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WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1894.

N. S. Central Baptist Association.

The N. S. Central Baptist Association
convened in its 44th annual session in
Windsor, N. S., June 23d, 1894, at two
o'clock.

Rev. W. E. Hall, the moderator, called
the association to order. Devotional
exercises were enjoyed for a season.
The officers for the current year were
appointed: Rev. A. C. Chute, modera-
tor; Rev. Jos. Murray, secretary; Bro.
M. A. McLean, assistant; Bro. E. D.
Shand, treasurer.

The committee on history of churches
reported, and Bro. W. A. Porter read
the history of the Hantsport church.
It was voted to ask for this paper a
place in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

The committee on questions in let-
ters recommended that the church
organized recently at Kingsport, Kings
Co., be received for membership in this
association. This recommendation
was agreed to, and the hand of fellow-
ship was given to Rev. S. Match as
representative.

A committee to draft a resolution on
the matter of separate convention was
appointed. Bro. B. H. Eaton, the dele-
gate of this association to the Conven-
tion, reported that he had used his privi-
lege as delegate, and that when the ques-
tion was put to the Convention respect-
ing the removal of academic education
and home missions from the Conven-
tion, he had, on constitutional grounds,
opposed the motion.

A resolution was passed expressing
appreciation of the services of Bro.
Eaton, without, however, giving any
opinion on the merits of the question
involved in his report.

FRIDAY EVENING.

A missionary meeting was the order
of the hour. The committee on missions
reported to the Association by Rev. A.
C. Chute, the chairman.

Rev. A. Cohoon was called to the
platform. He took for his text the last
clause of the admirable report just
read, viz: "There is no sin which we can
commit that will so surely find us out
as the sin of neglecting to support our
Home Mission." This subject was dis-
cussed by the speaker, with his well
known ability, in a practical way, with
a reasonable appeal for the support of
our home mission work.

The Rev. A. Burwash, of the Grande
Ligne Mission, upon being introduced
expressed his abiding interest in all
the departments of our missionary
work. He regarded the success of one
mission as condition on the success
of other missions. As to the methods
of work in the Grande Ligne Mission
they claimed no patent. The directions
given and followed in the New Testa-
ment work were the methods we seek
to employ—we have the commission—
the waiting for the edification from on
high—the keen, loving sympathy for
the benighted unsaved who are as sheep
having no shepherd. The people are in
bondage, their priests are masters, not
teachers. When we take this to our
hearts then the call and the methods
Christ has ordained will come to us.
As we go on with our work opportuni-
ties for enlarged operations are appear-
ing. The demand for laborers and
means for their support are the great
needs of the hour.

These addresses commanded the at-
tention of a large meeting till a late
hour. The presentation of the claims
of the N. W. Mission, which duty was
assigned to Rev. D. G. McDonald, was,
for the want of time, deferred to some
future session of this Association.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association began the day with
a prayer service from 9.30 to 7.30, and
again a large number gathered at the
house of prayer from 9 o'clock to the
hour of opening the business session.

At 10 o'clock business was resumed.
The special committee appointed to
frame a resolution on the matter of a
change of the constitution of the Con-
vention of the Maritime Provinces re-
ported as follows: Your committee beg
to recommend the adoption of the fol-
lowing preamble and resolution:

"Whereas notice of motion was given

at the last meeting of Convention for
the amendment of its constitution so as
to exclude Home Missions and Acad-
emic Education from the work of the
Convention;

And whereas, as an Association, we
are organically connected with the Con-
vention and have the right to send dele-
gates to represent us in that body;

Therefore resolved, That it is the
opinion of this Association that the
proposed amendment would be
detrimental to the best interests
of the two important departments
of work therein mentioned, and we
trust that no such changes will be con-
sidered necessary.

Further, it is our earnest desire and
prayer that all our churches in these
Maritime Provinces will long continue
to work together in Christian unity in
all the branches of religious enterprise
undertaken by them.

The work is of great magnitude and
far-reaching importance, and it needs
the full, united strength and wisdom
of the entire denomination in these Mar-
itime Provinces. It is our firm convic-
tion that no benefit would come to any
of our churches by separation in our
work, but that it would be to the best
interests of all in all sections of these
provinces that we should continue to
work together as we have so long done.
Respectfully submitted,

B. H. Eaton, Chairman.

This resolution was unanimously
adopted by the association without dis-
cussion.

On Saturday afternoon, after Sabbath
services had been provided for by the
committee of arrangements, the Rev.
Chas. Henderson who had lately settled
with the church at Tanook, Lunenburg
Co., was introduced to the association
by the moderator. In a few well
chosen words Bro. Henderson responded
to the welcome given him.

