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The Convention.

Last week's report of the Convention's proceedings went as far as the close of Saturday morning's session and the presentation of the report of the Board of Governors of Acadia University. A report of the proceedings up to Sunday afternoon was mailed at Moncton in time or publication last week, but for some unexplained reason the proper connection between the letter box in Moncton and the printing office in St. John was not effected. This week's report takes up the proceedings with the opening of Saturday afternoon's session and the discussion on the report of the Board of Governors.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

In connection with the clause of the Educational report on Ministerial students, President Trotter called attention to the comparatively small number of students in the different classes who are giving themselves to the ministry. It was a serious question, and one which should receive careful consideration, whether this small percentage of ministerial students indicated a low condition of spiritual life in the churches.

In connection with the clause on Theology, questions were asked in reference to the character of the instruction to be given in the Theological department. President Trotter explained that the work on the Payzant foundation was distinct from that of the Arts course, but undergraduate ministerial students, in order to participate in the benefit of the Payzant fund for the help of needy students would be required to take studies in courses established in connection with the Payzant foundation. The course would also afford great advantage to a class of students who were not able to take a full college course but who could take the theological studies provided, with electives in the Arts department, and thus secure a very valuable training. Asked by Rev. J. W. Brown whether the providing of such courses in theology has a tendency to prevent young men from seeking a more thorough training, Dr. Trotter expressed the opinion that, though in some individual cases there might be such results, yet that in general this would not be the case.

Dr. E. M. Saunders compared the work done by the Baptists of N. S. and N. B. in Academe at present and that done by them 60 or 70 years ago when they were but a feeble people, to the disadvantage of the present. He believed that there should be a Baptist Academy in New Brunswick.

In answer to questions Principal Brittain gave some information in reference to the work of the Manual Training department of the Academy and also stated that the Academy was well prepared to fit students for examination for high school licenses.

In noting the resignation of Rev. J. H. MacDonald as Principal of Acadia Seminary, the report paid a tribute to the faithful service rendered by him in that position.

In connection with the clause relating to the refunding by the N. S. Government of \$7,950 which had been paid as succession duties on the Payzant bequest a rather lively discussion occurred as to the consistency of Baptists asking that bequests to religious institutions should be exempted from a general law of taxation, and also as to the part taken by the Board of Governors in regard to the repeal of the features of the Succession Duty law applying to bequests to religious and charitable institutions.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Rev. A. Cohoon. It embodied a tabulated statement of the accounts of the three institutions and showed that while there has been some increase in the income of the College the increase in the expenditure has been greater, so that the deficit is upwards of \$800 greater than last year. It may be mentioned, however, that the interest is not collected as closely as it was then. The increase in expenditure has been chiefly on the items, "salaries," "fuel" and "expenses on properties taken over." The increase in salaries is very slight.

The deficit in the Seminary account is also considerably greater than last year. This is due to the income being about \$340 less, and the expenditure about \$800 more than last year. In the item of fuel and light there was a large increase. The expenditure for repairs was also large in consequence of the two new furnaces being placed in the building.

On the other hand the deficit on the Academy is very

small, and but for the purchase of extra furnishings there would have been a surplus.

There has been an increase of \$30,178 34 to the Trust Funds. Of this amount \$7,950 was from the Government of Nova Scotia, refund of Succession duties taken from the bequest of the late G. P. Payzant.

The amount collected for Forward Movement Fund is \$2,137.21 greater than last year. There is \$12,322 yet to be collected before the goal is reached.

The statement as to Trust Funds is as follows:

General Endowment	\$9462 02
Mark Curry Professorship	12900 00
DeWolfe Aid Fund	3000 00
Library Fund	1600 00
Alumni Professorship	1825 00
Ralph Manning Scholarship	406 84
G. P. Payzant Fund (Theology)	8385 00
" " Prize Fund (Seminary)	1000 00
Christiana St. C. Paint Scholarship	1000 00
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J. W. Bars, Professorship, held by Special Trustees.

In addition to the above there are donation notes amounting to \$10,800, bearing interest, which is a part of the endowment of the College.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The meeting of Saturday evening was a public educational meeting of a very successful character. The speakers in the order of their appearance were Principal Brittain of the Academy, Principal DeWolfe of the Seminary, President Trotter and Rev. J. D. Freeman. The individuality of the addresses was as strongly marked as that of the speakers, and each was admirable in its own way.

Mr. Brittain spoke of the work of the Academy, the several different courses of study by which it was sought to meet the needs of all students. These were the Classical course; the Scientific course by which boys are prepared for a more advanced course in science; the General course in which the principle of election is admitted to some extent so that a boy may study in the direction of the business or profession he intends to follow; the Business course which boys may take at the Academy without encountering the temptations which they must meet in attendance at city Business Colleges, and the Manual Training course which is highly educative not only for the acquaintance which it gives the student with the principles underlying all trades, but for the training which it gives to the senses. It is a great part of education to see, hear and feel accurately and to describe what has been thus learned. Mr. Brittain spoke also of Civics and the great practical and moral value of the study of this subject to the future citizen.

