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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1894.

The N. B. Western Association.

The N. B. Western Association met
in its 47th annual meeting, with
the Chipman church on Friday afternoon,
June 22nd. Some time was spent in
profitable religious conference.

The election of officers resulted in the
choice of Rev. T. F. Fidd as moderator,
Rev. S. D. Ervine clerk, Bro. Fred
McLary assist. clerk, and Bro. Moses
Dykeman treas.

Visiting brethren were invited to
seats in the association. Among those
present were Rev. J. W. Manning,
Geo. Howard, John Combes, J. H.
Hughes, W. H. Jenkins, F. C. Wright,
Brethren John Hardy, H. Y. Coery,
Lichtenstein.

The evening session opened at eight
o'clock, the moderator in the chair.
Prayer was offered by Rev. F. D. David-
son. In accordance with arrangement
made at the previous session the sub-
ject of education was introduced for
discussion.

Rev. J. H. Hughes was the first
speaker. He spoke of the benefits
Baptists had conferred upon the world
by their translations of the Scriptures and
other fruits of learning. He was proud
of the Baptist institutions of learning.
He expressed his deep interest in Acadia
and also in the U. B. Seminary at
St. Martins, and emphasized the need
of a school to prepare men for work in
the ministry who were not able to take
a full course in college. This want he
looked to St. Martins to supply, and
called upon the people to lend their
aid to put this school in a prosperous
condition.

Rev. W. H. Jenkins spoke of his in-
terest in the U. B. Seminary as one who
had been a student there. He felt that
it would be a disgrace to let it die, and
that school must be sustained. Higher
education was of interest to all classes.
Physical and mental training were not
without value, but of higher importance
was spiritual development, and thus most
important that young men and women
should be educated under religious
influences. Such influences were not to be
found in state or provincial
universities. This is the grand
aim and work of Christian schools.

Rev. A. B. McDonald agreed with
what the previous speakers had said
and wished to emphasize their remarks.
State schools could not supply the
needs of our people. The U. B. Seminary
had proved its ability to be self-
sustaining if only its debts were paid.
The Baptist people of New Brunswick
were able to pay off these debts and it
would be folly to abandon the school
after it had cost so much. There was
no necessary antagonism between the
Seminary and Acadia College.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre said he would
devote attention to the condition and
needs of the Seminary and proceeded
to present the conditions on which the
Baptists of the province, either jointly
with the F. C. Baptist body or otherwise,
might obtain control of the school, and
urged the necessity of prompt and vig-
orous action. Honestly demanded the
payment of the debts against the
Seminary. The Seminary was needed to
afford men, who could not take a full
college course, a short cut to the min-
istry. He emphasized the importance
that education should be under relig-
ious influences. In state schools there
were no such safeguards. The support
of St. Martins did not mean disloyalty
to Acadia.

Rev. F. D. Davidson said: Pretty
much everything appeared to have been
said which was worth hearing. He
placed a high value on mental training.
Time was when men were called direct-
ly from the plow to the pulpit, but in
these days there was need of education,
for man's education was not finished
when he received his degree of A. B. It
is but a foundation, and the man who
makes use of his opportunities gains
culture. We owe it to ourselves, to our
fellow men and to God to make the
most of ourselves.

The session of Saturday morning was
occupied principally in reading and

hearing the letters from the churches.
The Circular Letter—Subject, "The
Needs of the Hour,"—was read by the
writer, Rev. F. D. Davidson.

In the afternoon the report of the
Committee on Home Missions was pre-
sented by Rev. S. D. Ervine. The report
noted that on account of lack of funds
the H. M. Board had felt compelled to
practice retrenchment. At the opening
of the year the debt was \$3,000, and is
now \$4,000. Enlarged contributions
from the churches are therefore neces-
sary. Some successful work under the
direction of the H. M. Board has been
carried on during the year within the
limits of the Association.

