

the 41 churches, 3,969. Of this number, 957 are reported as non resident members. Two hundred and sixty-nine baptisms are reported during the association year.

In addition to the above the writer is in a position to say that a number of the churches failing to report have enjoyed revival blessings during the year.

The following preambles and resolutions from the Fredericton church, as read in the digest of letters, called forth a helpful discussion:

Whereas, the work of the Lord as committed to Maritime Baptists is one work, pressing its claims, in all its closely related and mutually dependent parts, upon the beneficence of Baptist Christians;

And whereas, The denomination, in its best wisdom, has devised and continues to commend to the local churches a plan of Christian beneficence known as the Convention Scheme, which recognizes the unity of the Lord's work as committed to us;

And whereas, A tendency is at times manifested to urge the claims of one or another single department of the one work in a way prejudicial to the integrity of the general plan;

Therefore resolved, That we as a church do affirm at this time our purpose to adhere to the Convention Scheme of denominational beneficence.

#### SATURDAY EVENING.

An interesting meeting was held in the evening. The programme was varied. Our returned missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, displayed a number of articles consisting of idols, costumes, household utensils, etc. Addresses were delivered by Rev. S. D. Eryne on Temperance, Rev. B. H. Thomas and A. Cohoon on Education.

The business of Association was resumed and completed.

#### SABBATH.

All the Baptist churches in the immediate vicinity were supplied with preaching by ministers in attendance. At New Salem Rev. T. Todd preached at 10:30 a.m. at 2 p.m. a missionary meeting was held. Rev. I. C. Archibald spoke earnestly on Foreign Missions, and Bro. Cohoon spoke strongly on the question of Home Missions. At 7 p.m. B. H. Thomas preached. A social meeting was held at the close of the sermon; the after meeting proved to be a meeting of wonderful power.

The hospitality of the good people in this locality was unbounded. All voted that the Association was an enjoyable one.

B. H. THOMAS.

#### N. B. Southern Association.

The 12th annual session of the Southern Baptist Association of N.B. convened on Saturday last, the 11th inst., at 10 a.m., in the Brussels street Baptist church, St. John. In the absence of the moderator the meeting was called to order by the clerk, Rev. W. J. Stewart. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Springer. After a short service of prayer and song the list of delegates was read and the officers for the ensuing year elected as follows: Rev. C. H. Martell, moderator; Rev. A. E. Ingram, clerk; Bro. C. A. Laubman, assistant clerk; Dea. C. F. Clinch, treasurer; Dea. Wm. Allwood, assistant treasurer.

Brethren Revs. J. F. Parsons, I. Wallace, A. McArthur, B. N. Nobles, R. H. Bishop, A. Cohoon and J. N. Williams, of Providence, R. I., and Bros. Geo. Jamison, Joshua Goodwin, Lie., G. W. Curry, F. Barnes, and Milton Addison, Lie., were invited to seats in the Association.

The committee of arrangements and nominations, consisting of Rev. W. J. Stewart, S. Walton, H. G. Mellick, and Dea. N. B. Cottle and C. F. Clinch, was appointed, and while they were preparing their report a social service of prayer, praise and testimony was held. The committee of arrangements reported recommending that each session of the Association be preceded by a prayer-meeting for three-quarters of an hour; Rev. G. Howard to preach at Brussels St. in the morning of Lord's Day, and the Association sermon be preached by the Rev. C. E. Pines in the evening. The pulpits of the Baptist and P. C. Baptist churches of the city, Fairville and Hampton were occupied by ministers of the Association.

The reading of letters occupied the greater part of the morning and portion of the afternoon sessions of Saturday. Two new churches were welcomed into the fellowship of the association by the moderator—Beaver Harbor and the Tabernacle, St. John,—through their pastors, Rev. L. W. Kierstead, Lie., and Rev. A. E. Ingram.

At the afternoon session of Saturday the subject of temperance was introduced for discussion by Deacon C. F. Clinch, and stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. J. H. Saunders, E. J. Grant and Bro. C. F. Clinch.