Principal DeWolfe was heard on this occasion for the first time by the Convention, and it is safe to say that the impression made was a most favorable one. He discussed briefly but with remarkable force and effectiveness the question, Does our Denomination need Acadia Seminary? He spoke of the great principles characteristic of us as a denomination, which our fathers so strongly contended for and which it is our duty to apply. In order to our advance along these lines an educated and consecrated womanhood is of the highest importance. To this end there is need of such a school as Acadia Seminary aims to be, at which young women can receive an adequate training in aesthetic culture, in social culture and in the development of the religious nature. These thoughts were strongly conceived and eloquently presented. The Convention, we are sure, will always be ready to listen when Mr. DeWolfe rises to speak.

Dr. Trotter's subject was Educational Enthusiasm, and his message was delivered in his own incisive and eloquent style. He spoke of the encouraging features of the work and paid a graceful tribute to all who had been and all who were still assisting him and working with him for the realization of our educational ideals. But the time had by no means come when we could relax our interests in this work. The Forward Movement, successful as it had been, was a kind of Fardeberg which brought elation by turning the tide of war but must be followed by much hard fighting ere the end of the campaign is reached. There were certain hard facts to be considered, the failure of the institutions as yet, after 60 years of history, to influence strongly some parts of the country, the falling off in the income from the churches, the failure of the Alumni Society to carry out its undertaking in

regard to the founding of a professorship, and then the growing needs of the institutions and the debt which still rests upon the Seminary. In view of these things there must be enthusiasm if we are to have any great success in the work, and in order to enthusiasm there must be 1. Cogitation. We must as a people think about this work as we have never done. 2. Supplication. There must be earnest prayer on behalf of our schools, and 3. Agitation. We must agitate this subject until the glow which has been enkindled in some communities shall extend to all.

The strong and eloquent presentation of "Christian Education" by Mr. Freeman, which was the last address of the evening, was printed in full upon our first page last week.

The excellent music rendered by the choir at this as well as at other services was a very pleasing feature of the evening.

SUNDAY.

The Convention sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. John Clark of Tryon, P. E. I., to a large congregation. The subject was "The Duty of Giving the Gospel to the World," the theme being drawn from Mark 16: 15, and Rev. 22: 17. The subject was treated with much ability and the closing part of the discourse was especially impressive. As it is probable that the sermon will be printed in full in another issue of this paper we shall not here attempt a synopsis which could do no justice to the discourse. Most of the Protestant pupils of the city were by request supplied by ministers in attendance upon the Convention.

In the afternoon a mass Sunday-school meeting was held at the First Moncton church, presided over by President Wallace who is also Superintendent of the school. The scholars were present in considerable force although the heavy showers that were falling doubtless lessened the attendance. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Dr. Trotter, and Rev. W. J. Stackhouse of Winnipeg; Dr. Trotter speaking to the children and Mr. Stackhouse addressing himself to the older people. Both addresses were excellent, each in its own way.

The report of the remainder of the proceedings must be left to another issue. So far everything has moved quite smoothly and pleasantly. The Moncton people are certainly doing their part well and no complaints are heard. The meetings have been characterized by harmony and good feeling, the president presides with tact and ability and a good degree of progress has been made with the business. The weather had been fair and warm up to Sunday and the rain that has now come, is so great a blessing to the country that the slight inconvenience it has occasioned is easily borne.

MONDAY MORNING.

The session was opened with reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. O. N. Chipman.

The first subject on the programme was the report of the Committee on the Publication of the Year Book, which was presented by Bro. R. N. Beckwith of Halifax. The report showed that 3000 copies of the Year Book had been printed for the past year, the expense of which, with postage and the cost of printing preliminary reports of Boards for use of Convention, amounted to \$477 97. In view of the contract for the Year Book having expired, the committee had called for tenders for printing the same for the next three years. The tender of the Mc Alpine Company of Halifax of \$1 90 per page for 3000 copies was the lowest, and the report advised its acceptance.

Attention was called to the necessity of forwarding the minutes, etc., of the Association to the Committee of publication in order to an early appearance of the Year Book. The report further advised that as the cost of publication was a considerable tax on the denominational funds, a price of 20 cents a copy should be placed on the Year Book and that the churches to which the books are sent should be responsible to that extent for each copy received, the money to be collected and forwarded to the chairman of publication committee. The clause referring to the tenders for Year Book for ensuing years was discussed at length and the clause was finally so amended that the tender was authorized for one year. The matter of the method of paying for the Year Book and the number of copies to be published was referred to a committee.

The report of the Committee on the National Baptist Convention of Canada, being called for, Secretary Creed

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