The reading of the statistics of the
association, as reported by them to the
secretary and assistant, who were help-
ed in this service by brethren appointed
by the association.

From these reports of the churches
it was learned that the membership of
the churches composing this body had
been increased by 344 baptisms, and
had made a net increase of 153 mem-
bers during the year. Six small
churches were reported as pastorless.

The committee on denominational
literature reported through Rev. W. E.
Hall, the chairman. On motion this
report was considered clause by clause.
The clause in which the character of
our Sabbath-school literature found
mention called forth the usual lengthy
discussion ere it was passed. The sec-
tion of the report referring to colporteur
work called up a strong advocacy for
extended operations along this line.
Upon a reading of the clause in which
the character and work of the MESSENGER
AND VISITOR found place, after discus-
sion a motion carried referring this
back to the committee for amendment.
The committee was enlarged for this
purpose.

The Rev. D. G. McDonald presented
the following resolution:
"Whereas, the dissemination of pure,
solid scriptural literature is a very im-
portant factor in our work as a denomina-
tion;

Therefore resolved, That we express our
appreciation of the work that is being
done by our Book-room in Halifax with
its altogether too limited capital, and that
we urge upon our churches the neces-
sity of their heartiest support, both in
patronage to the rooms and in support-
ing any legitimate effort the manage-
ment may think necessary to make to
increase the capital and colportage
funds."

This was adopted by the Association.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The Rev. C. H. Martel, of Canard, H.
N. Parry, of Chester, H. S. Shaw, of
Mahme Bay, and W. N. Hutchins, of
Canoeing, who had come to pastorate
in this association since its last session,
were introduced, and responded in few
words.

A very excellent and full report on
the character, purpose and prospects of
our educational institutions at Wolf-
ville was presented by Rev. P. A. Mc-
Ewan, the chairman of the committee
on education.

The Rev. Dr. Sawyer, president of
Acadia University, was introduced and
gave a most excellent address on the
nature of our associational work and
the proper qualifications and habits of
our people demanded in order to fully
meet the conditions of successful ser-
vices. This address was far too valu-
able to be heard only by one audience.
It should be reproduced in our columns
and widely read. In this way it would
do much to uplift our pastors and peo-
ple to a higher plane of character and
action in every department of Christian
service.

Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D., came to
the platform as a representative of the
Board of Governors and gave an excel-
lent address on the grand opportunities
of our schools, and their present press-
ing needs. It would do all our people
good to know the facts presented in this
plain, practical and forceful address.

Professor Kierstead followed with his
usual clear and happy style of address,
in which he presented a large array of
reasons for the continuance of our edu-
cational work. These schools should
have more students. One from each
church was not too many to expect or
beyond the ability of our people to af-
ford. The pastors and friends of our
institutions have this duty upon them

to look upon these students. It is to be
hoped that good results will come of
this meeting.

Extensive arrangements were made
for the supply of the pulpits in Wind-
sor and surroundings for the

SABBATH SERVICES.

At 11 o'clock the annual sermon was
preached by Prof. Kierstead, who select-
ed Ephesians 3: 19 as the text. As the
Association voted that this sermon find
place in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR,
our readers may ere long have the privi-
lege of sharing in the good things en-
joyed by the Association.

A large meeting was held on Sab-
bath afternoon in the interest of Sab-
bath-schools. The Sabbath-school of
the Windsor church was present, and
were addressed by Rev. P. G. McGregor,
J. A. Marple and D. G. McDonald.

Sabbath evening was given to a
platform missionary meeting. The
Rev. D. G. McDonald gave a short ad-
dress on the vast area, great needs, and
bright prospects of our North-west
mission. The Rev. A. C. Chute plead
the cause of foreign missions. He
briefly sketched the history of the pro-
gress of evangelical religion from the
time when truth and the Bible were
chained—spoke of the experiences of
Luther and the progress of truth as the
Bible was translated and the church
was unchained, of the rise and progress
of missionary enterprises. He empha-
sized the important place assigned to
money in this world for the world's red-
emption. "A gospel that lets money
alone is not the true gospel. When
God's will is understood and obeyed
there will come an unchaining of
money." There is one programme of
many parts, and we are properly en-
gaged when we enter into this pro-
gramme, otherwise we throw our lives
away.

The Rev. C. H. Martel came before
the association as a representative of
the Foreign Mission Board, of which
he is president. He called attention
to the circumstances under which the
commission was given to the church,
and the great needs of the world which
demanded that the commission given
to the church should be obeyed. A
church that understands this will not
be narrow—we lose if we do not en-
large. We have reasons for gratitude
that we have been permitted for 20 years
—which is but a short period in a mis-
sion's history—to labor and witness
results. The lives of all our missionaries
have been spared. We have come to a
crisis in our history, and the board is
in agony. Are our churches going to
cut off resources? We need the un-
chained money.

