It has been thought well that at this juncture the MESSENGER AND VISITOR should give special prominence to the educational work of the denomination in an Educational number, and that subject, as will be seen, occupies a large portion of our space in the present issue. President Trotter has been able to call to his assistance a number of writers well qualified to present the several phases of the subject with which they have dealt. The articles found in the preceding pages will give the readers of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR a large amount of information in reference to what has been done and what is now being undertaken in connection with our institutions at Wolfville. The portraits and illustrations certainly add much to the attractiveness and value of those pages, and the general effect of this special number will be, we trust, to awaken a wider and deeper interest in our college and its affiliated schools. Now is the time for the friends of Acadia to rally heartily to her support, and by their generous and enthusiastic efforts in her behalf inspire many others with such an interest in this good cause as shall prompt them to come up heartily to the help of our educational work, and make this "forward movement" a grand success. Our correspondents and readers generally will understand that it has been necessary to hold over to another issue a number of articles and communications, which under other circumstances would have appeared

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The St. John Exhibition has so far met with a good measure of patronage. The presence of the Premier of the Dominion at the opening gave it a good start and the attendance for the first five days has slightly exceeded that of the corresponding days for 1896. Taken as a whole, the show sustains fairly well the reputation gained in previous years. The exhibits in the main building are not so numerous and, perhaps, on the whole, not so attractive as they were in '95 and '96. The absence of some of these, however, is not a great loss. This is particularly true of the exhibit of strong liquors, which was made so prominent last year. The people of the province generally, we feel sure, will be glad to know that the liquor business does not this year find a place among the industries advertized through the provincial exhibition. The exhibition of horses, neat stock and poultry is very good. Taken as a whole, it is, we believe, much in advance of that of any other year. The exhibition of vegetables and fruit is fairly good, though, owing to the peculiar character of the season, the later varieties of fruit are not so well developed as they generally are. The -The St. John Exhibition has so far varieties of fruit are not so well de-veloped as they generally are. The dairying industry is well represented and forms a department of great inter-est and value.

## \* \* \* \* P. E. I. Baptist Conference.

The above conference met, according to appointment, with the church at Eldon, Tuesday evening and Wednesday Sept. 7th and 8th. The first evening was taken up in presenting the different aspects of our denominational work. Pastor McPhee, taking Home Missions; Pastor Price, North

Pastor Warren, Grande Ligne; and Pastor Higgins, Acadia University.

Wednesday morning, after taking a list of the delegates, came reports from the churches. Hopefulness characterized these reports in regard to the incoming year's work. Uigg, Charlottetown, North River, Tryon and Bonshaw reporting baptism since last Conference.

Through gross forgetfulness the Association at Bedeque in July failed to tender its thanks to Pastor Higgins for his excel-lent Association sermon. Conference did all it could to repair the neglect, and re-quested him to furnish a copy for public-ation in the Massangur and Visitor." Bro. McLeod, Canadian Missionary to the Telugus was invited to a seat in the Conference.

Conference.

In the afternoon, Pastor Warren read an exceedingly well prepared and eloquent paper on:—"A Baptist Adverb." The paper was discussed by a number of the brethren, both lay and ministerial. The heartiest thanks of the conference were tendered Bro. Warren, coupled with the request that it be published in the "MRSSENGER AND VISITOR."

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At this juncture a number of the pastors who were present at the convention brought echoes from that august body. A committee appointed at the morning session to consider the present relation of the island churches to the Treasurers of the Denominational funds, reported as follows:—

Whereas, owing to circumstances over which we have had no control our Island churches have been brought more closely into co-operation in Home Missionary work with the churches of Nova Scotia, than with those of New Brunswick, and whereas it seems necessary to prevent confusion in the distribution of our benevolent funds—Therefore, Resolved, that our Secretary be requested to correspond with the Treasurers of our Jenominational funds intimating that in the opinion of this conference, it is desirable that our Island churches should send their contributions for Convention fund directly to the Rev. A. Cahoon, Wolfville, N. S., to be forwarded by him to the respective Boards and to be linked with the statistical reports from N. S. in the Year Book."

Report was unanimously adopted.

In the evening a powerful sermon was preached by Pastor Warren, and a very interesting evangelistic service was conducted by Pastor McPhee. Thanks of the conference were voted to the brethren at Eldon for their kind entertainment of the delegates.

Conference adjourned to meet at Kingston, 2nd Monday evening and Tuesday in December. Conference found Pastor Spurr well entrenched in the affections of his people. Collections for Denominational work \$7.36. DAVID PRICE.

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1st. Digby Neck church, \$9.50; Hill-Grove church, \$1.10; Amherst church, \$5.63; do. \$8.50; Mrs. W. W. Wilson, harrington, \$1; Mrs. M. L. Forbes, do. \$1; New Annan church, \$5; Brooklyn church, per Ida Lockhart, \$5.63; "Friend" Chebogue, \$2; Argyle church, \$16.20; Tusket church, \$213; Weymouth church, \$1; Rev. H. A. Giffin, do. \$1; A. Densmore, Parrsboro, \$10; Mary Landry, Canning, \$4. Head Tatamagonche Bay, \$2: Pleasantville church, \$3; Port Medway church, \$6; Shelburne Co. Board for Port Clyde, \$25; Woods Harbor church, per Shelburne Co. 9 Jarterly Meeting, \$6.10; Digby Church, "African", 53 cents; Miss McEdward, Lawrencetown, \$1; Mrs. Newcomb, do. \$1; Mrs. J. D. Keddy, Paradise, \$1; New Germany church, \$3,61 Amherst Shore church, \$5; Daniel Rogers, Springhill, \$10; Mrs. James Morse, Wolfville, \$47; Kentville church, \$7,11; Guysboro church, \$20; African Baptist Association, \$10; Mahone and North West church, \$15; Argyle church, \$13. Total, \$298.66.

Wolfville, N. S. A. COMOON, Sept. 16th. Treas. Den. Funds, N. S.

## The Lunenburg Parsonage.

We gratefully acknowledge another list of friends, most of them worthy members of other churches of this town, who show their faith in us and our work by contributing as follows:—C. F. Kaulbach, (Hon.,) \$20; R. C. Kaulbach, Esq., \$10; D. J. Rudolf, \$5; J. J. A. Hertle, \$5; S. A. Rounsefel, \$1; J. T. Misner, \$1; O. C. Cossman, \$1; C. and W. Whitney, \$2; J. L. Archibald, \$10; J. Moyle Rudolf, \$1; C. A. Patriquin, \$1; Rev. E. E. Locke, \$1; Mr. Hubly; Mrs. James R. Rudolf, \$5; Amount \$61. Before acknowledged \$129,50. Total to date \$200.50 Will the friends who have promised, kindly send, forward their gifts as soon as convenient. Again do we ask all who read of this good work, if they can cheerfully help us, to forward their offering to the undersigned and it will be duly acknowledged. It will be such a help to this worthy church to have its debt reduced as low as possible.

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