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—The extended report given in this issue of the proceedings of the Convention leaves us no space available for the discussion of other matters. Our readers will, however, doubtless find in the reports of Boards and Committees, the discussions and the platform addresses, enough to occupy them very profitably for one week. It will be well for everyone who wishes to keep intelligently in touch with the work of the denomination to give this and the preceding number of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR a careful reading and then preserve them for future reference.

### The Maritime Convention.

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churches he pointed out had done much more the past year for Northwest Missions than for Acadia College. This led him to hope that, when the claims of the educational work were pressed this year, there would be a like response. Another fact he noticed was not so encouraging. In several instances it would be seen that the contribution of the church to denominational funds was less than that of the W. M. A. Society of the church to Missions. This seemed to indicate on the part of these churches a lamentable lack of benevolence and activity.

Rev. E. Locke thought that in the first fact that Mr. King had pointed out there was a lesson by which those having charge of our educational work would do well to profit. It showed the value of personal effort. The college needed to reach the churches more directly through the personal influence of those connected with it.

The report of the Treasurer for Denominational Funds in New Brunswick and P. E. Island was then taken from the table and passed without discussion. At the request of the president prayer was offered by Dr. Trotter on behalf of all the mission interests connected with the Convention.

At this point the following resolution was offered by Rev. W. E. McIntyre relative to the subject of Home Missions in New Brunswick.

"Whereas, the N. B. Baptist convention has for the last three years been engaged in home mission work receiving in support of the same the endorsement of the three associations of the province, and holding in accordance therewith an act of incorporation for the loyal management of such business.

"And whereas, said convention now seeks to enlarge its operations in opening up missions among the French and Scandinavian people of New Brunswick, in the prosecution of which object it is becoming the recipient and possessor of important donations.

"And whereas, it is of the highest importance that unity and concentration of effect be maintained in this department of our work.

"Therefore resolved, That this maritime convention relegate to the said New Brunswick convention the control and management of all funds for home mission work in New Brunswick, and request the Home and Foreign Missionary Boards of this convention to pay over to the said New Brunswick convention the interest of all trusts held by them, the proceeds of which are intended for missionary work in New Brunswick; the New Brunswick convention accounting to their boards for the use and expenditure of the interest of trust funds annually received."

The resolution was seconded by Bro. M. S. Hall of Fredericton.

It was resolved as preliminary to the discussion of the resolution to dispose of the report of the Committee for Home Missions in New Brunswick, which had been tabled on Saturday. After some explanation by Mr. Gates and correction of figures, as to the total amount expended during the year for Home Missions in New Brunswick, in accordance with information given by Mr. McIntyre, the report was adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. McIntyre, called forth a prolonged and somewhat stormy discussion. Among those who took part in it at the session were Revs. C. W. Corey, J. H. Hughes, W. E. McIntyre, J. Coombs, W. C. Goucher, G. O. Gates, D. H. Simpson, Dr. Goodspeed and Brethren S. E. Frost, M. S. Hall, H. C. Creed and T. S. Hall. In amendment to the resolution it was moved by Rev. W. C. Goucher seconded by the Rev. A. H. Lavers that the resolution lie on the table one year that the churches of the province might be consulted in reference to the changes proposed. After the Convention had discussed the subject until near the time for closing without getting within sight of any satisfactory solution of this difficulty it was laid over to another session. A communication from the Methodist ministers of this city was read by the Rev. J. A. Gordon, thanking our Convention for the supply furnished for their pulpits on the preceding day.

#### MONDAY EVENING

After the opening exercises the Convention listened to an address by Rev. W. H. Porter, of Brantford, Ont., who presented the greetings of the Ontario Baptists.

The first part of the evening was occupied with addresses from the platform on the subject of Missions. The President introduced Miss Mabel Archibald, who has offered herself and has been accepted by the Board for Mission work in India. Miss Archibald, a graduate of Acadia College, is a daughter of Rev. E. N. Archibald, of Lunenburg, and a niece of Rev. I. C. Archibald, who has become one of the veterans in missionary service on the Telugu field.

In an address carefully prepared and delivered with entire self-possession, Miss Archibald gave some account of her religious experience and of the way in which she had been led by Providence to give herself to the work of missions. She felt that the needs and the opportunities for Christian service in the home land were great, but the needs of India and its women were still greater, and she had felt constrained to respond to what she recognized as the call of her Lord to go to the foreign field. At the close of the address Rev. G. O. Gates, President of the F. M. Board, offered prayer on Miss Archibald's behalf.