Miss Johnson next spoke in behalf
of the W. M. A. Societies. Of the work
they proposed to do; of the great need
of the heathen world.

Mrs. C. H. Martel addressed the As-
sociation on behalf of the Executive of
the Women's Missionary Union, pledg-
ing hearty co-operation in our home
and foreign missionary work.

Rev. R. Sanford, our returned mis-
sionary, made an earnest appeal for
the support of our Telugu mission. He
made a very touching reference to the
missionary meeting held here 23 years
ago, when our first missionaries were
designated to our first independent ef-
fort. He expressed his confidence in
the success of our mission, and of his
most earnest desire to continue in the
service if it be the will of the Lord.
This was a meeting of more than usual
interest. The speaking, as well as the
singing of the choir, was of a high
order. It cannot but be that a fresh
impulse is given to the missionary
spirit in the churches here represented.

MONDAY MORNING.

The work of this day began as the
work of other days during this associa-
tion—with prayer meetings from 6.30
to 7.30 and from 9 to 10.

At the opening of the session for regu-
lar business a short session was also
spent in prayer for our church mem-
bers that all these may accept the
truth and the fellowship of Christ and
His people in all the services and sac-
rifices ordained for them.

The chairmen of districts reported to
the association:
District No. 1, Kings Co., reported
by Rev. M. P. Freeman; district No. 2,
Hants Co., reported by Rev. Jos. Murray;
district No. 3, Halifax Co., reported by
Bro. G. A. McDonald.

The report of district No. 3 was con-
sidered clause by clause. The clause
referring to the organic relation of the
district committees to the Home Mis-
sion Board called up a long discussion.
A recommendation for the appointment
of a committee by this association to
take into consideration this whole mat-
ter was carried, and a committee was
appointed.

Rev. J. W. Brown reported from dis-
trict No. 4, Lunenburg Co. These re-
ports were quite full and gave an inter-
esting account of the work of our
churches in this association. Upon the
whole progress was evident in the sev-
eral departments of our denominational
work as shown by these reports.

The committee on benevolent funds
reported by Bro. J. H. Hall. This was
considered clause by clause. The sec-
tion of the report in which the giving
of the tenth was recommended as a

minimum called for the usual discus-
sion, in which a diversity of opinions
found expression. A majority voted
for the adoption of the report.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The report on Sabbath-schools was
presented by Bro. John Nalder. By
previous arrangement the Rev. J. W.
Brown gave an address on the limita-
tions and possibilities of teaching in
the S. S. Rev. A. C. Chute gave a brief
review of Dr. Trumbull's book, "Teach-
er and Teaching."

It was voted to accept the invitation
of the Mahone Bay church to hold the
session of this Association in 1895 with
them.

A motion to adopt the report of the
committee on missions, brought up the
question of ways and means. The Rev.
D. G. McDonald presented a resolution
proposing a change in our plans of col-
lecting the contribution of our churches.
After a careful and kind discussion this
motion was lost by a very close vote.

The circular letters of this Association
to the churches of which it is composed,
in response to the letters received from
the churches, was prepared and pre-
sented by the Rev. S. March, the chair-
man of a committee appointed for this
purpose. This was a careful review of
the condition of the churches as in-
dicated by their reports to the Associa-
tion, with valuable suggestions for im-
provement. It was voted to have this
printed in pamphlet and sent to the
churches at the expense of the Associa-
tion.

The committee on nomination report-
ed arrangements for the work of the
coming year. Among these provision
is made for having the History of
churches prepared and read at the com-
ing Association.

The committee on denominational
literature brought in an amended re-
port, which was adopted.

On Monday evening a large meeting
was held in the interest of temperance,
and were rewarded by the privilege of
listening to very instructive and inspir-
ing addresses on the topic of the even-
ing from the Rev. E. E. Daley and Prof.
Kierstead. This brought to a close a
very enjoyable annual meeting of this
Association. The quickening of the
spirit's influence was manifest in the
social services held. The programme
for the several sessions of the body was
well arranged and faithfully adhered to.
The hospitality was all that could be
desired. The one shadow that troubled
the brotherhood was the sure indication
given in the reports from our churches,
that in all that pertains to full fellow-
ship with Christ in sacrifice and service,
the standard with our membership is so
low as to sadly embarrass the body in
all its enterprises, and in many cases to
put in doubt the genuineness of the
Christian profession made.

