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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4th, 1895.

—Our readers will perceive that our present issue is devoted chiefly to reporting the proceedings of the Convention. We have endeavored to make the record as full and correct as practicable, and we presume our readers will prefer to have such a record rather than any comments of ours on the doings of the body. We believe that it was generally pronounced a good Convention. It is to be confessed that, though it was in part a Jubilee celebration, yet no great pitch of enthusiasm was reached in any of the meetings. Certainly there have been sessions of the body in which there was more fervor of spirit and from which the delegates probably carried away more of inspiration. But on the other hand, the meetings were marked by a gratifying degree of harmony. Differences of opinion were often expressed, but a fraternal spirit was maintained from beginning to end, and we believe that no one's feelings were seriously injured. The delegates, we think, were pretty well cared for in the homes and boarding houses in which entertainment was provided. At all events, if anyone was not made comfortable, it has not come to our knowledge. Much credit for this is due to the local committee in charge of arrangements, and especially to the pastor of the Germain St. church, always indefatigable in labors. The Jubilee Convention called forth a number of carefully prepared papers which, if they did not in their presentation stir the enthusiasm of the body as it is sometimes stirred, are of considerable historic value. Some of these we give in this issue and others will appear later.

—The laying of the corner-stone of the Main Street Baptist church, took place on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. We much regret that, with our overcrowded columns, it is impossible this week to give any extended report of these very interesting services. Admission to the grounds was by ticket, and a large number, including many delegates to the Convention, were present. The services began with the singing of an appropriate hymn. A prayer of invocation was offered Rev. E. E. Daley, and a passage of Scripture was read by Rev. G. W. Schurman. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. Gordon, gave an interesting historical sketch of the church. Rev. I. W. Corey followed with an address on "The Relation of the Church to the Intellectual Life of the Community." After the singing of another hymn, an address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Keirstead, of Acadia University, on "The Relation of the Church to the Intellectual Life of the Community." These excellent addresses were listened to with great interest. After the addresses there were deposited in a tin box to be placed under the stone a copy of the historical sketch, the photograph of the pastor, copies of the Messenger and Visitor and other denominational and daily papers, a picture of the ministers at last year's Convention at Hillsburg, with other articles of interest. A silver trowel was presented to Mrs. E. C. Elkin by Mr. Mott, architect. The stone was then laid by Mrs. Elkin and Mr. D. V. Roberts. The hymn,

"How firm a foundation,
Ye saints of the Lord,"

was sung; Prayer was offered by Rev. G. O. Gates, a brief address was given by Mayor Robertson, and the services closed with the benediction by Pastor Gordon. We hope in another issue to present the cut of the church and Pastor Gordon's historic sketch.

PERSONAL.

Rev. F. D. Davidson and family have our sympathy and prayers in their present affliction.

Rev. G. B. Raymond has accepted a call to the pastorate of the New Glasgow Baptist church and will enter upon this service in October. We think the New Glasgow church is to be congratulated in this matter, and trust that large blessings may attend the labors of the coming pastor.

The new laws and ritual adopted by the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America is exciting wide-spread interest and criticism amongst the membership in Nova Scotia. A special session of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia to consider the matter has been called to meet in Halifax to-day.

THE CONVENTION.

(Continued.)

Last week's issue contained a report of the proceedings up to Monday noon. The report of the Home Mission Board was then under consideration. The pleasant weather of Sunday and the following days, after the great rain of Saturday night, was highly appreciated by the delegates, and the attendance at the meetings was large.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education reported through Prof. Keirstead. The report showed that the receipts during the year had been $753,53 and the expenditure $440, leaving a balance of $313,53.