The second speaker of the evening was Rev. H. H. Hall, of Portage la Prairie, Man., who spoke in the interest of the Northwest work. Mr. Hall had expected to be present at an earlier session, but had been delayed and also severely shaken up by an accident to the train on which he came east. A place had accordingly been made for him on the programme of the evening. Mr. Hall spoke with his well-known force and eloquence and was heard with deep interest. He alluded feelingly to the great loss which the Baptist cause in the Northwest had sustained by the deeply and universally lamented death of Rev. Alexander Grant. Mr. Hall, continuing, spoke of the Canadian West, its material resources and religious needs—the immense and fertile prairies, the vast mineral wealth being brought to light and developed, and the influx of population. The wheat crop of Ontario and the Northwest was estimated to be worth this year \$17,000,000 more than last year. The fame of the gold fields of the Kootenay and Klondike regions was filling the world. The trend of immigration to the continent must in years to come set more and more strongly toward the Canadian West. Last week brought 4,000 prospectors into the country. The religious needs of the country, he showed, corresponded with its vastness and its development in material resources and population. Mr. Hall pleaded earnestly and eloquently that, at this time and especially in view of the great loss the Baptist cause in the Northwest has sustained in the death of so grand a leader as Alexander Grant, the Baptists of the East would, especially for the present year, do all in their power to promote the Northwest work.

Rev. W. B. Hinson spoke on Foreign Missions. On rising, the speaker declared that he would rather go to India than to heaven. He had often prayed God to make him a foreign missionary, and he sometimes thought that his prayer would yet be answered. Continuing Mr. Hinson said he would consider our duty to the foreign mission work along four lines indicated by the four words *Patriotic, Humanitarian, Christian and Baptist*. He showed how heathen countries were being cursed by the rum and the atheistic literature which civilized countries are pouring into them. The people of India are, like ourselves, a part of the Great British Empire and the highest patriotism should prompt us to give them the gospel which, more than anything else, makes for the upbuilding of nations.

Arguing from the humanitarian standpoint, the speaker depicted in graphic words the degradation and misery under which much of the heathen population of the world exists and poured a scornful ridicule upon a remark recently made to him, that it was a pity to disturb the comfort of the heathen by sending missionaries to them. From a humanitarian standpoint the heathen need the gospel above all things. The *Christian* reason for earnestness in our mission work was urged as one still stronger than those which had been spoken, and then there was the *Baptistic* reason which should apply with particular force, inasmuch as we have as a denomination undertaken to care for and evangelize the 2,000,000 people who inhabit our Telugu Mission field.

Our attitude toward the heathen is in general characterized, the speaker said, by an evil that lies four square:

1. An inexcusable ignorance in reference to the needs of the heathen. Pastors should see that their people were informed in this matter. He himself had not done his duty in this respect, but if the Lord would forgive him his sin once in this matter. He would not have to do it again.
2. There is a heresy abroad as to the value of a soul and its destiny in heathenism. To that heresy the Cross of Jesus is the one eloquent and sufficient answer.
3. There is inexcusable selfishness. He was tired of this plea of poverty, when we were spending more for tobacco than for missions, when the young people had enough money invested in bicycles to send the help the Board is calling for, and when pretty much the same thing might be said of the superfluous jewelry which the sisters wear and the superfluous value of watches which the brethren had in their pockets.
4. There is the evil of unspirituality. What leagues and chasms lie between us and our Lord in this respect. We ask, will the heathen be damned if we do not give them the gospel, and that means that we have grown so unspiritual that our idea of salvation is just the escaping of hell.—There are *encouragements* for missions. 1. In the evident alarm of heathenism. 2. In the success of the Foreign Mission work. 3. In the character of the converts to help on this work. As to our duty we should (1.) impart information, (2.) give to it of our means, (3.) lift the subject to a first place in our regard, (4.) consecrate ourselves and our energies to the work. The meeting closed with singing, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning.

The business of the Convention was resumed and continued until a late hour, the subject under consideration being the report of the committee appointed last year to confer with the Board managing the Minister's Annuity Fund. This committee reported certain amendments to

the constitution which it was hoped would make the provisions more generally acceptable. After being discussed at some length the report was referred to the committee for amendment. The amended report was adopted at a later session. It is expected that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board will publish a statement in these columns which will inform those interested, as to the conditions under which ministers may now come into connection with the fund.

