

The Convention.

The New Brunswick Baptist Convention opened at Hartland, Sept. 13th. After a very refreshing conference of an hour or more the election of officers was called for, and Rev. Calvin Currie was chosen for president for the present year. Rev. W. E. McIntyre secretary, and other appointments of vice-presidents and directors were made. Several reports were presented on denominational matters; and some resolutions passed regarding future operations. The evening meeting was of an evangelistic character. Saturday forenoon was occupied with the presentation of papers, and addresses by members of the summer school of theology. Those papers were highly appreciated by all present, and widely discussed and no doubt but that they were and will be helpful to many who were privileged to hear them. Our space will not allow us to make full mention of these sessions, nor of these papers. The attendance at the sessions was not so large as expected, owing to the smallpox scare.

At 3 p. m. on Saturday the annual meeting of the Annuity Association took place. Vice-president Rev. W. E. McIntyre in the chair.

H. Coy, the secretary, read the minutes of the last annual meeting held in Waterborough, after which the officers for the ensuing year were duly elected.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and adopted. A legacy of \$2,000 from the estate of the late Gilbert White of Sussex had been paid in, thus making the present capital fund \$2,000. The association has at present fifteen annuitants, who are paid annual grants out of the general income.

Saturday evening was given to education and missions. Prof. W. F. Watson of Furman University, South Carolina, was the first speaker. He gave an interesting sketch of that institution, which is to South Carolina what Acadia is to the maritime provinces. There are in the institution twelve professors and 245 students. The churches there take an honest pride in giving generously to educate the young ministers, and nearly all the pastors are college trained men. The state abounds in doctrines and isms of every sort, and a well trained university has become a necessity.

Prof. H. T. DeWolfe of Acadia Seminary followed, speaking at some length of the progress made at the institutions at Wolfville.

Dr. Manning pre-ented an appeal in behalf of the foreign missionary cause. He urged it on the ground that all things belonged to God and that we owe in return a debt to Him both in gifts and service.

The Sabbath dawned cool and clear, and large congregations gathered in the various churches supplied by ministers attending the convention.

Rev. W. S. Martin spoke in the Reformed Baptist house of worship in the forenoon, and conducted an evangelistic service in the Baptist house in the evening.

Rev. Geo. Howard supplied the Woodstock church, and other speakers occupied the Methodist and Free Baptist houses.

The convention sermon was preached by Rev. Barry Smith, who gave an interesting and carefully prepared discourse at 11 a. m. to a crowded house. In the afternoon a model Sunday school was conducted, various speakers taking part in the exercises.

A mass evangelistic service concluded the work of the day. Over one hundred testified of a hope in Christ, and the meeting was one of great power. Evangelist Martin chose for his topic the Saviour's claim that all power was given unto Him, and gave a clear elucidation of the theme, much to the profit of all.

At 10 o'clock on Monday the Sunday school work was again taken up, occupying the attention of the delegates until eleven, when regular convention business was resumed. Prayer was offered by Mr. Hall, after which the home mission report was ordered to be published with the minutes of the convention.

A communication from the Bible class of Commonwealth avenue church, Boston, was read by the secretary. It was on motion resolved that the pastors be urged to look after absent members, communicating wherever possible with them, and also with the pastor of the church nearest to them. This would form a bond of union and save many from a course of retrogression.

It was also resolved that the convention endorse the Forward Movement missionary appeal and urge the churches to contribute liberally to ward it.

The treasurer reported collections during the convention amounting to \$15.82.

After singing Bless Be the Tie that Binds the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. D. Wetmore.

A Scoffer Silenced.

To a young infidel who was scoffing at Christianity because of the misconduct of its professors, the late Dr. Mason once said: 'Did you ever know an uproar to be made because an infidel went astray from the paths of morality?' The infidel admitted that he had not. 'Then do you not see,' said Dr. Mason, 'that by expecting professors of Christianity to be holy, you admit it to be a holy religion, and thus pay it the best compliment in your power.'

Cherished Bibles.

In an old English church at Windermere is a great folio Bible, bound in wood and iron, and chained to the desk. It is an impressive relic of the time when copies of the English Bible were so rare and costly that they could only be kept in churches, and even there must be bound by chains that they could not be removed or stolen away. Only from the desk by the voice of the reader was the Word of God known to the people. That was such a day as the Prophet Amos speaks of, 'a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.'

Many times a copy of the Bible has been the most precious treasure of persecuted and banished Christians. A family in Virginia still cherishes the Bible brought by Huguenot ancestors out of France, hidden in a loaf of bread.

Why Foreign Missions Lag.