The reading and discussion of the H. M. Board's report was then resumed. The clause respecting work among the French was taken up and in this connection Rev. Mr. Grenier who has been this summer laboring among the French of Digby County was called to the platform and gave an interesting account of the work in which he is engaged and which he regards as of a very hopeful character. Remarks were also made by Revs. A. T. Dykeman of Digby and Dr. Morse of Digby Neck who have some personal knowledge of the needs and character of the French people of that part of the province. They expressed a hopeful interest in the work in which Mr. Grenier is engaged. C. E. Knapp also spoke of the French people of New Brunswick and of the need that evangelistic work should be undertaken among them.

The reading of the Secretary's report was then concluded and it was adopted as a whole. The treasurer's report also was read and a motion to adopt was seconded. Bro. C. E. Knapp moved that the $504 which in the financial statement was entered as money received from N. B. churches and held on hand should be applied to the payment of New Brunswick's share of the Board's deficits. A good deal of discussion ensued. Some of the delegates favored this proposition while others considered that the money should be applied to the purpose for which it had been contributed, that is, for carrying on Home Mission work under the direction of the Board of the Convention. Some amendments were offered, but as Mr. Knapp finally decided to withdraw his resolution, the amendments also fell to the ground.

At four o'clock the Convention adjourned in order to permit the delegates to attend the services connected with the laying of the corner stone of the Main St. new church.

MONDAY EVENING.

The first part of the evening was devoted to a platform meeting in the Home Mission interest. Vice-President T. S. Simms presided. The addresses delivered had reference to the jubilee anniversary of the Convention. The first address on the programme was on Our Baptist Pioneers by S. McC. Black: The subject of the second address was Our Organized efforts in Home Mission Work, by Rev. W. H. Warren M.A. This was a valuable historical paper dealing with the Home Mission Work of the denomination during the past fifty years. Rev. A. Cohoon M. A. followed on the subject: Is it necessary to continue our Home Mission Work? The speaker showed plainly that as in the past, so in the future, the vigorous prosecution of home missions would be essential to the denomination's growth and well-being.

At the close of the platform meeting the Convention resumed business. The Home Mission report was taken up, the remaining clauses adopted and the report adopted as a whole. A resolution moved by Rev. E. J. Grant deprecating any interference on the part of the Dominion government with the School affairs of Manitoba was by vote of the Convention laid on the table.

Rev. C. W. Roscoe moved the following resolution which unanimously was adopted.

Whereas, Rev. E. Bosworth is about to visit Great Britain in the interest of the Grande Ligne mission;

Resolved, that this Baptist convention of the Maritime Provinces place on record its approval of the work done by the mission and heartily commends our brother and his work to the sympathy of the christian people of that country.

Resolved Further, That a copy of this resolution, dated August 20, 1895, and signed by the president and secretary of the convention, be given to Mr. Bosworth.

Rev. I. Wallace moved the following:

Whereas, A considerable portion of the constituency of this convention think the work of home missions could be best carried forward by one organization for this province; and

Whereas, It is exceedingly desirable that the unity of the convention be preserved in carrying forward this great work;

Therefore Resolved, That this body hereby express their willingness and pleasure to have the New Brunswick Baptist churches, if they so desire, carry forward home mission work through a committee to be appointed by this body, nominated by brethren of this province, who will report their work at the annual meeting of the convention, to be placed beside that of a similar board from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

After a little discussion upon this resolution, it was laid upon the table to be considered at a later session.

The report on the state of the Denomination was presented by H. C. Creed. The report showed that 8 persons had been ordained to the ministry this year, about half as many as the previous year. It recommended the appointment of a committee who should consider and report next year upon the question, whether in any way the prevailing practice as regards ordination might be amended without prejudice to the foundation principles of the Baptist body.

But one new church had been added to the list, that at Hartland, Carleton Co., N. B., on May 3rd. New houses of worship had been opened at the following places: Granville Centre, N. S., Bydney, C. B.; Salmon Creek, N. B.; Heal of Lockport Bay, N. S.; Canterbury, N. B.; Windsor Plains, N. S. The number is the same as last year. The following statistics will prove interesting: Number of churches in the eight associations 400, with a membership of 44,958; 2,219 persons were baptised last year, and probably about the same number this year, although the full returns are not yet in.

