeon March, 8th Cavalry, $3, | 62 |
| Corp Parks, Rifles, $3, | 62 |
| Lieut Crossman, 74th Batt; $2, | 62 |
| Sergt Adams, 62nd Fusiliers, $2, | 62 |
| Sergt Lawson, Brighton Engineers, $2, | 60 |
| Lieut Lordly, 62nd Fusiliers, $2 | 60 |

Lieut. McElmon, Major O. R. Arnold and Sergt. Murray, with 60 each, were counted out.

The Elder match was next commenced and the men had fired at the first range before going to dinner. Shooting was resumed after dinner. The conditions of the competition are:—

ELDER.

The challenge cup presented by the Honorable the late Wm. Elder.

Open to teams of eight members from the County Association affiliating with the P.R.A. Those only eligible to shoot on a team who shall have been resident in the county which they represent for at least six months prior to the date of the match. The names of the members comprising each team to be given to the secretary before the commencement of the competition.

The cup to be held during the year by the highest scorer in the winning team and to be returned to the secretary of the P. R. A. before the next annual matches.

ENTRANCE FEE—Per Team, $4 00.

RANGES - 200, 500 and 600 yards. Number of shots - Seven at each distance. Position—Standing or kneeling at 200, any, with head to target, at remaining distances.

| | |
|---|---|
| First Prize.....Elder Cup and | $32 00 |
| Second " | 24 00 |
| Third " | 16 00 |
| Total 3 Prizes, value | $72 00 |

Unless more than three teams compete the third prize will not be offered.

In the Elder match, the scores of teams stood as follows:—

*Kings County.*

| First prize, cup and $32. | Points. |
|---|---|
| Trooper Beatty, Cavalry, | 81 |
| Lieut S Langstroth, 74th Batt, | 81 |
| Sergt Major Gray, 74th Batt, | 75 |
| Capt Kinnear, 74th Batt, | 74 |
| Sergt G Langstroth, Cavalry, | 71 |
| Lieut W Langstroth, Cavalry, | 70 |
| Lieut Weyman, 74th Batt, | 63 |
| Lieut McRobbie, Cavalry, | 63 |
| Total, | 580 |

*St John County.*

| Second prize, $24. | |
|---|---|
| Capt Hartt, Rifles, | 78 |
| Sergt Henderson, Fusiliers, | 75 |
| Sergt Ewing, Fusiliers, | 71 |
| Pte Burns, Rifles, | 69 |
| James Hunter, St John, | 61 |
| Capt Hartt, Fusiliers, | 58 |
| Lieut Thompson, Fusiliers, | 57 |
| Sergt Major Carmichael, Rifles, | 47 |
| Total, | 526 |

*York County.*

| Third prize, $16. | Points. |
|---|---|
| Pte Curtin, I S C, | 78 |
| Sergt McFarlane, 71st Batt, | 67 |
| Lieut Perkins, 71st Batt, | 66 |
| Lieut Smith, 71st Batt, | 65 |
| Corp Kearney, I S C, | 63 |
| Corp Doherty, I S C, | 61 |
| Pte Hollins, 71st Batt, | 53 |
| Pte McPherson, I S C, | 43 |
| Total, | 495 |

*Westmorland County.*

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Sergt McDougall, Cavalry, | 81 |
| Trooper Bateman, Cavalry, | 69 |
| Lieut Crossman, 74th Batt, | 66 |
| Sergt Murray, 74th Batt, | 69 |
| Staff Sergt Steeves, 74th Batt, | 57 |
| R D Jones, Moncton, | 54 |
| Trooper Murray, Cavalry, | 68 |
| Lieut McElmon, 74th Batt, | 58 |
| Total, | 498 |

*Carleton County.*

| | Points |
|---|---|
| Lt Raymond, 67th Batt, | 80 |
| Pt Kennedy, 67th Batt, | 63 |
| Sergt McMurray, 67th Batt, | 67 |
| Lt Fletcher, 67th Batt, | 57 |
| Pt McIntyre, 67th Batt, | 51 |
| Sergt Lawson, Brighton Engineers, | 51 |
| Sergt Ferguson, 67th Batt, | 50 |
| Capt Boyer, 67th Batt, | 47 |
| Total, | 471 |

GRAND AGGREGATE.

