

The New Brunswick Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Sabbath School Convention of N. B. opened at Cumberland Bay, N. B., September 13, a devotional service being held in the morning and a business session at 2:30 p. m. The morning service was conducted by Revs. J. H. Hughes and C. N. Barton. It was a preparation meeting in which earnest prayer was offered for blessing upon the meetings then beginning. Vice-President Rev. R. M. Bynon opened the afternoon session and was elected president for 1900-1901. Rev. S. H. Cornwall was elected Secretary, Rev. J. Coombs, Auditor; T. H. Hall, L. Thorne, C. D. Dykeman, Rev. I. N. Thorne the executive. Reports were then heard from District Conventions and different Sabbath Schools. Pastor Barton told of the good work being done on his field. Rev. J. Coombs made an encouraging report for Queens County. President Bynon reported for Kent County, where such enthusiastic meetings are held, and for Kings County, which also holds successful meetings. Bro. M. S. Hall spoke of the importance of maintaining the position which this Convention has taken and regretted that more of our pastors were not active in supporting Baptist S. S. Conventions. He was pleased to speak of the Sabbath School at Gibson as wide awake and well attended. Bro. Hughes spoke of the excellent organization of Baptist Sabbath Schools in connection with the N. B. Eastern Association. Bro. T. H. Hall spoke of the needs of the larger schools, such as those in St. John, becoming active members of this organization.

On motion Bros. Barton, Horsman and Titus were appointed a committee to draft a programme for the evening service.

Mr. Bynon made report of the Normal Lessons prepared and published during the year. These lessons numbered 15 and were studied by about 120 pupils, of whom probably 55 passed successfully and secured diplomas. This work was successful as far as it went but should have gone much farther.

Referring to a resolution passed last year, recommending schools to elect superintendents each year, discussion took place as to the methods of election of these officers. It was moved and seconded that this Convention recommend our churches to elect the superintendent of their schools. It was moved in amendment that this Convention appoint a committee to draft a constitution for a local Sunday School, said committee to make report to this body. This motion prevailed and Brethren Barton, Chipman, Bynon and M. S. Hall were appointed.

Pastor Erb spoke a few words of welcome. The committee of arrangement made report and on motion the meeting was adjourned to 9 a. m. Saturday, with prayer by Bro. Hughes.

THURSDAY EVENING.

A half hour devotional service preceded the platform meeting. Rev. C. N. Barton spoke of "Organization in the Sunday School," Bro. Horsman of "Benefits of the Sunday School," Rev. R. M. Bynon of "Normal Work." These addresses were practical and instructive, receiving an attentive hearing from a fair sized congregation. The singing at this service was particularly good. Rev. S. D. Ervine coming in during the exercises was heartily welcomed by all present.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The people assembled at 9 o'clock for the closing session of the S. S. Convention. This was opened after a helpful devotional service conducted by Bro. Johnson, Lic., of Otnabog.

A suggested constitution for the local Sunday School had been drafted by the committee appointed and as presented formed the business of this session. This report was adopted with some few changes and will appear in type for circulation among our schools. M. S. Hall, C. N. Barton and A. H. Chipman were appointed a committee to see to the publication of this constitution. On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday.

The New Brunswick Baptist Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, Rev. S. D. Ervine, the president, in the chair. The first hour was occupied according to custom with a devotional service of much power, a large number taking part in it.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The first business session opened at 2 o'clock, a social service conducted by the president occupying the first half hour. Minutes of the 7th annual meeting were read by Sec'y McIntyre and on motion approved. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John Richards, Carleton; Vice-Presidents, N. B. Cottle, S. E. Frost, Chas. W. Barton; Secretary, Rev. W. E. McIntyre; Asst. Secretary, A. C. Horsman, Lic.; Statistical Secretary, F. O. Erb, Lic.; Treasurer, J. S. Titus; Auditor, W. E. Nobles; members of the Board of Directors for term expiring in 1903, Rev. S. H. Cornwall, Rev. J. H. Hughes, T. H. Hall, Rev. R. M. Bynon, Rev. Geo. Howard, T. L. Hay, C. D. Dykeman.

The following were appointed a nominating committee: Rev. S. D. Ervine, M. S. Hall, C. N. Barton.

Committee of Arrangements: F. O. Erb, Lic.; Rev. Calvin Currie, Des. Esch McLellan, Rev. R. M. Bynon, Rev. John Coombs.

