

trems in these departments threatened their real value. A change had also taken place in the matter of curriculum. The recent emphasis of technical education had led the college to institute a new course looking to a specialized training along technical lines. The largely increased attendance of the past year, the largest in the history of the Institutions, he attributed to the popularity of these courses in applied science. Another significant change had taken place in that in the inception of the educational work of the denomination the purpose was to provide an educated ministry, but as the years went by the College had come to recognize the need and the place of the man of Christian character well trained in a variety of employments.

The speaker, however, insisted that in certain respects the College was unchanged. The contention had been made by the founders that the educational process must include the development of the man morally and spiritually. This ideal had been retained until the present day. That right influences were being thrown about the students was evident by the fact that 87 of the students had become followers of Jesus, during the last year. In conclusion he appealed to the people for their prayers, their money and their sons and daughters. The Rev. David Hutchinson in a brief address reminded his hearers that churches were still under the command of their Master to carry His Gospel to a world that still needed it.

The Wednesday morning session was introduced with an explanation of scripture by C. A. Laubman, Esq., of St. Stephen. The Association then proceeded to the hearing of the reports. Dr. Gates presented the report of the S. S. Committee. He emphasized the opportunity and responsibility of the Sunday School. If we cannot reach the young our institutions, religious, political and social will decay. He counselled the churches to provide the best accommodation for the schools. While he recognized the need of well trained teachers, yet he attached greater value to the character and personal worth of the teacher.

The report of the Temperance Committee was presented by Michael Kelly, Esq., of St. Martins. In a rousing address he called attention to the present situation. The country had no future that did not conserve the character of its citizenship. He quoted Judge Ritchie of St. John to the effect that a large majority of the cases in his court were due to drunkenness. The speaker was certain that the solution of the problem was to be found in the enforcement of Provincial Prohibition. He had very little hope for such legislation from present governments. The Temperance people were too largely partisan. They were worshippers of the superior and inferior deities of the political parties. He commented on the enthusiasm of the government in enforcing the game laws and their disinclination to provide adequate machinery for the enforcement of Temperance legislation.

The report of the Foreign Mission committee had been prepared by the Rev. Christopher Burnett and was read by the Rev. Dr. Gates. The report cited the present need of new missionary recruits and the pressing demands of the work. It was, however, an encouragement to note that there would be no deficit in the Foreign Mission treasury this year. That fact was largely due, however to special gifts that could not be expected every year.

The report of the Home Mission Committee was presented by the secretary, Rev. Dr. McIntyre. There are 28 fields served under the supervision of the Board. These churches report 196 baptisms and 43 additions from other sources. Assistance in evangelistic work has been rendered by Bro. Hayward and Rev. J. A. Marple. The funds coming to the credit of the Board from the 20th Century Fund have been used as loans at a low rate of interest to assist in the erection of parsonages and houses of worship. It has been the fixed policy of the Board to group the fields more compactly so that a pastor's energy need not be wasted. This will be materially helped if the proposed union between the Baptist and Free Baptists takes place. Many churches would also in that event become self supporting. The secretaries of the two Boards have been working together during the present season.

In the afternoon session the report on Systematic Beneficence was presented by the Rev. A. B. Cohoe. The speaker intimated that men would give when the church made the man feel that his money would be used to accomplish good.

In discussing the subject of Denominational Literature, reference was made by many to the excellent work being accomplished by Dr. Black as editor of the Messenger and Visitor.

The devotional service of the evening session was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Colishaw. Motions of thanks were heartily carried to be tendered to the friends of McDonald's Point for their entertainment and to the management of the Crystal Strea, for their excellent service.

The first speaker of the evening was Rev. R. E. Gullison, a returned missionary from India. The people of that country were in need of the Gospel not because of the possibility of a future and eternal condemnation if such a message were not preached, but because they needed some such message to keep them out of their hopelessness. After making reference to the difficulty of meeting the situation in India he cited certain encouraging facts. There had been an

entire change in the attitude toward the work of civilization. Female education, abolition of infant marriage, the education of low caste people were now openly advocated. He cited an instance of two educated Brahmins who requested water from his hand and expressed themselves as utterly opposed to the caste system.