The silver medals of the National, Dominion and Provincial Associations, and $60 added by the Provincial Rifle Association.

To be awarded to competitors whose respective scores in the All Comers, Domville, Association and Provincial matches, together with the 500 and 600 yard scores in the Prince of Wales' match, make up the highest aggregates.

Entrance fee, 50 cents. All entries to be made before six o'clock, p. m., of the first day of the meeting.

| | |
|---|---|
| First prize.....N. R. A. Medal and | $8 00 |
| Second " .....D. R. A. " | 8 00 |
| Third " .....P. R. A. " | 8 00 |
| Fourth " | 6 00 |
| Six prizes of $5 | 30 00 |
| Total 10 prizes, value | $60 00 |

The prize winners are:

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Trooper Beatty, 8th cav., N R A medal and $8, | 201 |
| Sergt Miner, 71st batt, D R A medal and $3, | 199 |
| Lt Smith, 71st batt. P R A medal and $8, | 197 |
| Sergt McMurray, 67th batt, $6, | 196 |
| Lt Weyman, 74th batt, $5, | 196 |
| Sergt-Major Gray, 74th batt, $5, | 195 |
| Corp W Langstroth, 8th cav, $4, | 195 |
| Lt S Langstroth, 74th batt, $3, | 195 |
| Pte Burns, rifles, $3, | 194 |
| Sergt McFarlane, 71st batt, $5, | 193 |

OTTAWA TEAM.

Team of 20 men to represent the association at the matches of the Dominion Association at Ottawa in September.

The provincial government grant of $300 to be divided amongst the team which eventually goes to Ottawa.

Open to such efficient members of the active militia of the province and such officers who have retired therefrom retaining rank as may enter in the grand aggregate. The places on the team shall be taken according to the score in the grand aggregate.

There will be no division of the Ottawa winnings.

The team will be under the control of a captain to be selected by the team from amongst its members, and shall be governed by such rules as may be framed for its guidance by the executive committee.

The team is composed of:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Trooper Beatty, 8th Cavalry | 201 |
| Sergt Miner, 71st Batt | 199 |
| Lieut Smith, 81st Batt | 197 |
| Sergt McMurray, 67th Batt | 196 |
| Lieut Weyman, 74th Batt | 196 |
| Sergt Major Gray, 74th Batt | 195 |
| Corp W Langstroth, 8th Cavalry | 195 |
| Lieut S Langstroth, 74th Batt | 195 |
| Pte Burns, Rifles | 194 |
| Sergt McFarlane, 71st Batt | 193 |
| Sergt Major Carmichael, Rifles | 190 |
| Capt Kinnear, 74th Batt | 187 |
| Capt J T Hartt, Rifles | 186 |
| Lieut W Langstroth, 8th Cavalry | 186 |
| Sergt Henderson, Fusiliers | 187 |
| Corp Parks, Rifles | 184 |
| Lieut Raymond, 67th Batt | 182 |
| Lieut McRobbie, 8th Cavalry | 182 |
| Lt-Col Beer, 74th Batt | 182 |
| Sergt Parlee, 8th Cavalry | 182 |

The waiting men are:—

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Sergt Ewing, 62nd Fusiliers, | 181 |
| Sergt Loggie, 73rd Batt, | 180 |
| Capt F H Hartt, 62nd Fusiliers, | 180 |
| Lieut Thompson, 62nd Fusiliers, | 179 |
| Pte H R Lordly, 62nd Fusiliers, | 177 |
| Pte McAvity, Rifles, | 177 |
| Sergt Doherty, I S C, | 176 |
| Sergt Adams, 62nd Fusiliers, | 175 |
| Sergt O'Shaughnessy, 62nd Fusiliers, | 174 |
| Lieut Lordly, 62nd Fusiliers, | 171 |

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDALS.

The silver and bronze medals presented by His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor General of Canada.

Open to all members and affiliated members being resident of the province.

The medals will be awarded to the competitors whose respective scores in the All Comers, Domville and Provincial matches, together with the 500 and 600 yard scores in the Association match make up the highest aggregates.