The report was taken up clause by clause and adopted without much discussion. In connection with this report B. H. Eaton, Esq; moved the following:

Resolved that all District organizations are urgently requested to use their best endeavors to secure correct statistics for for the associations from all the churches in their respective districts, and that this resolution be sent to secretaries of District committees.

The resolution was adopted.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The report on obituaries prepared by Rev. A. C. Chute, of Halifax, was read by Rev. W. C. Vincent, of Sackville, N. B. The following named ministers connected with the Convention have passed away during the Convention year: J. E. Hopper D.D., of St. John; Edward Sibley, Wittenburg, N. S.; William Wetmore, Margaree, C. B.; R. S. Morton, Aylesford, N. S. Mention was also made of the deaths of Rev. Michael Doyle who latterly lived in Maine, but who was formerly a Baptist minister in Queens Co., N. B., and Rev. D. C. Lawson, of Westmorland, N. B., a Baptist minister held in high esteem though not connected with the associated Baptist churches of these provinces.

The report of the committee on the Grande Ligne Mission was presented by E. D. King, Esq., of Halifax.

This report showed that the Grande Ligne work is being steadily and courageously prosecuted and although the difficulties and discouragements encountered are great, there are also many encouraging features and substantial evidences of progress in the work.

By special arrangement Rev. E. Bosworth, agent of the Grande Ligne mission, came to the platform and address the Convention in its interest.

Of the one and a half millions of people in Quebec province, Mr. Bosworth said, more than one, and a quarter millions are French Roman Catholics and in the Maritime Provinces one-eighth of the population belonged to the same class. He was glad to know that Mr. Grenier and his talented wife had come to these provinces to resume the work among the Acadian French which should never have been given up. He was pleased to know that the young people were taking an interest in this work. The Mission Bands in Germain St. and Brussels St. churches are each of them supporting a student at Grande Ligne in preparation for evangelistic work. Proceeding to speak of the difficulties encountered in the work of French evangelization, Mr Bosworth said one great difficulty lay in the ignorance of the people and their inability to think for themselves. This is the result of the system in which they are trained. In the investigation lately had into the condition of the schools in Ottawa under the separate school system, one great complaint against the schools taught by the Irfars, was that the pupils in these schools were totally unable to reason, and this quite agrees with what is found in the French students who come to Grande Ligne. This pervades the whole French R. C. population, and the people are so educated in order that they may accept with docility the teachings of the church. Mr. Bosworth stated the ladies of the W. B. M. U. had voted $400 to the Grande Ligne work. Of this sum $200 was for the support of Mr. and Mrs. Grenier in Digby county, and he hoped that the Sunday schools within the limits of the Convention would raise $200 more for the same purpose.

Rev. W. W. Weeks, expressed his deep interest in the Grande Ligne work. The Roman Catholic ecclesiastic, he said, cares very little for any resolutions which a Convention like this may pass condemning interference with Manitoba in school matters or anything of that kind. What he does fear is the preaching of the gospel among the French people of Quebec. The evangelisation of Quebec was necessary to the peace of the Dominion.

The report of the committee on Grande Linge work was then adopted. Report of the committee on the

NORTHWEST WORK

was presented by Rev. D. G. MacDonald, as follows:

Your Committee appointed last year as a medium of communication between this body and the brethren engaged in missionary work in Manitoba and the Northwest, beg to report that during the year much valuable foundation and upbuilding work has been done by our brethren laboring in that great country, amid many difficulties and discouragements. Superintendent Mellick, under a strong pressure from his brethren, has decided to continue his work there another year. He has working with him, in a region covering about 1100 miles of railway and about 1000 miles of branch roads, 35 pastors and missionaries, 11 of whom are unordained. One new church has been organized, one resuscitated and a second is about to be organized in Winnipeg, for which a building has been provided but for the payment of which they are much in need of help. Two church buildings have been erected during the year which are practically free from debt, and four others are in course of construction.