On motion visiting brethren and sisters were invited to seats in this Convention. Reports of committees were then called for. Secretary McIntyre read report of Committee on Obituaries. Rev. P. O. Rees, who died at Milford, Mass., was the only New Brunswick minister to die during the year. A sketch of his life has already appeared in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Report was adopted.

Rev. J. H. Hughes presented the report of the committee on publication. The N. B. Baptist Annual has been issued at an expense of \$8.16 more than the receipts for this particular object. The Home Mission Journal is in good condition; has reached a circulation of about 1,000 and in finances is square to date. This report was adopted and the balance due the committee was ordered paid by the treasurer.

A programme for the afternoon was submitted by the Committee of Arrangements. Bros. McIntyre and M. S. Hall made report of travelling arrangements. Their reports were adopted and on motion a vote of thanks was voted for services rendered.

The Committee on Nominations made report of full list of committees to report at next annual session of the Convention.

Rev. J. A. Porter was heard at this time in a response to the invitation to a seat. He was again on familiar ground, in his native province, and felt glad to be with his brethren once more and was in sympathy with the work of the N. B. Convention.

Committee of arrangements reported a programme for the evening service which was on motion adopted.

The secretary read several communications which had come into his hands. The chief of these was an appeal from the St. Andrews people to aid them in their attempt to repair their house of worship. This call comes from a field which sadly needs outside aid, and will make good use of all that is given to it.

The Treasurer of the Convention, Mr. J. S. Titus, presented his report for the year. This was on motion adopted, it being understood that the Home mission account would remain open until Oct. 1st. A brief summary of this report shows receipts to be,

For Home missions	\$1792.45
" Northwest mission	40.99
" Grande Ligne	13.65
" Foreign missions	122.08
" Acadia College	10.00
" Newfoundland mission	18.00
" Church Edifice Fund	18.70
" Annuity Association	6.00
	\$2021.87

There is a balance on hand, but several amounts due missionaries are unpaid. Bro. Titus' report was clear and explicit. It was fitting that he should receive the hearty vote of thanks which was tendered to him by the Convention. After singing, the benediction was pronounced by Father Springer.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

A house full of people assembled for the evening meeting. A good opening was made by Bro. Hughes who led the social service, and throughout the evening the singing was inspiring. Pastor Porter spoke to the unsaved in a brief but forceful address. Bro. Patterson, former pastor of the entertaining church, but now of the Northwest, had prepared an excellent report on Northwest Missions. This was read as a part of the evening's programme. Rev. Calvin Currie gave the address of the evening. Foreign Missions was his theme, the man and the message his leading thoughts. The people were much interested in this address, and it showed proof of a benefit to them. Prayer was offered in closing the meeting.

SATURDAY MORNING.

A session of the S. S. Convention was held at 9 o'clock. The Convention proper opened with prayer by Pastor Currie at 10 o'clock. Minutes of previous session were read and approved. On motion the secretary was appointed a committee to send to Rev. F. T. Snell, now in England, a letter endorsing his work among our N. B. churches.

Secretary McIntyre read a summary of the Home Mission report. This report will be found in full in another column and shows a year's work on which blessing has rested.

Rev. J. H. Hughes as field secretary for Home missions, submitted his report. He has spent a busy year visiting pastorless and other churches in the Province. Through his efforts difficulties have been overcome, pastors have been settled, Christian life has been quickened and strengthened.

According to programme arranged, the matter of the future of the New Brunswick Convention was now considered. Secretary McIntyre after a few words explaining the understanding reached at Fredericton, moved the following resolution:

Resolved: that this Convention hand over the Home mission work of the Province to the committee appointed by the Southern and Eastern Associations, for the coming year.

Rev. A. B. McDonald seconded the resolution. The discussion which followed was quite general, the majority of the speakers taking the grounds that to carry this

resolution was necessary for the honor of the N. B. Convention. Others could not see the matter in this way. Among those taking a prominent part in the discussion were Revs. McIntyre, McDonald, Hughes, Bynon, Coombs, Ervine, and brethren T. H. Hall, Deacon Elkin, M. S. Hall. The motion prevailed by a standing vote of 28 to 4. On motion the meeting adjourned with prayer.

SATURDAY EVENING.

After prayer and singing, Rev. W. E. McIntyre read an outline of the meeting the first Baptist Association held in the Maritime Provinces, and a brief history of this association during its earlier years, or until the New Brunswick Association was organized.