The winners are:—

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Lieut S Langstroth, 74th Batt, silver pitcher, | 136 |
| Sergt Miner, 71st Batt, bronze medal, | 135 |

MAIDEN AGGREGATE.

Open to competitors who have never attended a previous meeting of the association.

Prizes to be awarded to the highest aggregates scores in the Nursery, All Comers, Domville and Association matches.

| | |
|---|---|
| First Prize | $5 00 |
| Second " | 4 00 |
| Five prizes of $2 | 6 00 |
| Three prizes, value | $15 00 |

The winners are:

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Pte McAvity, Rifles, $5, | 152 |
| Trumpeter Fairweather, 8th Cav, | 150 |
| Surgeon March, 8th Cav, $3, | 148 |
| Lt Raymond, 67th Batt, $4, | 147 |
| Trooper Whelpley, 8th Cav, $2, | 147 |

MARTINI EXTRA.

The winners in the Martini extra competition, (500 yards, 7 shots) were:

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Lt McElmon, 74th Batt, $15, | 33 |
| Sergt Loggie, 73rd Batt, $12, | 32 |
| Lt Smith, 71st, Batt, $10, | 32 |
| Capt Hartt, Rifles, $3, | 31 |
| Jas Hunter, St John, $7, | 31 |
| Sergt Jones, Fusiliers $5, | 31 |
| R D Jones, Moncton, $5, | 30 |
| Trooper Beatty, Cavalry, $1, | 30 |
| Capt Hartt, Fusiliers $4, | 30 |
| Sergt McFarlane, 71st Batt, $4, | 30 |
| Lieut Lordly, Fusiliers, $4 | 29 |
| Corp Doherty, I S C $3, | 29 |
| Capt Kinnear, 74th Batt, $3, | 29 |
| Lt-Col Beer, 74th Batt, $3, | 29 |
| Sergt Henderson, Fusiliers $3, | 28 |

Capt. Langstroth, Corp. Fowler, Capt. Bixby, and Lieut. McRobbie, with 28 points each, were counted out.

SNIDER EXTRA.

In the Snider extra series, (500 yds, 7 shots) the winners were:—

| | Points. |
|---|---|
| Lieut Lordly, Fusiliers $12 | 32 |
| Lieut Weyman, 74th Batt $10, | 30 |
| Capt Hartt, Fusiliers $8 | 30 |
| Trooper Beatty, Cavalry $7 | 30 |
| Lieut Smith, 71st Batt $6 | 30 |
| Capt Hartt, Rifles $5, | 29 |
| Major E Arnold, $5, | 29 |
| Major O R Arnold, $4 | 29 |
| Sergt Adams, Fusiliers $4, | 29 |
| Pte Burns, Rifles $4, | 29 |
| Lt-Col Beer, 74th Batt $2, | 29 |
| Lieut S Langstroth, 74th Batt $2, | 29 |
| Surgeon March Cavalry $2, | 29 |
| Sergt Loggie, 73rd Batt $2, | 28 |
| James Hunter, St John $2, | 28 |

Sergt McFarlane, 71st Batt, with 28 was counted out.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

When the hour arrived for the presentation of prizes it was raining hard and it was very unpleasant. The competitors and the people assembled stood under the tent during the presentation. The prizes in the all comers match were presented by Major Parks, the president: those in the nursery match by Lieut. Col. Maunsell; those in the Domville by Mrs. Kinnear; those in the Prince of Wales by Lieut. Col. Maunsell; those in the provincial match by Major Parks; those in the Elder match by Major E. Arnold; those in the association match by Major Parks. The Hazen cup was handed to the winner by Col. Maunsell, and other prizes by Major Parks and Capt. J. T. Hartt.

The band of the 74th Battalion furnished music during the afternoon and at the presentation tent.

Thompson, the captain of the St. John team in the Elder match, was handed a handsome bouquet by Col. Domville, the gift of the team's admirers. Lieut. Thompson gracefully acknowledged the compliment.

This morning, Sergt. Ewing, Fusiliers, Sergt. McMurray, 67th Batt., and Lieut. Perkins, 71st Batt., who tied with 30 points for first prize in the All Comers' match, shot off. These competitors fired three shots at 500 yards, and the result was as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Sergt. Ewing, | 12 |
| Sergt. McMurray, | 10 |
| Lieut. Perkins, | 9 |

Sergt. Ewing thus becomes the winner of the first prize. Lieut. Perkins having made the best thirty points in the match takes second, and Sergt. McMurray third prize.