#### TUESDAY MORNING.

Tuesday being Education day the report of the Board of Governors of Acadia University was given precedence at the morning session. The report was presented by the Secretary of the Board, Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D. The report opens with a recognition of the goodness of "Him who has guided the affairs of our Institutions, and who, amid all our mistakes and failures, has continued to bless our schools with a good measure of success and usefulness."

The aid received from the Alumni Society is gratefully acknowledged, but regret is expressed that the contributions to the salary of the Alumni professor are not more promptly made and that the published accounts of the Society shows so large a balance on the wrong side. The Board has learned with satisfaction, however, that the Alumni are now addressing themselves with new resolution to the discharge of their obligations. The New England branch Association is promoting the interests of Acadia in New England. Its membership is about twenty-five and it sends an annual contribution of \$200 to the Alumni professorship. A branch Association for New Brunswick has been formed which it is believed will also assist in developing an interest in the University.

Clauses 3 and 4 of the report refer to the work of the year and are concerned for the most part with facts which have already been placed before the readers of this paper.

Clause 5 states that the executors of Mr. G. P. Payzant have paid over to the Board the bequest made by him to the University.

Clause 6 relates to Theology in the University. President Trotter being called upon for explanation in connection with this clause, stated that the Board had felt that provision should be made for carrying out the intention of the bequest, although the amount received was not in itself adequate to provide for something that would be reasonably complete and valuable. So it had been decided to avoid the extremes on the one hand of endeavoring to equip such a Theological Seminary as should compete with such institutions as McMaster or Newton, and on the other hand of providing for theological teaching of so fragmentary a character as to be of little value. The terms in the bequest are such that when succession dues are paid and the portion designated for the aiding of students is subtracted, the amount remaining will not be more than sufficient to provide for the support of one professor in theology and that part of the President's salary which will be fairly chargeable upon that fund. Some years ago there was projected a four years' course at Acadia looking to the degree of Bachelor in Theology. This has been accepted as indicating the line of theological work that is to be pursued. To carry on this course will demand the services of two professors in theology, in addition to the work to be done in that department by the President. In addition to this it has been decided to arrange for a three years' English course in theology for students who are not in a position to take the B. Th. course. The intention is to be ready for the beginning of this work in the autumn of 1899. As there will be comparatively little theological work in the first years of these courses, the President and one professor in theology will be sufficient for the work up to the autumn of 1901. By that time it is hoped the theological endowment will have so increased, or the general beneficence of the churches toward the College will have so enlarged as to make the appointment of an additional professor in theology practicable.

Clause 7 reciting the facts in connection with the appointment of Rev. Dr. Trotter to the presidency of Acadia was adopted by a rising vote.

Clause 8 was in reference to Horton Academy. Good work has been done during the past year. Mr. S. J. Case has resigned from the teaching staff and Mr. Chas. E. Morse, B. A., of Acadia, '97 and winner of the Governor General's medal, has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Bashaw of the Manual Training school has also resigned and Mr. Geo. D. McKinnon, a graduate of Applied Science in McGill University, has been appointed to succeed him. The rooms in the Academy building have been recently papered, painted and new furniture provided for each room. The report calls attention to the long and valuable service which the Academy has rendered to the cause of education and to its need of a building for class rooms.

Principal Oakes was called upon and addressed the Convention in the interest of the Academy. He was pleased to see that it was proposed to provide a building for class rooms, and hoped that the response of the denomination to the appeal for this object would be a generous one.

Rev. C. W. Corey asked for an explanation of the fact that a teacher had been appointed in the Manual Training department who was not a Baptist. Mr. Oakes explained that so far our own young men had not qualified themselves for such a position, and that it did not appear that any Baptist having the requisite training was available.

At this point Dr. Morehouse of the American Baptist Education Society responding to an invitation to address the Convention, came to the platform. Dr. Morehouse said that he found that on both sides the international line Baptists were carrying on the same kind of work and a work which to some extent interlaced. That was so in regard to the Grande Ligne, the Northwest and the British Columbia mission work, in all which the American society had aided. That morning he had received a long and urgent appeal from British Columbia asking the Society to stand by the work in that Province and he was happy to say the Society would do so for another year at least. Dr. M. expressed his deep interest in the

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