The concluding address of the evening and of the Association meeting was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Gates. He based his discourse on the phrase: "Until I came into the sanctuary of the Lord". The man of this psalm had a narrow conception of God in that he believed that God was partial in bestowing his favors upon the righteous and his displeasure upon the careless. The goodness of man was thus regarded as possible of measurement by his material prosperity and earthly welfare. This thought of God had not departed even yet from the minds of men. He dissented from the thought of Psalms 132, which invited the oppressed to find comfort in the certain future downfall and torture of the wicked. The writer of the Psalm was confused because of the prosperity of the wicked and his own affliction and he found no peace until he went into the sanctuary of God and found there that the reward of spiritual struggles is not material and that the prosperity of the wicked is not a matter to arouse envy. We today live in an age of doubt. He counselled men to bring their doubts and fears to God's house. These doubts were most frequently aroused in the minds of the most earnest. Then we are not to shut their minds away from religion when doubt dimmed their sight, but they were to search if perchance they might find here a solution to their inevitable difficulties.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Baptists and Free Baptists of the Maritime Provinces in St. John for the purpose of consummating the proposed union.

The gracious hospitality of the good friends of McDonald's Point, the beautiful country which surrounded, the ideal weather which prevailed, and the spirit of unity which was constant, made this last meeting of the Association one to be remembered.

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P. E. I. Association.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the P. E. Island Baptist Association convened with the Montague Baptist Church on Friday, June 30th, 10 a. m.

After reading of Scripture and prayer the following officers were elected: Moderators, Rev. Josiah Webb, Secretary, Rev. J. G. A. Belyea; Assistant Secretary, Bro. Ross Bethune; Treasurer, Bro. N. J. McDonald.

Second session, Friday, 2:30 p. m. Devotional service led by Rev. D. W. Crandall. Report on Obituaries read by Rev. David Price. This report was full of loving, tender words, speaking of the devoted lives of Christian workers who had been called by the Master to higher service. The P. E. Island Association has met with a great loss during the past year in the death of several prominent workers. Dea. Bowley Howatt, of Tryon, is greatly missed. He was a regular attendant of the yearly gatherings. He was thirty-five years a child of God; thirty-three years clerk of the church, and thirty years superintendent of the Sunday School. He was also a great friend of the pastor.

The death of Sister, Mrs. Jacob Bain, of the North River Church, is another great loss. It is felt that a mother of Israel has passed from the sphere of earthly activity to the rest that remains for the people of God. The sisters of the W. M. Aid Society feel their loss keenly. How beautiful are the words when they follow the death of such saintly lives: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Sister Mrs. W. Scott, of Clyde River Church, was a Christian worker. Her last words were spent in prayer for the prosperity of Zion.

Dea. Geo. Scantlebury, of Charlottetown Church, was one of the pioneers. He lived an excellent Christian life and died a happy death, trusting in his Saviour.

Sister M. McNeal, of Long Creek Church had reached a good old age. She was noted for her hospitality.

The report on Denominational Funds was presented by Dea. A. W. Sterns. The financial showing for this year, up to date, was far from encouraging. The Finance Committee worked hard to raise the standard in Christian Beneficence. It is hoped, however, that the P. E. I. Baptists will pour into the Lord's treasury very bountifully during the few days that remain before the closing of the financial year. Rev. J. G. A. Belyea followed with a well written report on Systematic Beneficence. A spirited discussion followed the reading of these reports.

Third session, Friday 7:30 p. m. After a service of song the report on Education was read by Rev. G. R. White. As it would not be doing justice to the writer and also to the readers of the Messenger and Visitor to give only a synopsis of this excellent report, I give it in full.

"Your committee in presenting their report on Education wish to emphasize the great importance of a Christian education. Knowledge is fundamental to all that we do for God or man. As a Denomination we have great reason to thank God for our Institutions of learning, for they have enabled us to do

more efficient work for Heaven and earth.

"The year just closed was one of the most successful in the history of our schools at Wolfville, both in attendance and in the character of the work done. We have on our teaching staff at Acadia, as noble a band of consecrated Christian scholars as God has given to any institution of learning in this Continent, men who possess the elements of royal majesty.