The report also noted with gratitude
the success which had attended the
work of pastors generally during the
year, and the special blessings and large
additions to their membership, which
many of the churches of the Associa-
tion had experienced during the year.
Six hundred and twenty-nine additions
to the churches by baptism are reported.
This number is the largest for
many years. Many pastors have been
greatly blessed and encouraged in their
work.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre, in moving the
reception of the report, called attention
to the large accessions to the mem-
bership of the churches and the cause for
joy and gratitude which this afforded.
The hymn "All hail the power of Jesus'
name," was sung, and by request of the
Moderator, Revs. J. W. S. Young and
W. E. McIntyre offered prayer.

The report on Denominational Liter-
ature was presented by Rev. W. H.
Jenkins. It emphasized the importance
of providing the best literature for the
home and the Sunday school, and the
use of Baptist Lesson Helps &c. for the
Sunday-school in preference to unde-
nominational publications, though the
latter might be cheaper. The North-
West Baptist and the Baptist Union were
commended as affording suitable in-
formation in certain lines of work, and
the MESSANGER AND VISITOR as too well
known and too highly appreciated to
require commendation.

Rev. A. Freeman spoke to the report
and emphasized the importance of good
literature and of guarding the home
from the intrusion of books which with
religious titles and containing much
good matter also contained erroneous
teaching. He also spoke of the great
value of religious newspapers in the
home, expressed his very high appre-
ciation of the MESSANGER AND VISITOR,
and prayed that it might be found in
every Baptist home. The report was
unanimously adopted.

The report on Sabbath-schools was
presented by Rev. F. D. Davidson. It
expressed regret that statistics as to the
number of teachers and scholars at pre-
sent in the schools were not at hand
but probably some advance had been
made on last year's figures. The re-
port recognized the great importance
of the Sunday-school. It should be re-
garded as an integral part of the
church. The superintendent should
receive his appointment from the
church and the schools should report
its work to the church at least once a
year. Many schools were largely un-
der the control of some one individual.
This should not be. Leaflets and les-
son helps should not be permitted to
crowd out the Bible. The committing
of Scripture to memory was useful in
the school. The necessary supplies could
be best obtained from the Baptist
Book Room, Halifax, or the Baptist
Publication Society of Philadelphia or
its branches.

Rev. J. Combes spoke of S. S. con-
ventions. There were union conven-
tions, but we had none that was dis-
tinctively Baptist. The Maritime
Convention had taken action looking to
the formation of such conventions.
Union associations were unsatisfactory
to Baptists, and he would like that
there should be an expression of this
association in reference to the matter.

The report was adopted.
Rev. W. E. McIntyre introduced the
following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Maritime Convention
at its meeting last year voted to hand
over the future management of home
missions and academic education to
such organization as each province
may prefer; and

Whereas, The churches of this province,
in special meetings called to
consider this matter, have, under an
Act of Incorporation, organized a New
Brunswick Convention to control and
promote these interests;

Therefore resolved, That while we do
not regard it as the prerogative of the
associations to authorize or condemn
an organization, yet this association
desires to put on record its approval
of the formation of said convention
as competent to carry on in good faith
these interests in harmony with the
basis agreed upon at the last conven-
tion; and

Resolved, Further, that we urge the
churches in this association to do all
in their power to promote the welfare
of the objects still cared for by the
Maritime Convention.

This resolution was discussed at
some length. It was supported by
Revs. J. H. Hughes, A. B. McDonald,
George Howard, F. C. Wright, J.
Combes, T. Todd and W. E. McIntyre.
It was said that, as it was understood
the matter was to be brought up at
other Associations, it had been desired

to ask for an expression of opinion from
this Association. That it had been said
that two of the Associations voted near-
ly unanimously against the new Con-
vention last year, but that the proposal
condemned by those Associations was
the organization of a separate conven-
tion for the province, and was therefore
different from the basis since adopted
which preserves the Maritime Conven-
tion and unites the provinces in the
support of Acadia University and
Foreign Missions. It was further
charged that if the vote on the matter
taken by the S. Association last year
had been at an earlier meeting of the
Association the vote in favor of the new
Convention would have been much
larger. That the N. B. Convention was
necessary to save the Seminary, that
the number of the churches represent-
ed at the late meeting in St. John was
not to be taken as indicating the full
strength of the movement, that the N.
B. Convention would certainly receive
the support of the great majority of
the Baptist people of New Brunswick,
that the opposition came chiefly from
certain pastors foreign to the province;
that the continuance of the N. B. Con-
vention was assured, and that those
who opposed it would create division
in the churches.