The small money prizes were paid out at the office this afternoon by Capt. Hartt, Rifles.

Trooper Beatty, 8th Cavalry, is the winner of the pitcher presented by Wm. Pugsley, M. P.P., for highest Kings county man in the grand aggregate. The pitcher, which is of silver, is a very handsome one. It bears the following inscription: "Presented by Wm. Pugsley, jr., M.P.P., to ——, as the best rifle shot in Kings Co. in 1886."

## ST. STEPHEN.

### Methodist Financial District Meeting.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE SUN.)

The meeting of the St. Stephen district was convened Aug. 18th at 9 a. m., in the vestry of the Methodist church, Milltown. Present: Revs. John A. Clark, A.M., superintendent of district, G. M. Campbell, L. S. Johnson, financial secretary, Wm. Penna, Henry Penna, Wm. Lawson and F. Wightman. Besides these were the following laymen: John Veasey, John Stevens, Smithrow Robinson.

After devotional exercises, the regular business was taken up in the following order:—

The financial estimates of the mission circuits were presented and discussed. On the whole they were bright and cheering, but by reason of special depression and apparent oppression in some parts of the district, the outlook was not quite so encouraging on the border circuits. There was, however, no face among the brethren that had a shadow on it, and no head that seemed to feel a cloud resting upon it. This fact speaks volumes for the heroism, devotion and self-denial of our noble band of missionaries, among whom the reporter appointed by the district stands last and least. The report of the general conference collections showed an advance on the previous year, but not so large as could have been desired. After a discussion of the best methods of increasing the interest of our people in our church funds a resolution was passed asking each minister in the district to preach at least one sermon during the year bearing on systematic giving. It was quite necessary to do this, since as ministers we are usually reticent from native modesty in presenting our financial claims upon our people. Some of the brethren believed it was quite as religious to do this on Sunday as on any other evening. Another thought any other evening would be more proper. One was of opinion that such a method was objectionable on several grounds which seemed to be reasonable. 1st. The people for whom such sermons were prepared, on the announcement of the subject would prepare themselves for absence the following Sunday. 2nd. Those who were doing the utmost to sustain the various funds of the church would get discouraged. The plan might be substituted: "Make a personal canvass of all who were not giving anything or but little to the cause of God, and upon their duty in relation to the matter. The brethren agreed upon the necessity of such a plan, but left it optional with each member as to which he would adopt. The children's fund claims were apportioned, and arrangements for missionary and educational meetings made. An interesting and helpful conversation was held on the spiritual aspects of the work on all the circuits in which all the ministerial brethren participated. Rev. L. S. Johnson, was elected representative to the local missionary board. In the evening a public Sunday school meeting was held in the basement of the Methodist Church, the superintendent conducting the same, and Revs. W. Lawson, G. M. Campbell and F. Wightman, also Wm. Stevens, giving addresses. Mr. Crossett read the report which was a very encouraging one. A vote of thanks was presented to Rev. L. S. Johnson, and the Milltown people for their kind hospitalities to the members of the district. After singing, benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. Lawson.

## MARITIME BAPTIST CONVENTION.

### First Session at Brussels Street Baptist Church.

The chairman at ten o'clock Saturday morning called the convention to order and the proceedings were opened by singing the hymn All hail the power of Jesus' name. The officers of the convention, which was fully attended, are: Arthur Simpson, P. E. I., President; Wm. Vaughan, St. Martins, A. P. Shand, Windsor, Vice-Pres.; Rev. E. M. Kierstead, Wolfville, Sec.; Rev. J. O. Redden, P. E. I., As. Sec; H. H. Ayer, Moncton, Treas; Rev. G. E. Day, Yarmouth, Financial Treas.; J. F. Parsons, E. D. King, John Burgoyne, Com. of Publications.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Bill. The roll of delegates was then called by the secretary. The

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

was then appointed by the president as follows:—Rev. G. O Gates, Rev. J. B. Woodland, Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. F. D. Crawley, Rev. Ed. Whitman, Rev. D. A. Steele, Judge Johnstone, J. H. Harding, H. H. Bligh, Prof. D. T. Higgins, Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. A. H. Lavers.