HAVE we not in Missionary work, fallen into the snare of worldly care? Do not missions stand in our thought too much as an enterprise of the Church, and too little as the work of God, of which the Church is the commissioned agent? Back of all other causes of the present perplexity in mission work; behind all the apathy of individuals and the inactivity of churches, all lack of enthusiasm and of funds, all deficiency of men and means, of intelligence and of consecration, of readiness to send and of alacrity to go, there lies one lack deeper, more radical, more fundamental—viz., the lack of believing prayer. Until that lack is supplied the doors now opened will not be entered; and the doors now shut will not be opened; laborers of the right sort will not be forthcoming, nor the money forthcoming to put them at work and sustain them in it; until the lack is supplied the churches in the mission field will not be largely blessed with conversions, nor the churches in the home field largely blessed with outpourings and anointings of zeal for God and passion for souls. —Dr. A. T. Pierson.

Death Will Come One Day.

O H, friends, you may have comforts—personal domestic, social—now, and you seem to yourselves to need nothing more. Death will come one day, and the comforts will all drop out of your hand. You will go, if unbelievers, into the other world, not only paupers, but criminals, unpardoned, under the curse of a broken law, under wrath that endureth forever. Do not put off the securing of salvation. Let the dwellers in a house which has "taken fire" be aroused, and with what haste they rush out of it to save their lives! "Delay not, delay not, O sinner!" "Go in faith and penitence to God in Christ. Flee from the wrath to come, and you will be able to say at length, "Now are we the sons of God!" May the bless-

baptized Gertrude Myrshall and Florence Rouse, and on Sept. 1st John Henderson, Everett Landon, Frederick Givon, Burnam Carpenter, Mrs. Burnam Carpenter, Mrs. Mabel Blackie, Gordon Greene, Frederick Furge, James Lloyd, Grover Lloyd, Vernon Barton, Earl Barton, Fred Barton, Benson Potter, Fred Potter, Henry Potter, Judson Potter, making 31 in all since August 4th, 2 more are received for Sept. 8th and with others will D. V. go forward. I am greatly enjoying this campaign with Bro. Dakin who preaches, prays and sings with all his heart. We have no lack of water notwithstanding the very dry weather, Green's Lake some 2 miles from the church, being an ideal baptistry. Last Sabbath it was thought that over six hundred people witnessed the impressive sight of these 17 persons buried in the likeness of the Master's death and raised in the likeness of his resurrection. Six of the number were heads of families, 2 dear boys and 9 young men. We hear very kind things said all over this field of the late pastor, Rev. C. Currie, whose faithful seed sowing has much to do with the present rich harvest. We hope to begin work with Bro. Horseman on the Aberdeen field soon.

A. H. HAYWARD.

A farewell meeting was held on Tuesday evening in the Tabernacle church at which a large number of people and several ministers were present to pay a tribute of respect to the retiring pastor, Rev. F. J. Stackhouse, on the eve of his departure from the city. Many commendatory speeches were made by the ministers present eulogistic of Brother Stackhouse and the good work he has done in that section of the city, and fervent prayers were offered for his future success in securing a ripper education, and in proclaiming the gospel of the grace of God which he has so faithfully done in the past.

Deacon Patterson read an appreciative address on behalf of the church, to all of the good and kind words said Brother Stackhouse made a modest reply. Brother Stackhouse leaves with the best wishes and respect of his people, and the ministers of the city, and it is devoutly hoped by all that when he graduates from the theological department of the University of Chicago to which he now goes he will return to his own native Province again and give his own country the benefit of what he gleaned and pays for abroad; a most cordial welcome awaits him.

MILTON, Work moving along quietly, Baptized two yesterday.
QUEENS COUNTY, Another has been received for baptism.
N. S.

UNION CORNER, Yesterday was another high day in this place. Bro. Dakin and myself had the privilege of again visiting Green's Lake where we baptized the following 16 persons, viz., James Eagers, Zura Tracy, Annie Pickles, Mildred Lincoln, Alma Dickinson, Clara Crane, Maude Potter, Everett Potter, Clarissa Crane, Mrs. Lydia Ives, Charles Myrshall, Lyman Myrshall, Charlie Barton, Harold Barton, Claude Barton, Lillian Brown. These all received the hand of fellowship by Bro. Dakin in the evening when the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number. We expect more to follow Sept. 15th. A. H. HAYWARD.

Rev. H. H. Roach of Annapolis, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Tabernacle Baptist church of this city. Mr. Roach some time ago supplied the Brussels St. pulpit for a short time and his services were highly appreciated. We are glad to welcome him to the city, and trust that his work here may be attended by large blessings.

Notice.

The next Session of the Queen Co., Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Upper Range house of Worship, beginning on Friday, October 11th, at 7 p. m. The churches and Sunday Schools are requested to send delegates.