Rev. F. D. Davidson opposed the
resolution. He was not opposed to the
New Brunswick churches managing their
own provincial work, nor was he
opposed to a Convention, if that was
the wish of the churches generally,
but a Convention organized with so lit-
tle apparent support, with most of the
influential and wealthy churches of the
province opposed to it, and confronted
with such a matter as the St. Martins
Seminary, requiring the united strength
of the body, formed a very serious situ-
ation. It would be a good thing to bring
the work of home missions into closer
relations with the churches, but that
could be done better through the As-
sociation than through a provincial
Convention. The basis approved by the
Maritime Convention did nothing more
than commit home missions and
academic education to the hands of the
churches of the province to be manag-
ed as the churches might judge best.

Rev. M. P. King was prepared to sup-
port the N. B. Convention, but did not
think it wise to ask for its endorse-
ment of the Associations.

On the vote being called for, the
resolution was declared carried, 32 to 1.

Rev. F. D. Davidson presented from
the Gibson church an invitation to the
Association to hold its next annual ses-
sion at Gibson. The Moderator stated
that the Association had, at an earlier
session, accepted the invitation of the
Upper Kingsclear church.

SATURDAY EVENING.
This session was devoted principally
to foreign missions. Rev. A. Freeman
presented a resolution on temperance
affirming the principle of prohibition
and calling for the enactment of pro-
hibitory legislation. A hearty vote of
thanks was extended to the people of
Chipman for the abundant hospitality
which the delegates had enjoyed at their
hands.

The report on foreign missions was
read by Rev. M. P. King. It showed
that in the continued health of the
missionaries on the field, and the re-
sults of their faithful labors there was
much to inspire gratitude. The Board
entered upon its work at the beginning
of the year with a deficit of some
\$3,500. In order to close the year
free of debt it is necessary that it
should receive some \$6,000 or \$7,000,
and the Board is not without hope
that by a vigorous effort on the part
of all the churches this amount will be
raised. It is expected that a new mis-
sionary family and a lady missionary
will be sent out the coming year.

Rev. J. W. Manning was the first
speaker of the evening. He did not
wish to present new things but to em-
phasize the old yet ever-renewing com-
mission of Christ. The emphasis in
that commission is on the imperative
"Go, preach," and it was therefore
the duty of Christ's followers to preach
the gospel in all the world and as soon
as possible. Paul felt it to be his grand
business to evangelize the world.
Christians in this day are not giving
themselves to this work as they should
be by putting it before everything else.
Conscious of our weakness we should
consider the words of the divine Master
—"All power is mine," and "Lo, I am
with you always." The character and
purpose of Christian missions are such
as should call forth our best energies.
The tremendous needs of the heathen
world should be considered. The value
of the souls of the impenitent around
us should not prevent us sending the
gospel to those who have never heard it.
The apostles did not remain in
Jerusalem until every soul there was
saved. Our honor as a denomination
is involved in the evangelization of the
Tahiti people.

H. Y. Coery, missionary elect, was
the next speaker. Does the history of
missions, he asked, bear out the words,
"All power is given to me"? What
has the gospel done for the people to
whom it has been preached? Bro. Coery
proceeded to show in a very in-
teresting way what the gospel had

done for the people of Madagascar,
South Africa, Borneo and other coun-
tries. In order that Christian people
shall take a deeper interest in this
work it is necessary that they be in-
structed and aroused. This work the
pastors can do best, when the people
fully understand and feel the needs of
the heathen world, they will do far
more than they are now doing for its
evangelization.

Rev. J. H. Hughes spoke of his in-
terest in Bro. Coery, whom, when a boy
ten years of age, he had baptized.

Rev. G. W. Springer recalled interest-
ing reminiscences connected with Bro.
Coery's family, with whom he had be-
come intimately acquainted during his
pastorate of the church at Batternet
Ridge.