The amount raised during the Convention year is $2,458.87, of which amount Ontario and Quebec contributed $5,532.29, and our own provinces contributed only $2,074.29. Their indebtedness at the close of the year was $993, one church became self sustaining and 478 souls have been added to the number of the saved, 253 of them by baptism, making the present membership 2,710. Among the recommendations made in their last annual report is the following: That we make a strong effort to interest the Maritime Provinces more than heretofore in giving to our work," and your committee would urge upon the churches of this Convention the propriety of giving a hearty response to any reasonable effort that may be made to deepen interest in the Lord's work in the great Northwest, and hope that our contributions this year will be in advance of the last. We recommend that the Convention continue the connection existing during the past year by the appointment of a committee on the same basis as heretofore.

Mr. McDonald stated that he had just received a letter from Rev. H. G. Mellick, which gave the gratifying information that he and Mrs. Mellick had just returned from a most interesting trip among the Indians in the Lake Winnipeg region, in which they were accompanied by Missionary Prince. Seventy-six Indians had been baptised and a great work was going on among them.

Rev. J. A. Gordon spoke in the interests of the Northwest Mission work, giving reasons why Baptists of the east should be deeply interested in it. There were to be considered the great extent and resources of the Northwest which insured its being in due time a great and prosperous country. Faithful work put forth now in the Northwest will rebound to to the advantage of the east. Many are going from these provinces to the Northwest, and whether or not our children and grandchildren shall be Baptist and Christian depends on what we now do for the missionary interests of the Northwest. Whether or not the great wealth to be developed in the northwest shall be consecrated to the service of Christ, depends largely on what is being done now in evangelistic work in that new country. If the many foreign elements coming into the country are evangelized, they will go back to their own people with the gospel, and thus the work of evangelization will be widely promoted.

Rev J. H. King, who had spent some time in the Northwest, also spoke of the importance of the work.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was presented by the Secretary, Rev. J. W. Manning. As the printed report was in the hands of the delegates, it was ordered that it be considered as read and that it be taken up clause by clause. The report in a condensed form will be found on our first page. On the clause relating to a readjustment of salaries a prolonged discussion took place. Rev. E. N. Archibald and others stated that there is a feeling among many of the people that the salaries of the missionaries are too large and that many pastors who are laboring hard on very small salaries sympathize in this feeling. It was shown on the other hand that the missionaries are under heavy expenses on account of the journeys it is necessary at times for them to make to the hill country for health and that medical attendance is also very expensive. Rev. H. F. LaFlamme, missionary of the Ontario and Quebec Board, being present, on request spoke on the subject. His statements went to show that the missionaries are far from being overpaid. Rev. R. Sanford showed that during his 21 years connection with the Board he had received an average salary of about $960 per year, and this he had found not more than was required to live on, with careful economy. He believed the principle of readjustment proposed a good one, but thought the missionaries should have been consulted. The missionaries were willing to have the salaries reduced as much as could be done without injury to the mission, but great care should be exercised in the matter that the mission itself should not suffer.

Rev. E. C. Baker contended that the salaries paid by the American Union to its missionaries in India were less than those our Board is paying and that there was some ground for complaint as to the amount of the salaries.

Rev. P. R. Foster believed it would be found that, taking the whole period of service into consideration, the missionaries of the American Union were quite as well paid as our own.

Rev. Howard Barss said a good deal depended on the ability of the missionary to economise. Some could live on $1000 as well as others would on $1200.

It was asked by Dr. Keirstead whether the proposed readjustment did not involve a breaking of faith with the missionaries who had gone out, by reducing their salaries below what had been promised them. Rev. G. O. Gates, on behalf of the Board explained that the missionaries on the field would not be affected by the change, with the exception of Mr. Corey, and that his agreement to it had been secured before he went to India. The clause was adopted.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The discussion of the report of the F. M. Board was resumed on the clause respecting the return of Rev. Mr. Sanford to India.