A very timely paper on Christian Beneficence was read by the writer, Rev. E. J. Grant. The discussion thereof was deferred until a later session.

A committee on special business, consisting of Revs. J. A. Ford and G. Howard and Bro. I. S. Trites, was appointed to consider an important statement contained in the letter from one of the churches in the association. The report which this committee presented gave rise to an animated discussion, which was participated in by Revs. A. Cohoon, J. A. Ford, J. H. Saunders, S. W. Kier-

stead, S. Walton, Geo. Howard, A. B. McDonald, Bro. J. E. Masters and others. The report was unanimously adopted, and a committee consisting of Revs. E. J. Grant, G. Howard, J. H. Saunders, A. Cohoon, S. Walton and Bro. Morrell, of Upham church, were appointed to carry out the recommendation of the committee.

The Saturday evening session was devoted to Home and Foreign Missions. A large congregation was present and a considerable enthusiasm was manifested. After singing hymn No. 907, Rev. I. Wallace read an appropriate passage of Scripture and offered prayer; earnest addresses on Home Missions were delivered by Revs. W. J. Stewart, A. Cohoon, and A. E. Ingram; on Foreign Missions by Revs. S. Kierstead and A. McArthur. Excellent music was furnished by the choir. The benediction was pronounced by the moderator.

On the Lord's Day large congregations attended the services at Brussels street. In the afternoon a Sunday-school service was held, and practical addresses on Sunday-school work were delivered by Revs. A. Cohoon, S. Walton, J. H. Saunders, T. S. Simms and others.

The Association sermon was preached in the evening according to appointment, by Rev. C. E. Pines, from 2nd. ch. 4: 6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts." The sermon was a strong plea for the Spirit to revive church work. He said:

We are assured in God's Word that Christ's kingdom shall extend to the end of the earth. This kingdom is a glorious kingdom. What are the means to this end, and where is the power? From the church of Christ. Notice, I say, that the cause of Jesus Christ does not depend upon human power, not on man-made societies, not on the world, etc. The Spirit of God is here. The church is the apparatus, the Spirit is the power, etc. What is our part in this matter? Co-operation with the Spirit. In what way? Go where He leads. We have the means. We have riches, education, grace. We should go to work. In conclusion, notice the glorious result. Jesus is here! And so we have power—power to work, power to pray.

#### MONDAY MORNING.

Special business engaged the attention of the Association during the greater part of the session.

Bro. Cottle opened the discussion on Denominational literature in a stirring plea for Baptist literature in the Sunday school. He condemned the use of sugar-coated literature, that perverted the taste of the young, and created a morbid appetite for sensational reading.

Rev. C. E. Pines followed, contending for solid denominational reading, but claiming that story books with objectionable features eliminated could do no harm.

Rev. J. H. Saunders held that Baptists believed all that was true. Wherever truth was to be found there Baptists took their stand; but they differed from others in that they believed some things that others did not believe. The Messenger and Visitor had a duty to perform in emphasizing their position. The paper was sometimes crowded out at our denominational gatherings to make room for other interests. This was a mistake. Baptists could not afford to let the paper be regarded as other than a leading factor in all denominational work. He referred to the illness of the editor, Bro. Black, and bespoke for him the sympathy and prayers of the denomination.

The committee on grouping of churches then reported, and the session closed.

#### Baptist Book Room.

At the annual meeting of the society, held at Moncton, N. B., it was suggested that the brethren contribute \$1.00 each toward increasing the capital and copyright funds of the society. It is an excellent suggestion, and will meet with the approval of a large majority who helped to put the Book Room where it is. Rev. J. E. Goucher contributed \$5.00, thus giving him a vote and standing on the directorate. Acadia Mines church contributes toward copyright \$2.87. Lovers of this society, send in the dollars.

#### Convention Funds Received.

Milton, Queens, N.B.	\$1.00
First Church, N.B.	9.50
Treasurer of Convention	158.68
North Sydney	36.93
New Germany	17.00
Caledonia, Queens, N.S.	7.00
Springhill	8.00
Bridgewater	8.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$246.61</b>

G. E. DAY.

Upper Sheffield, N. B., Sept. 19.