Rev. J. W. S. Young was called for to
speak on Home Missions, but it was as-
certained that owing to extreme wear-
iness and indisposition, he had been
unable to be present.

Rev. S. D. Ervine spoke on Home
Missions. We are constantly, he said,
coming into contact with H. M. work.
Since he entered the ministry he had
been principally in the back woods and
he gloried in being a back-woods
preacher. When he was converted the
power of God had thrust him into the
work, and he had been most of the time
on H. M. fields. He went on to show
the needs of the Association in regard
to H. M. work. In Madawaska County
there was a large and important field
unoccupied. Victoria County at pre-
sent has no Baptist minister. In Carle-
ton and other counties there are also
deserted churches. There is need of men
of heart and purpose, men who know
the truth and know how to preach it,
and are willing to give themselves fully
to the work.

SUNDAY MORNING.
Large congregations attended the
services of the Lord's Day. The day
was very pleasant and the people came
in their carriages from considerable
distances. A prayer meeting, led by
Evangelist Young, occupied the time
from 9 to 10 a. m., and proved to be a
season of deep interest. The Associa-
tional sermon was preached by Rev. A.
B. McDonald. The text was John 18,
36-37.

In these words our King witnessed
before Pilate and spoke of His King-
dom. The kingdom come is the first
petition of the prayer which He taught
His disciples. The coming of that
kingdom was foretold by Daniel, and is
declared to be at hand in the gospel
which Christ preached and sent His
disciples to declare.

The Kingdom of Christ is not of this
world. It is a kingdom of truth and
righteousness. The soldiers of Christ
are to conquer the nations, not through
carnal warfare, but by the sword of the
spirit, the gospel of the grace of God.
Paul preached a gospel which approved
itself to men's consciences. It is a fatal
mistake when the preacher seeks to
commend the gospel to the worldliness
and carnal-mindedness of his hearers.
How many fall into this error! But
there is a great reward for those who
are faithful. The gospel of the king-
dom proposes a new life for men and
through this changed life the triumphs
and glories prophesied of the kingdom
are to come to pass. The armed nations
with the birds and beasts of prey em-
blazoned upon their standards—fit em-
blems of their spirit—must one day
become the kingdoms of our Lord and
of His Christ. And this will come to
be as the individual hearts of men en-
ter into a deeper, fuller fellowship with
Christ. We are only half-Christian yet.
If when we sing "Free from the law,
Oh happy condition," we mean that we
are free to sin, we are inglorious error.
Christ came to redeem from sin and
prepare a people zealous of good works.
The true Christian's grand purpose is to
live in accordance with the law of his
God. The law commands that we shall
love our enemies as well as those who
do good to us. Ah, does it really mean
that? Do we believe it? Do we practice
it? If any community would put this
into practice it would become a garden
of the Lord. And that is coming.
There will come a latter day of power
when men of faith and love shall be
multiplied and the earth shall be filled
with the goodness and glory of the Lord.
The real defeat of evil is in the indi-
vidual heart. The organized forces of
evil will be overcome only as the indi-
vidual hearts of men are brought into
loving obedience to Christ. The apostles
sought to make the churches associa-
tions of spiritual persons. But it was
impossible to keep out all evil men.
Hence the need of discipline which
they also practiced and enjoined. There
is a distinction to be made between a
back-slider who is overtaken in a fault
and a hypocrite or an apostate, as there
is between the man who, with a
constant purpose to reach the
summit of a mountain, sometimes
slips back, and him who deliberately
turns his back upon the summit and
walks the downward way. Discipline
in order to be effective must be com-
pulsory. Where it has been long neg-
lected great wisdom and caution are nec-
essary lest in applying discipline the
church be destroyed. But let the
preacher always be faithful in preach-

ing the gospel of the kingdom, and by
and bye he shall exchange the silver
trumpet of the gospel for the golden
harp of victory.

The meeting of Sunday afternoon
was under the direction of the sisters of
the W. B. M. U. After the reading of
the Scriptures by the moderator and
prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning, Mrs.
Long gave an address.