Dr. Hopper read the report of the committee of management which was adopted.

The following gentlemen were invited to participate in the work of the convention: Dr. Castle, Rev. W. P. Everett, Rev. Mr. Porter, Dr. McNair. Rev. Mr. Boggs.

DR. T. A. HIGGINS

read the report of the committee on obituaries. Among these fathers of the church of whom the report embraced brief memoirs were the late Rev. Geo. Armstrong, formerly editor of the *Christian Visitor*, Rev. James Goldrop, a native of P. E. Island, Rev. Hezekiah Harris, a native of York County, Rev. Geo. T. Currie, a missionary to India, and Rev. Wm. George, a native of Berwick, N. S., and missionary to Burmah, who died at Rangoon early in the present month. The report was received and adopted.

The nominating committee then rendered their report and

B. H. EATON

of Halifax was elected president for the ensuing year. The retiring president then delivered his parting address, in which the duties of the people to their pastors was very ably set forth.

On taking the chair Mr. Eaton thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him.

THE BALANCE

of the officers were then elected as follows: H. C. Creed, 1st V. P., N. B; Rev. A. H. Lavers, 2nd V. P., P. E. I; Rev. W. F. Parker, Ass. Sect.; T. S. Swimm, Treas. Rev. C. Goodspeed read

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of the committee on the state of the denomination. The following is a statement of additions to the churches during the past year and their present membership, which was included in the report:—

| | No. Churches. | Baptisms. | Membership. |
|---|---|---|---|
| N. S. Western, | 68 | 403 | 11530 |
| " Central, | 51 | 467 | 9578 |
| " Eastern, | 57 | 373 | 5319 |
| | 176 | 1,443 | 26,428 |
| N. B. Western, | 70 | 281 | 4792 |
| " Southern, | 39 | 347 | 4245 |
| " Eastern, | 45 | 293 | 6099 |
| | 154 | 921 | 15 234 |
| P. E. Island, | 27 | 144 | 1891 |
| Totals | 357 | 2508 | 43463 |

The increase of membership is double that of last year. Four ministers have been ordained during the year:—

J. A. Ford, B. A., Oct. 7, 85; M. B. Shaw, B. A., July 7, 86; G. F. Manning, Nov. 4 85; J. Lewis, Oct. 28. 85. Houses of worship have been built at Keswick, N. B.; Meagher's Grant, N. S.; Parrsboro, N. S; reopened, Digby, N. S.; Westport, N. S.; McKenzie Corner, N. B; Halifax, Hillsboro, N. S.; Upper Rossway, N. S.; Beaver River, N. S.; South Musquash, N. B.; Forest Glen, N. B.; Wigg, P. E. I. The report was very voluminous and full of interest to the denomination. After being discussed by Rev. Mr. Rowe, Rev. C. Goodspeed and others, it was adopted. The address of the retiring president was ordered to be published in the *Christian Visitor* and year book.

REV. G. E. DAY,

financial agent and treasurer then rendered his report in part, when the hour for adjournment arrived and the session closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Welton.

SECOND SESSION.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. S. March, after which the proceedings of the morning session were read by the secretary and approved. The report of the Home Mission Board was read by Rev. A. Cahoon. Mr. Cahoon followed with a reading of the report of the tresaurer of the Home Missionary Board, in his absence. The reports were received and submitted to the convention clause by clause.

They reported that during the year they had performed 1,787 works of labor, preached 5,275 sermons, attended 3,665 other meetings, and made 15,543 religious visits, and distributed 20,232 pages of tracts. The account of the treasurer showed that the collections of the past year had been far less than was anticipated. This was due in a large measure to the low prices commanded by country produce and the absence of money in the shore towns, and the prevalence of smallpox in P. E. Island last winter, as explained by Dr. Day, the financial agent and treasurer.