The W. M. U. Societies sent in quite
large delegations. Several interesting
sessions for prayer and planning for
work were held, a full report of which
will be found in the W. M. U. column
of this paper.

P. E. I. Baptist Association.

P. E. I. Baptist Association met in
its 27th annual session on Friday,
June 29th, at 10 o'clock with the church
at East Point.

Rev. J. C. Spurr, in the absence of
the moderator, was called to the chair.
After enjoying devotional exercises for
a time, the officers for the year were
chosen: Rev. J. C. Spurr, moderator;
Bro. A. Simpson, secretary; Bro. J. S.
Clarke, assistant secretary; Bro. Theo-
dore Robinson, treasurer. Committees
were appointed and visiting brethren
were invited to seats in the association.

The committee on Sabbath-schools
reported. This was laid upon the table
as the hour of adjournment was reached.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The report of the committee on Sun-
day-schools was taken from the table,
discussed and passed.

Committee on denominational litera-
ture reported by Rev. B. H. Bentley.
This report mentioned with approval
the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, Baptist
Book Room and the Baptist Y. P. U.
This report was considered by sections,
and most thoroughly discussed and ac-
cepted.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Devotional exercises from 7.30 to 8.
Platform meeting on the subject of
Sabbath-schools. Bro. N. J. McDonald
was the first speaker. He had some
encouragements to offer to Sabbath-
school workers.

Bro. C. A. Read, IIc., gave an address
on the hindrances and helps of Sab-
bath-school teachers.

Rev. W. H. Warren spoke of the
time given by this association to the
consideration of this work as indicative
of its importance. His experience of
22 years in the pastorate was in accord
with this view of its value. The theme
he selected for discussion was "The
attractiveness of the progressive Sun-
day-school."

Bro. Theodore S. Robinson spoke of
the encouragements we find in the
nature of the work—the inspirations
and auxiliaries which come to our aid

as we proceed in this noble enterprise.

SATURDAY MORNING.

A prayer service was held for half an
hour.

A brief report of the state and work
of the churches composing this Associa-
tion for the past year was presented
by Rev. J. C. Spurr. This report was
supplemented by verbal reports from
several brethren who are acquainted
with the churches from whom no full
report by letter had been received.
Baptisms reported, 105. The contribu-
tion of the churches for denominational
work in advance of last, about \$900
was raised with no material change in
membership. The reports of the
churches summarized shows that the
most of the churches are supplied with
pastoral care, and all our churches have
enjoyed the preaching of the Word. A
great change has come to our churches
in this province in the pastorate dur-
ing the year. As the summary states,
"The Lord has sent us a band of ear-
nest and consecrated young men to lead
on in the work." Converting power has
been manifested. The Hebrew people
movement has gained rapidly, and is
doing good work.

The statistics show that the contribu-
tions of the churches of this province
have an average per member about that
of either Nova Scotia or New Brun-
swick. The number of fields have been
increased by one during the year. This
Association has found a complete solu-
tion of the vexed question so much
troubling all our Associations in these
Maritime Provinces as to how we shall
use the letters of our churches in our
Associations. Under the skillful hand
of Rev. J. C. Spurr the status and year-
ly work of each church is presented to
the body in an interesting and com-
plete way, and a full session is given to
the consideration of local church mat-
ters.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The circular letter was read by Bro.
Norman McLeod, the writer.

This letter was accepted as the Associa-
tion's letter to the churches. A
copy was requested for the MESSENGER
AND VISITOR.

The report on education, as prepared
by a committee on that subject, was
presented, discussed and passed by the
Association.

SATURDAY EVENING.

A welcome was extended by the
moderator to Rev. W. C. Corey, B. H.
Bentley, M. C. Higgins, Kierstead,
Carter, and licentiates C. A. Read and
C. A. Shaw, who had come to pastor-
ates in this province during the past
year.

An educational platform meeting
was the order for the evening. Prof.
Oakes was introduced to present the
claims of Horton Academy. He re-
garded it as occupying no second place
among our educational institutions,
and in an interesting way presented its
claims for the support and patronage
of the people of P. E. Island.

Rev. A. Cohoon gave good and valid
reasons why the Baptist churches of
the Maritime Provinces should be asked
to contribute to the support of Acadia
University.

Miss Jackson represented Acadia
Seminary and stated its purpose and
ability to carry on the work on hand
and to enlarge its curriculum. This
institution now seeks for students of
high ideals and fixed purposes.