We should thank God that he has
committed the work of preaching the
gospel to the world not to angels but to
redeemed men and women. If we are
not faithful to this great mission He
will pass it on to others more worthy.
We have this year new reasons for
gratitude and should do more than
ever before. God is calling us to a
higher plane of living and service. As
our Saviour walks by our side He un-
folds to us much of His truth and per-
mits us to do much for Him. Shall
we neglect the honor of so high a ser-
vice? What we have to give may
seem little, but the Master who could
take the loaves and fishes of the lad
and make them sufficient for the multi-
tude can make our little to abound to
His glory. Every church should be a
missionary church. Religion, it has
been well said, is a commodity of
which the more we export the more we
have at home. Our responsibilities to
the heathen we cannot escape. Let us
live up to our glorious privileges and
be co-workers with God who is surely
bringing to pass the end for which
all things were created.

Mrs. Pearce spoke of the great com-
mission and the triumphs of the gos-
pel in heathen lands. When a soul is
brought from darkness to light it is
always possessed of a missionary spirit.
Thirty years ago, the churches had
taken little interest in foreign mis-
sions. The W. M. A. Societies, intro-
duced by Miss Norris—afterwards Mrs.
Armstrong—had done much to culti-
vate an interest in this work among
the Baptist women of these provinces.

Mrs. Pearce spoke of the fruits of
Christian missions as seen in Jamaica
where Baptist missions were planted
half a century ago, and now there were
270 Baptist churches independent of
aid from abroad. In other lands, too,
the labors of missionaries have been
greatly blessed. The Toluca mission
of the American Baptist Miss. Union
was spoken of as an instance of a mis-
sion which had survived great discour-
agements, and the labors of the mis-
sionaries had at length borne abundant
fruit. The results of our own mission
work are such as should encourage us
and let us expect that far greater re-
sults will follow.

Rev. W. H. Jenkins, of Gran-
ville, N. S., spoke on mission work
in the North-West. He alluded to
the aid which the work in the
North-West was receiving from the W.
B. M. U. of the Maritime Provinces.
He dwelt upon the needs of greater
consecration to Christian work, not only
on the part of ministers but all Chris-
tians. He showed the needs of the
North-West and the opportunities now
presented for doing work which would
be felt in all the future of the country.

The claims of the Grand Ligon Mis-
sion were presented by S. McC. Black.

Bro. John Hardy also spoke of the
work in Quebec, referring to some in-
cidents connected with that work which
had come to his knowledge.

In the evening an evangelistic service
was held, in which a large number
were expected to take part. We have
no report of this service, but have no
doubt it was one of great interest. The
Association adjourned to meet in its next
annual session with the Upper King-
sclear church on the fourth Friday in
June.

The delegates and visitors were well
cared for by the good people of Chip-
man. The place of meeting was some
six miles from the railway station and
from the steamer landing. Many of
us were much indebted to Mr. G. G.
King and others living near the station,
for conveyance to and from the place
of meeting and for the abundant hospi-
tality of their pleasant homes.

Whereunto shall an Association of
Baptists be Likened?

It might be compared variously. It
is like unto a picnic as to the rate of
travel, and, apparently, with some of
the delegates the multitude does not
end there, though it should.

It is like a royal feast of good things
prepared for an assemblage of kings,
and the officers and the committee-men
appointed the year before are the kings'
butlers and bakers and cooks, and they
should see to it that the dishes are pre-
pared before the guests arrive. Let the
oil be well beaten, the wines be well
refined, the dough well baked, before-
hand. Sometimes these functionaries
come bringing their flour barrels and
bread pans with them. If they do that
this year the kings should do with them
as Pharaoh did with his baker in the
days of Joseph. The clerks of the
churches are the market men who sup-
ply the chief cook, the Clerk of the As-
sociation with his meats and vegeta-
bles, and they ought to attend to their
business early, so that he can be ready
in good time with his stew and not keep

the dinner waiting. Then when they
have assembled let the guests behave
themselves becomingly as guests—be-
ing arrayed in guests' garments, their
church credentials—taking modest plac-
es, eating what is set before them in
the way of sermons, addresses, and so
on, criticizing as little as possible, for
conscience sake.