"The attendance, during the year just closed, was by far the largest in the history of the Institution, 488. College, 157; Seminary, 288; Academy, 161.

"In the Academy, Principal Sawyer and his helpers have done noble work. We should rejoice that our Academy is doing such efficient work.

"The Seminary, under the able management of Mr. DeWolfe, has had by far its most successful year, both in attendance and in quality of the work done. 22 graduated from this school in different branches of study.

"The College in all departments has closed one of her most successful years, graduating a class of 22 in the degree of B. A. Thus the literary work of our schools is making steady progress along all lines. We have, at Wolfville, Institutions, second to none in the Maritime Provinces. Schools in which we may justly feel a good degree of pride.

"The Second Forward Movement has made most commendable progress under the able leadership of President Trotter. The faithful, persistent, and untiring efforts of Dr. Trotter cannot be too highly commended. This fund has, up to date \$80,000 pledged, with a good sum paid in, and this doubled by Mr. Rockefeller's pledge, has enabled the governors to make some most important improvements in College Building, notably in the installation of a heating and ventilating plant. For both your students, and your patient professors must feel most thankful.

"For the condition of the religious life on the Hill, we may be truly grateful to God. Heaven's smile is still upon this child of Providence, for College Hill has been the spiritual birth place of many. During the past winter, 62 students professed faith in Christ, by baptism, and many more profess to have found the Lord. Who can measure the magnitude of such a work as that? To God be all the glory, now and ever.

"Your committee would express the loss we all feel in the retirement of Dr. Keirstead from our College Faculty. Dr. Keirstead has given to us 23 years of most faithful work. He will be greatly missed, not only on the Hill, but at our Associations, and Conventions. He was our 'all round' man, and the governors need not hope to find any one man able to fill the place he has left vacant.

"Another notable feature in connection with our Institutions this year is the 'Dr. Sawyer Jubilee.' For 50 years this man of God, this Prince of teachers, has poured his life's blood into the cause of education in connection with our denomination. We thank God upon every remembrance of this noble man."

Following this report on Education was a platform meeting. The speakers were, Rev. J. W. Manning, D. D., Rev. David Price, and Rev. J. Webb.

Fourth session, Saturday 10 a. m. Devotional service led by Brother A. A. McLean, of California. Digest of Church letters by Rev. J. G. A. Belyea. Report on Denominational Literature by Rev. J. D. Wetmore. Good words were spoken of our Denominational Paper, the Messenger and Visitor. The committee strongly recommended Dr. F. M. Saunders' "History of the Baptists," Dr. Isaiah Wallcut's "Autobiography and Revival Reminiscences," and "Heart to Heart Talks with Christians."

The report on Home Missions was ably handled by Rev. David Price who was for several years a member of the H. M. Board at Yarmouth. Rev. G. R. White, Dr. J. W. Manning and other brethren made a strong appeal to the Baptists of the Island for larger donations for the carrying on of this important work.

Fifth session, Saturday 2:30 p. m. Devotional service led by Rev. J. W. Gardner. Rev. J. G. A. Belyea gave a statement which was as follows: Increase by Baptism, 25. Net decrease 41. This large decrease is accounted for. The Charlottetown Church had revised their list of membership. We are glad to report that since May 1st, (when the statistics were made up) 15 have been baptized at Tryon.

Rev. David Price and Rev. J. D. Wetmore were received into the Association.

The Circular Letter, written by the pastor of the Montague Church, was read by Rev. J. G. A. Belyea. We are sorry to report Brother Davidson on the sick list. His church has granted him a three months' vacation. It is hoped that a good rest will bring him health and vigor. Much sympathy is felt for our brother and his family. Many earnest prayers were offered for his speedy recovery.

The members of the Woman's Missionary Aid Society held their meeting in the Methodist Church. Miss Wadman, Provincial Secretary, presided. It was a good session. Mrs. D. W. Crandall was present and sang two solos which added greatly to the interest of the meeting.

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. D. W. Crandall. The committee submitted the following recommendations, which were unanimously adopted by the Association:

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