Dr. D. F. Higgins called attention
to the fact that it was demanded of the
denomination to keep in touch of the
times. A change had come as to the
place women should occupy. The
Baptists of these provinces had come
to the conclusion to accommodate this
change and to provide for the higher
education of women. We have now
the best building and equipments in our
Wolfeville institutions for the girls,
with a good staff of teachers.

Rev. W. H. Warren, by comparing
the closing exercises of Dalhousie, Sack-
ville and Acadia's institutions, which
he had attended this year, found reason
for congratulating the friends of Acadia,
because of its high standards of
culture and the literary attainments of
its graduates.

This was a very pleasant session of
the association. The Baptists of P. E.
Island for whom Acadia has done so
much in elevating her sons and daugh-
ters in the by gone, will assuredly
stand by her in the future.

The Sabbath was full of services and
very enjoyable. The congregations
were large—the spirit of devotion pre-
vailed.

At ten social services began in which
songs of praise and earnest prayer
were promptly offered.

At eleven the associational sermon
was preached by Rev. J. C. Spurr, the
senior pastor of this province. The
text chosen was Prov. 28: 20, on which
the preacher discoursed with clearness
on the blessings of steadfastness in the
truth and faithful service in all de-
partments of the Christian's life. The
inspirations of this hour in the house
of the Lord will be long in remember-
ance.

At two the Sabbath-school was in,
began a session of one hour, in which
the workers here were assisted by visit-
ing brothers and sisters.

At three a platform missionary meet-

ing was begun by the reading of the re-
port on missions by Bro. Carter; this was
followed by the earnest and eloquent
addresses of Rev. J. W. Manning on our
foreign missionary enterprise, and Rev.
A. Cohoon on behalf of our home mis-
sions.

Commencing at seven a service of
song was held for one hour, and the day
closed with an evangelistic service held
from 8 to 9.30, in which an endeavor
was put forth to win souls to the service
of Christ and to the joys of His salva-
tion. It was reported that at the close
of this service some had been led to ac-
cept the Christ as their Saviour.

MONDAY MORNING.

The report on missions was taken from
the table and discussed clause by clause.
Rev. J. W. Manning gave some explana-
tion of our foreign mission work.
Rev. C. W. Cory plead most earnestly
for increased consecration and contribu-
tions for mission work. Dr. D. F. Hig-
gins called attention to comparative
cheapness of the Protestant religion.
Heathenism and Romanism is far more
expensive. The Hebrew people were
called upon to support the twelfth tribe
for the service of God. This ratio of
support applied to our churches would
give us a good supply of pastors and
additional funds for mission work.

Rev. H. Carter gave his experience on
his field in proof of the power of pray-
er to bring our people into the practice
of generous giving for missions. Bro.
Clark was willing to pledge for an ad-
dition to our missionary staff. Bro.
Wm. McLeod advised that the money
spent for tobacco be consecrated to mis-
sion purposes. On the motion of the
clause of the report referring to the
home mission, Rev. A. Cohoon gave
some explanation of the present con-
dition of our home missions.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The committees for the coming year
were appointed upon a report of the
committee on denomination.

A resolution was passed commending
the support of the monthly ministerial
and lay conference recently organized
in P. E. I.

It was voted to hold the next meeting
of this Association with the church at
Long Creek.

The committee on systematic bene-
fice reported. This was considered
very carefully and passed.

The following resolution was present-
ed and passed unanimously:
Whereas, a notice of motion was given
at the last meeting of the Maritime
Baptist Convention to change the con-
stitution of the Convention in such a
way as to sever home missions and
academic education from its control;

Therefore resolved, That this Associa-
tion looks with disfavor upon this pro-
posed change, and is of opinion that
these interests can best be managed
under the control of the Convention of
these provinces as it is now constituted.

The committee on temperance pre-
sented a very excellent and full report.
This was accepted by the Association.

On Monday evening a large congrega-
tion came together to listen to a dis-
cussion of the subject of temperance.

Mr. Robertson, M. P. P., was the
first called to the platform, when he
presented in eloquent and forceful
terms the wideness of the evils of the
liquor traffic, and of prohibition as the
only remedy. In conclusion he gave
some outlines of the progress of the re-
form of the public sentiment in favor of
prohibitory legislation, and some sugges-
tions as to the best endeavors for its
attainment.

Dea. Alexander Scott was of the op-
inion that it is in the hands of the people
to stop the liquor traffic if they will.

Dea. Arthur Simpson advocated the
support of temperance organizations,
our chief reliance, however, he believ-
ed, was in the potency of the religion
of Jesus Christ. The plebiscite is not
to be depended upon, as the liquor in-
fluence had demoralized the politicians.

Rev. J. H. Saunders said a few words
on the sad influence of the