Rev. J. Coombs favored Mr. Sanford's return.

Rev. W. H. Warren said the question was one that the Board was in a better position to decide than the Convention. He was willing to leave it in their hands.

Secretary Manning explained that the Board had decided that, considering the condition of Mr. Sanford's health, the depleted treasury and the fact that Mrs. Sanford could not accompany her husband, it would not be wise for Mr Sanford to return. But since the report had been printed the minds of some of the Board had changed.

Rev. A. Cohoon favored Mr. Sanford's return to India. He had known the brother long and well. If Bro. Sanford believed that the Holy Spirit was moving him to return to India, he (Mr. C) would have strong confidence that Bro. S. was not being misled.

S. McC. Black thought that such a question should not be submitted to the open Convention for decision. If the Board could not reach a conclusion on the subject, it would be wise to appoint a committee to consider the matter and report.

Dr. Keirstead said it was desirable that in such a matter the Board should have the endorsement of the Convention and if the Board could reach a conclusion in the matter and submit it to the Convention, it would be well.

Rev. Dr. Saunders said that either the Holy Spirit had called Bro. Sanford to return to India or he had not. If he had there was no question as to what was the duty of the Board and the Convention in the matter, even though Bro. S. might die as soon as he reached the East. If Bro. S. says that God has laid it on his heart to return to India, he (Dr. S.) would say with all his heart "go".

Rev. J. D. Freeman said that it was important to know that a brother believed himself called of God to go to India. But if God had revealed it to Bro. S. that he should go, it seems right to believe that the Board would be divinely guided to send him. Considering the facts, so far as he knew them, he would favor sending Mr. S. back to India.

Rev. C. W. Corey seconded the motion of Rev. E. J. Grant that the matter be left to the decision of the Board. He thought that the guidance of the Divine Spirit might be expected on behalf of the Board.

The matter was further discussed by Revs. J. A. Gordon and G. O. Gates, members of the Board, who showed that the members of the Board had deep sympathy for Mr. S., felt deeply their responsibility in the matter and had sought divine guidance, but in view of Bro. S.'s feeble health, the advice of physicians and of the financial position they had not felt clearly that it was the Board's duty to send Bro. S. back.

Rev. R. Sanford spoke in reference to his position in the matter. His health had improved and in seeking divine guidance as to his work, it was impressed upon him that he should return to India. But there had been difficulties. He was told that his health was not sufficient and again that there was not money to send him. He felt that the rest of the trouble was a lack of faith in God and in the mission. If the Convention did not see fit to send him back, that would not change his purpose. He must go back. He did not wish to do anything in opposition to the Convention, but if it must be so, he believed that there were those who had confidence in his being called of God to the work and who would assist him to return to work in India.

Rev. H. F. LaFlamme advocated Mr. Sanford's return. He thought there was no reason to believe that he would not be able to work in India.

At length, on motion of Dr. D. F. Higgins, the clause was referred back to the Board for further consideration and report at the evening session.

The clause on Finance came next under consideration. Rev. J. Coombs wished to know if the Bradshaw trust funds reported as paid to the H. M. Board formed a part of the $504 reported in the H. M. Treasurer's report as money held to the credit of New Brunswick. The Treasurer of the H. M. Board replied that it did not.

Rev. J. H. Hughes thought that if the F. M. Board felt themselves under legal obligations to pay over the interest of 2nd trust to the H. M. Board of this Convention, the interest of the 1st trust should have been paid over to the N. B. Convention.

Secretary Manning explained that in the matter of the 2nd trust the Board acted on the advice of its solicitor, and that in reference to the 1st it had been thought best to pursue the course that had been adopted for the present year, with the hope that some settlement of the existing difficulties would shortly be reached.