THE VARIOUS SECTIONS.

of the report of the Home Mission Board were discussed at length by various members of the association and were adopted, with two or three exceptions, which were laid over for future consideration. On the recommendation of the board that missionaries be paid $600 a year, there was an animated discussion. It seemed to be the opinion of the clergy present that no missionary could labor efficiently on an annual salary of a less amount. The clause was passed unanimously. After prayer the meeting adjourned till seven o'clock in the evening, when a public home missionary meeting was held.

The Home Missionary Board will meet in the Brussels street church this morning at nine o'clock.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The annual meeting of the board of governors of Acadia college was held in the Brussels street Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Manning, of Halifax, presided, and Rev. Dr. Higgins, of Wolfville, acted as secretary. After preliminary business the report of the treasurer of the academy and seminary was presented, showing that the business of the year was about $20,000, with a balance in favor of the church.

The following total shows the attendance at the academy from the different provinces:

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| Nova Scotia | 60 |
| New Brunswick | 10 |
| Prince Edward Island | 4 |
| Quebec | 1 |
| Newfoundland | 1 |
| Total | 76 |

The school has been graded in three divisions: 26 in the full classical course, for most of the year, three having dropped out, wishing to take another year on the senior work. The middle class has numbered 30 on full classical course. In the junior division there were five boys. The remaining pupils took selected studies. During the winter and spring terms Mr. Sawyer has only given a portion of his time to academic work, as he has taught the history in the college. Mr. Webber was taken sick in February, and since that time his work has been carried on by others.

The 17th annual report of the seminary was read, showing a total enrollment for the year of 80. Of this number 8 were from New Brunswick; 3 from P. E. Island; 3 from Cape Breton; 1 from the United States, 26 from Wolfville, and 39 from other parts of Nova Scotia. Of these 39 boarded in the seminary, 5 in the village and 26 have homes in the village. Forty, seven of the students pursued the regular course of study, 33 pursued selected studies. The present graduating class numbers 5, four of whom graduated in the classical and literary course. The number studying vocal music is 23; drawing and painting, 30; German, 3; French, 36; elocution, 51. Miss Dodge having resigned, Miss Butterick was elected in her place.

### Second Day's Proceedings.

The convention opened yesterday morning with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bill. Requests were presented by the Nova Scotia Central and the New Brunswick Eastern associations asking that steps be taken to revise the articles and covenant so as to secure uniformity throughout the convention. The following were appointed a committee to revise the articles: Rev. Dr. Higgins, Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. E. Whitman, Rev. A. H. Lavers and Rev. Dr. Hopper.

MINISTERIAL AID AND RELIEF.

The seventh annual report of the board of management of the ministerial relief and aid fund: This board has beenin existence seven years and during that period they have been able to do a little towards meeting the more immediate and pressing wants of men and women who for various causes have been compelled to retire from active service. It has been a pleasure to assist in lightening the burdens of our brothers and sisters and in bringing good cheer to their hearts. Your board desired to do very much more than we have done, but as it is our expenditures have exceed the receipts. Twenty persons have been aided. Ten sisters, widows of dear departed brethren and ten ministers, either wholly or partially disabled. This is five more than received aid last year. The funds placed at the disposal of your board for distribution were increased none too soon. In some way there ought to be expended among these twenty benificiaries at least double the amount and then we should have done only about half our duty by them. A scheme for the better support of aged and infirm ministers was reported to this convention last year and was referred to a committee of business men for examination before adoption, the result of such examination is awaited with much interest. After so much patient waiting surely the time has come when this branch of our denominational work shall be placed upon such a satisfactory basis as its importance not only merits but demands. The first bequest received by your board was made by the late Mrs. Powers of Ohio, Yarmouth Co., N. S., to the amount of $100. That bequests of a similar nature could be wisely expended in this direction, there can be no doubt, and it is to be hoped that many others when considering how to make the best disposition of their property may be led to go and do likewise. The meetings of the board have been held from time to time during the year as occasion demanded. The officers have been the same as for the preceding year, viz; S. Welton, chairman; E. M. Saunders, treasurer, and J. W. Manning, secretary.

REV. DR. BILL

spoke at length on the subject of ministerial relief, urging that it was absolutely necessary to establish a beneficiary fund of $100,000. He described how he secured $10,000 and sincerely hoped that Nova Scotia would raise a similar amount.

The report was on motion laid on the table.

