

Barss to the effect that the matter be deferred until some expression had been received by the Convention of a desire on the part of the Associations or Churches for such change of management. After a great many speeches of unusual ability on each side, it was finally resolved to make the proposed change; and a Committee was appointed to take the necessary steps to carry the matter into effect.

EDUCATION.

One of the objects of the Convention, as stated in the Constitution is, "to maintain Acadia College and other Educational interests of the body."

The report of the Board of Governors of Acadia College showed what had been done in the College and Horton Academy during the year. Fifty-five students had been enrolled in the College; and 138 students in the Academy, (77 males and 61 females). From the Treasurer's accounts, it appeared that about \$33,000 out of the \$100,000 new endowment for Acadia had been subscribed. In the course of the deliberations, Rev. Dr. Crawley, Principal of the Theological Department, offered the following resolution: "That this Convention respectfully commend to the proper authorities in Acadia College as a wise and desirable practice to grant no degrees hereafter but such as shall be of the character commonly known as degrees in course." This was subsequently discussed pretty fully and passed in the negative. At the public Educational meeting some strong resolutions on the Acadia endowment fund were enthusiastically adopted. The College evidently has a strong place in the affections of the brethren.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The contributions of the Women's Aid Societies in the three provinces amounted to nearly two thousand dollars for the year. The total amount to the credit of the Women's Aid Societies is upwards of \$6,000. "One item in the report on Foreign Missions was the regret expressed by the Board in being compelled to decline the offer made by Rev. W. B. Boggs and wife to return again to the Foreign Mission work." The Convention, however, recommended the employment of Bro. Boggs in the home work of the Mis-

sion for one year, to perform similar service to that which is being done by Bro. Timpany for our own Foreign Mission Society.

The great Foreign Mission platform meeting on the Tuesday evening was addressed among others by brethren Boggs and Timpany, and was one of very deep interest.

This was the concluding meeting of the Convention which is described by the *Visitor* as "a decided success, and very satisfactory throughout."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

PERSONAL.—It is with sorrow that we learn of the illness of our brother, Rev. William Muir, Editor of the *Canadian Baptist*, who, with his excellent wife and daughter, is said to be down with typhoid fever. May the Great Physician guide to a wise and successful use of means the treatment in each case, blessing it to their perfect recovery! Brother Muir was at the Convention meetings in Montreal last week, but was far from well. We trust that long before our own Convention comes round he may be among us again in his wonted vigour of body and mind.

THE COMING CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION.—In another column will be found the usual notices of the Secretary, telling of the approaching Home Mission Convention. Almost as soon as the next issue of the *HELPER* reaches its readers, the meetings of Convention week will have commenced. Arrangements are being completed for holding a *Conference*, similar in character to that which proved so successful last year. We are indebted to a member of the Committee for the following list of papers expected, which is furnished from memory, and may perhaps not give the subjects in the exact words, but is substantially correct.

The Conference is expected to open on Lord's day p.m. the 14th Oct., with a sermon by Rev. Professor Pepper, D.D., of Crozier Theological Seminary, the subject being: "Strict Baptist Principles Conservative of Sound Doctrine."

On Monday and Tuesday the programme will probably include the following papers, among others:

"Our Warrant for the Congregational form of Church Government," by Rev. Donald McNeill, of Paisley, Ont.

"The Experience to be required in candidates for baptism," by Rev. D. Mulhern, of Peterboro'.

"Future Punishment," by Rev. Prof. Torrance, M.A.

"The Mutual Adjustment of our Denominational Societies," by Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D.D.

"The Relations of Religious Denominations to Secular Education," by Prof. J. E. Wells, M.A.

"How can we make our Associations more interesting and useful as religious gatherings, and better promotive of general denominational interest?" by Rev. A. H. Munro, Montreal.

"Evangelists and their work," by Rev. James Cooper, D.D.

"A Human Priesthood in the Christian church false and calamitous," by Rev. Joseph D. King.

"The Religious Use of Property,"—(Writer not yet decided).

The meetings all take place in Jarvis Street Church.

WELL DONE!—The little Baptist church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has sent fifty dollars to the aid of the distressed sister churches in St. John; and the Sunday School has sent ten dollars to the schools connected with the same churches. All honor to the Winnipeg church and school! Let all the churches and schools do likewise!

The prevalent custom of baptizing infants in some of the Pedo-Baptist churches is fast losing ground if we can believe the figures they themselves publish—

"From the minutes of the Congregational churches of Connecticut, just published, it appears that during the year 1876, sixty-six churches, with 7,100 members, added none by profession. One hundred and three churches received from 10 to 157 by profession. One thousand four hundred and fifty-six adults were baptized and 830 infants. One hundred and one churches, with 11,257 members, baptized no children."

Comment on the following is unnecessary:

"The Internal Revenue Commissioner decides as to the liability of the German United Evangelical Protestant Church of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, to a special tax for selling beer at a church festival, that if the beer was sold by the proprietor of the hall where the festival was held, he holding a special license and selling for the church, no special tax shall be required from the church."