Again, an Association should com-
pare with a Parliament—it should be
a Parliament as far as its business is
concerned. It should be really repre-
sentative. Every church should have
some members there. All statistics
available should be at hand. Repre-
sentative questions, those that are alive
among the people, should be the ones
to be presented, and they should be
thoroughly discussed. Then the resolu-
tions that are passed, and the reports
that are "adopted," shall they not be
kept somewhere? They cannot be put
in full, nor even, perhaps by synopsis,
into the Convention Year Book; but
shall they therefore be consigned to
eternal oblivion? Let at least the skele-
tons of the reports be preserved. I
have walked through the graveyard of
Minutes of the Associations and found
any number of slabs with the legend
"adopted," pointed thereon, but gen-
erally I could not find a bone that a sci-
entist could use to "restore" the departed
Report. If our resolutions and reports
are not worth recording they are not
worth formulating, and we would do
well to drop the parliamentary side of
the Association and conduct it on the
fast and picnic ideas.

Finally, Let each delegate to the
Association grasp the idea that he is
elected to do the business of the king-
dom—a kingdom more important than
the British Empire, a business more
momentous than the tariff. Let him
come with Year-Book, note-book and
pencil, prepared to learn eagerly, to
think and speak intelligently and to do
with all his might.

District Meeting.
The District Meeting of Colchester
County met at Belmont, Monday, June
11th. The first meeting was held at 3
p. m., when Pastor Owens gave a profit-
able Bible reading. The evening was
devoted to the anniversary service for
the Sunday School. The children sang
several pieces of music very sweetly.
Pastor Owens read a brief history of the
School for the past twenty-five years.
The first class, formed twenty-five years
ago, contained ten scholars; six of them
were present at the anniversary; seven
of the number are converted. The school
now numbers seventy, with an average
of fifty. Since the organization of the
school thirty-one have been saved. Ad-
dresses were given by William Cum-
mings, Esq., Pastors Adams, Wilson,
Bowie, and other workers. On Tuesday
morning, after devotional exercises, the
interests of the Sunday Schools of the
County were considered. (1.) Are we
doing our best work in a scattered form?
(2.) Can we do it best in an organized
form? (3.) Is this the time to organize?
The subject of a Baptist County Con-
vention was discussed; one brother sug-
gesting "We had better work our own
farms." The following resolutions were
adopted:

Resolved, That in connection with the
District Meetings of this County we
hereafter devote one or two sessions to
the interests of S. S. work, and invite
our churches to send S. S. workers as
delegates to such sessions.

Resolved, That a special committee
be appointed, consisting of Brethren W.
D. McCallum, John Hay, Josiah Boley,
Ingraham Banks, and G. M. Gunn, to
advance the interests of Sunday Schools
in the County.

Resolved, That the next District Meet-
ing be held in Truro.

At the afternoon meeting Pastor Black-
adar read an excellent and suggestive
paper on "The Duties of Parents to Chil-
dren"; are they responsible for their con-
version?" This paper was discussed,
when Pastor Bowie presented some ex-
cellent points.

The evening meeting was devoted to
addresses. The secretary spoke on "The
Relation of God's Word to Conviction";
Pastor Fields on "The Relation of God's
Word to the Christian Growth"; Pas-
tor Parker on the "Relation of God's
Word to the Unsaved." Bro. Spidle
did not speak to children on account of
the adjournment of the afternoon meet-
ing to allow some to attend a funeral.
The delegates were numerous and the
congregations large.

Pastor Adams presided at the meet-
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Will the superintendents and teach-
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to make the next District Meeting a
success. The whole session will be de-
voted to S. S. work.

J. H. DAVIS, Sec'y-Treas.

Personal.

Rev. W. H. Rhipan requests us to
state that his present address is 215
Salem St., East Boston, Mass.

We are pleased to learn from C. S.
Skinner that his throat, which has been
so weak as to make it necessary to say
aside work for a time, is now so far re-
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