Rev. Dr. Sawyer read the report of the

MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

It showed that during the year appropriations have been made to 19 students, of whom 14 were studying in Wolfville and five in Toronto. As the amount of funds placed at the disposal of the board is small the appropriations were small. The necessity of spending so large a part of each year in study prevents the students from earning enough to meet their expenses. Consequently assistance must be given them in some form or they must turn aside from study. Changes in our circumstances make it necessary that larger appropriations should be made than in the past, and the number of students needing assistance is increasing. It is evident that more liberal contributions must be made to the treasury of this board or they cannot meet the reasonable claims made upon them. The board received an application last winter from the home mission board asking that we would co-operate with them in making up compensation for student labor on mission fields. The subject received considerable attention, but the board did not see their way clear to comply with the request. A loan of $200 was made to the home mission board to assist them in discharging their obligations. It would be well for the convention to define some policy in regard to this question of co-operation. In accordance with a resolution passed by the convention last August, the ministerial educational board have undertaken to assist students going from these provinces to study in Toronto. But the amount of money that would be applied in this way was limited. Much larger sums must be placed at the disposal of the board or the obligations laid upon it cannot be met. To fail in respect to these obligations will bring serious loss to our churches. In this, as in other departments of our work, the claims of the hour call for vigorous advancement.

Ministerial Education Board in account with J. W. Manning:

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| 1886—To paid 12 ministerial students, $20 each | $ 240 00 |
| To paid 12 ministerial students $10 each | 120 00 |
| To paid four ministerial students—McMaster Hall, $25 each | 100 00 |
| To paid one ministerial student—McMaster Hall | 50 00 |
| | $510 00 |
| To lent Home Mission Board | 200 00 |
| Aug. 18—To balance on hand | 502 65 |
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| Aug. 10—By balance on hand | $ 197 65 |
| Sept. 4—By cash from financial agent, N. B. | 1 63 |
| Dec. 10—By legacy Mrs. Power, Yarmouth | 100 00 |
| do Dr ——, Truro | 400 00 |
| July 3—By amount from Dr. Day, financial agent | 100 00 |
| Aug. 18—By amount from Dr. Day, financial agent | 400 00 |
| By interest bank deposit | 13 37 |
| | $1,212 65 |

On motion the report was laid on the table and the nominating committee was appointed to select a committee to consider the whole question of ministerial education aid.

Rev. Dr. Higgins read the report of the board of

GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

In opening, the report referred to the anniversary exercises of Acadia college. There was no falling off in attendance as compared with other years. And judging from the expressions of approval, we may conclude that the entire service of the day was equal in interest to that of any preceding exercise of the kind. The list of graduates as published in THE SUN and the degrees conferred were given. The year ended in June may be regarded as one of the most successful. The attendance was larger than in any preceding year. Eighty-two students were in attendance, all having entered upon full college course, except one. The conduct of the students has been upon the whole, very satisfactory. Compliance with rules, diligence in study and consequent progress have characterized the year's work. As might naturally be expected from this state of things, harmony has existed between the teachers and pupils. The religious interest which characterized the institution in the past has in no sense abated. A fair proportion of the students were professors of religion at the opening of the college and seven were baptized and received into the fellowship of the 1st Horton Baptist church during the year. The religious services at the institutions have been well sustained and full of interest. In addition to this a missionary spirit prevailed and organized bands of Christian workers who went out on each Lord's day to the destitute sections of the country in the neighborhood of the college. These efforts were largely appreciated and it is believed that much good has been done. As the number of students increases from year to year and class after class goes out to the duties of life the importance and greatness of the work became only so much the more manifest. The college cannot live without the fostering care of the church. The churches cannot flourish without the intellectual stimulus of the college and so the board of governors desiring prosperity for each still appeal for enlarged liberality, continued sympathy and help. The treasurer's report will show how great our needs are. And while we are still hoping for large bequests from some who are wealthy, which may in the future give ample endowment, at present our dependence must be on the smaller contributions of the many. During the year T. H. Porter, son of the late Rev. T. H. Porter of Fredericton, died. He was in attendance at the college and was a good scholar. Reference was also made to the death of Rev. Geo. Armstrong, who graduated from the college in 1844, the second class. *