When the motion to adopt the clause was about to be put, the question was raised whether the adoption of the latter part of the clause involved the abolition of the Convention plan. The president ruled that it did so. A long discussion ensued upon the wisdom or unwisdom of the denomination's present plan of operations in the raising of funds. The debate was not apparently more fruitful than those which at divers times and many places had consumed the time and energy of our denominational gatherings. It was at length decided to omit from present consideration the last paragraph of the clause, and the paragraph respecting trusts received further consideration.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre explained what he had understood to be the intention of the late Mr. Bradshaw, as to the disposition of these trusts. It was, he believed, Mr. Bradshaw's wish that the funds should be expended in New Brunswick by a New Brunswick Board. Now that the N. B. Convention is carrying on H. M. work in the province, he believed that the interest from the 2nd trust at least, should be expended by the N. B. Convention. He understood that the F. M. Board had given assurance to a committee from the N. B. Convention that the interest from the trusts for this year should be held in the hands of the F. M. Board.

Secretary Manning explained that he believed that Mr. McIntyre was under a misapprehension in the matter and that the F. M. Board had not made such an agreement.

The remaining clauses of the report were then adopted.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the New Brunswick Convention: Revs. Dr. Keirstead, J. H. Saunders, G. O. Gates, J. W. Manning, D. G. McDonald, J. A. Gordon.

A pleasant episode in the proceedings of Convention at this time was the introduction by Dr. T. H. Rand of Sir Leonard Tilley who, on motion of Dr. Keirstead, was invited to a seat in the Convention and on invitation of the president came to the platform and delivered a short address. Sir Leonard spoke in a very interesting and appreciative manner of the services which Baptists have rendered to the cause of religion, to education and moral reforms. The Germain street church was the first Baptist church in the province, he believed, to place upon its records a condemnation of the liquor traffic. The Baptists also were early interested in the work of the Bible Society, and it was to their honor that they had ever stood loyally by the teachings of that Book. Sir Leonard concluded by expressing his confidence that the blessing of God would continue in the future, as it had in the past, to rest upon the work of the denomination.

Routine business was suspended in order to give place to a platform meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions. Vice-President G. W. Warren took the chair.

The first address was by Rev. E. M. Saunders D. D., subject: The Holy Spirit in Missions. This address will be found upon our second page.

Rev. J. W. Manning said it had been announced that he would give an address, and if circumstances had permitted he would have been glad to do so, but the hour was growing late and the programme was crowded. He would therefore merely introduce a brother who had come some distance in order to speak to the Convention on Foreign Missions and who could speak from personal knowledge of the needs of the Telugu people.

Rev. H. F. LaFlamme discussed The Great Resources and Great Responsibilities of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces.

The 45,000 Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, the speaker said, could all read and all had the Bible. We don't know how to value that until we get into a land where the people do not have the Bible and very few could read it if they had. The Baptists of the Maritime Provinces have also great intellectual resources. They are rich in material wealth. The speaker estimated their yearly earnings at $4,000,000, and all this money is the Lord's. If one tenth is given to the Lord's work the amount is $400,000. According to the statistics, the churches spend yearly for local work—pastor's salaries, building and repair of churches etc., $140,000. If to this were added $60,000 for Home Missions and education there would remain $200,000 to invest in Foreign Missions. Mr. LaFlamme proceeded to speak of the great East and its teeming populations. It takes the conceit out of us westerners, he said, to pass through the Mediterranean and run up against the millions of Asia. Here you are the lords of the west, the kings of the future etc. But when you get to China what are you? A devil! a poor foreign devil! India has a population of 287,000,000, one fifth the population of the globe. It has 194 persons to the square mile and a part of the country is among the most densely peopled in the world. In ten years there was a natural increase of 28,000,000. The resources of the country, coal, gold, diamond mines etc., are just beginning to be developed. In India there are 185,000 Protestant christians. The Telugu country in which the Mission of the Baptists of these provinces is established has a population of 1,700,000. These people are committed to the Baptists of this country for evangelization. It is for you to send them the gospel. But the little missionary force which the Maritime Baptists have sent to evangelise the Telugus seems like an attempt to dip the Bay of Fundy dry with a half pint dipper. Twenty-nine missionary families are needed to give one family to each 50,000 Telugus. Mr. LaFlamme closed with an earnest appeal on behalf of the degraded and perishing Telugus.