Rev. Calvin Currie read a very interesting history of the Prince William Baptist church founded in 1800. An epitome of the history of the Norton Baptist church was read by the secretary. Elders Crandall and Harding were in this part of N. B. in the summer and autumn of the year 1800, and here ordained Theodore Innes as the pastor of this church. His labors had already been blessed and were instrumental in bringing into this local church and to others, many believers in Christ. The Norton church joined the Association in 1819. Elder Pickle was their second speaker being ordained in 1824.

On motion adjournment was now made for the meeting of the Baptist Annuity Association located in New Brunswick. Vice President, Rev. W. E. McIntyre, occupied the chair. The secretary, Havelock Coy, had prepared and furnished a report reviewing a year of few changes in the business affairs of the Association. The annuitants now number fifteen, composed of eight ministers and seven widows. The amount paid half yearly to these have continued uniform, being \$25 to each minister and \$18.75 to each widow. There have been no deaths among beneficiary members during the year.

This Association has received from annuitants, mortgages discharged and other sources during the year \$2786.60. The cash balance on hand is \$273.66.

The business of the Convention was again resumed. A resolution to hold the next session of the N. B. Baptist Theological Summer School in connection with this Convention was unanimously adopted.

SATURDAY EVENING.

another very large congregation assembled to listen to a full programme of addresses. Pastor Springer led the devotional service. Pastor Bynon preached an excellent 20 minute sermon. Revs. J. H. Hughes and W. E. McIntyre spoke on "Home Missions."

SABBATH MORNING.

As usual at such gatherings, the Baptist people from far and near began to gather at an early hour. Pastor W. J. Gordon conducted the preparatory prayer meeting—a meeting largely attended and characterized by deep feeling. The prayers and testimonies were inspiring. At eleven Pastor Currie preached to a crowded house from Matt. 14:14. This was a message of sympathy and cheer. Christ sympathized with and healed the people. The lesson is plain for all God's people to have sympathy, the sympathy which leads to action. It was evident from expressions made that the speaker was followed with closest interest and approval. He preached a sermon of much power.

At the same hour Pastor Geo. Howard preached in the Methodist house nearby, to what was practically an overflow meeting. The writer was not favored to hear this sermon, but is assured that it was such a sermon as this well-known brother is accustomed to preach. These services should result in blessing to the congregations who gathered to hear them.

AFTERNOON.

A Model Sabbath School was assembled at 2 o'clock. Mr. T. H. Hall acted as superintendent, Rev. R. M. Bynon conducted a model lesson, and addresses were delivered by Pastors Horsman, lic., McIntyre, Ervine, and Bros. A. H. Chipman and Deacon Elkin. The subjects were, "Shall Doctrine be taught in the Sabbath School," "Qualifications for Teachers," "Win the Children."

EVENING.

Rain interfered with this session in the matter of attendance, otherwise the gathering was a highly successful one. Evangelist Young preached a short sermon from the text, "Delight thyself in the Lord." Pastor Barton led an after meeting in which a large number of helpful testimonies were given. Several asked the prayers of God's people.

Votes of thanks were heartily tendered to the entertaining church, to the male chorus, and to other friends who also sang with much acceptance. A feature of the closing hours of the Convention, was the raising of over \$50 for Bro. Ervine as a slight tribute of regard and esteem. Had the usual audience been present this offering would have been much larger. Bro. Ervine has a large place in the hearts of the people. Many prayers are offered for his recovery. This was the concluding session of the Convention.

Bro. F. O. Erb, a recent graduate of the University of New Brunswick, has been acting pastor of the Cumberland Bay and The Range churches for two months past. He has been energetic in his work and has found favor with the people in his ministry among them.

During the meetings the collections for all purposes were \$118.

The attendance was less than it would have been had the Central Railway been in order. The boat route was all right except that it did not furnish return on Saturday.

Home Mission Report of New Brunswick.

During the past year the Board has, with the means at its disposal, striven to give the best possible aid to the weak and destitute interests of our denomination in various parts of the province. As in the years hitherto, many pressing applications had to be refused assistance, not because the cases were not worthy, but because sufficient funds were not in the treasury to warrant further outlay; so again this year have we been compelled frequently to withhold promises of grants, fearing we should not be able to meet them. To all on the Board this inability has been the cause of the deepest humiliation and concern. With many bright prospects for aggressive work in new fields, and impressed with the force of the Master's commission to carry that work for-

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