On motion of Rev. D. G. McDonald, the hearty thanks of the Convention were voted to the people of Germain St. church and to other friends of St. John for the hospitality extended to the delegates during the session of the Convention. A vote of thanks was also passed to the choir for the beautiful and inspiring music furnished at many of the services.

Routine business was resumed and the clause in the F. M. Board's report which had been referred back to the Board for further consideration came up. Rev. G. O. Gates, for the Board, presented, to be substituted for the clause in the report, the following:

Your Board has been greatly exercised about the return of Rev. R. Sanford to India, and it was in the mind of the Board that it was not wise that he return. But since Bro. Sanford regards himself as physically able to do so, your Board would recommend that, in case of his receiving a certificate from two competent physicians that he is in sufficient health to resume his work in India, that he be returned as soon as the churches place the Board in a financial position enabling them so to do.

This was discussed at some length. Mr. Sanford felt sure that it was his duty to return to India and that his going should not be made conditional on the advice of physicians. Some questions were asked as to just what the Board might mean by being placed in a financial position to send Bro. Sanford to India. Rev. G. O. Gates, with some feeling, declared that there was no reason to question the entire sincerity of the Board or its hearty sympathy with Bro. Sanford. But they were responsible to the denomination. If, contrary to medical advice, they incurred the expense of sending Bro. Sanford to India and it turned out that he was unable to live and labor there, the Board would incur censure. But if they could be assured that the brother's health was sufficient, they would gladly send him out as soon as the funds for the purpose were available. The clause was finally adopted, and, the clause in the report relating to changes in the plan of raising denominational funds having been struck out, the report as a whole was adopted.

The report of the Board of Governors of Acadia University was taken from the table and the remaining clauses adopted. The report of the Treasurer of the University was presented by C. W. Roscoe, Esq., and showed that the total receipts for the year were $12,365 38, leaving a deficit for the years operations of $197.88 and an accumulated deficit of $7,149.27. The report was adopted.

Rev. A. Cohoon submitted the Financial Statement in reference to Horton Academy. The income from all sources was $7,297.40, and the expenses $7,188.01, leaving a surplus of $109.39 cents. A statistical table appears in connection with the statement giving the annual income of the Academy for the past seven years, from which it appears that last year's income is greater than that of any of these years, with one exception.

The Financial report for Acadia Seminary was presented by the Treasurer, Mr. E. W. Sawyer. The income for the year was $11,647.73 and the expenses $12,290.16, making a deficit for the year of $642.43, which added to the deficits of previous years makes $1,853.55.

Rev. A. Cohoon, treasurer of Denominational Funds for Nova Scotia, presented his report, showing that the amount received is considerably less than the amount received last year and falls far below the amount placed in the estimates. The report contains the following by way of explanation and suggestion:

Your Treasurer believes that the chief reason why more money is not collected for our denominational work is that the churches do not plan for the raising of these funds as a part of their regular work. He therefore advises that the Convention recommend every church to form a committee composed of brethren and sisters who shall disseminate information through the church in regard to our denominational work and collect funds for the same.

As a part of the work of the church, this work should be vigorously prosecuted through all the year and not for a few weeks at the close only. Had the same effort been put forth through all the year as during the last quarter, the report would have been very different, we are quite sure. The receipts for the first quarter were $827.36, for the last upwards of $5000 or nearly half of the whole amount raised.