—The late Archbishop Tait, of Canterbury, once made an effective use of a sermon. Driving down Holloway Hill, he was confronted by a runaway horse, with a heavy drag, making straight for his carriage. He threw a sermon in its face. The horse was so bewildered by the fluttering of the leaves that it swerved and paused, the driver gained control, the sermon was picked up, and the archbishop proceeded on his way. "I don't know," he said to his companion, the present Bishop of York, "whether my sermon did any good to the congregation, but it was of considerable service to me."

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### Religious Intelligence.

#### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

STEVES SETTLEMENT.—Six more persons were baptized here on Sabbath, 13th.

SECOND FALLS.—I baptized one sister into the Second Falls Baptist church Sunday, the 13th inst. C. E. PINE.

ST. GEORGE.—We met beside the baptismal waters Sunday the 6th, when one sister was baptized into the St. George church. This church will be pastored the 1st of October. Now, if any brother minister wants to settle with a kind and appreciative people, and a good working church with plenty of work to do, remember St. George. C. E. PINE.

ST. MARTINS.—Two were baptized here last Sunday (Sept. 20). Bro. Mellick's visit on that day was much enjoyed. He preached an earnest and helpful sermon in the morning, and in the afternoon visited the Seminary while the students, under the direction of Dr. Hopper and the faculty, were engaged in Bible study. He presented a paper, generally pleased with what he saw during the hours spent there. C. W. W.

2ND ST. MARTINS.—It is now nearly four months since I entered into an engagement with this church. I find them to be a kind-hearted people. We have a good Sabbath-school conducted by W. R. Reed, who for the last thirteen years has labored as a superintendent. He is ready for "every good word and work." I have resigned my charge of the Saltpetre church. I still preach to them by request. I have a preaching station at Clover Hill and at Medford, N. B., in good working order. Two have been added to the Hillsdale church by baptism during the summer. Congregations large and attentive. O. W. WITTE.

ACADIA MINES.—The meetings of the N. S. Eastern Association have just gone by. The writer was present and has returned with pleasant recollections of the place and meetings. Among the many Baptists present were two who added interest to the Sunday services by their singing—Mr. George A. McDonald, of Halifax, and Mr. Rice, of New Glasgow. These brethren were with us at Acadia Mines on Monday. A meeting was conducted in the A. M. Baptist church in the evening. Short addresses were delivered by Bro. G. W. Cox, on the Onslow Baptist church Centennial, and by the pastor of Acadia Mines Baptist church on the meetings of the Association. The chief interest of the meeting, however, attached to the singing of Bros. McDonald and Rice, and to the address of Bro. McDonald on the claims of the Baptist Book Room at Halifax. Bro. McD. has done noble work for the denomination in keeping the Baptist Book and Tract Society before the public. A collection was taken in aid of the Society. After some more singing by our visiting brethren, supported by other musical talent, this pleasant service was brought to a close. H. A. GIFFIN, Sept. 15.

SECOND MONKTON CHURCH, LOTS MOUNTAIN.—This church is at present without a pastor, which we hope will not long continue. Bro. Milton Addison, Lie., who has labored among us for the past six months, has resigned for the purpose of spending a term at college. This brother has won many warm friends during his stay with the church, not only by his able manner of presenting the truth while in the pulpit, but by his genial disposition towards all with whom he met, and earnest Christian principles he has always shown in his every-day life. Bro. Addison preached his farewell sermon from Philippians 4: 19, "But my God shall supply all your need." His discourse was an able one, in which he exhorted the church, and each one personally, to trust the God who had cared for them during the years that he has spent with them. He spoke of his own personal needs, said they had "been supplied while with the Second Moncton church," and with reference to his salary said he "had received more than God's people had promised." This church has been greatly blessed under Bro. Addison's labors, and we ask the prayers of all God's people that the right man may be sent us, and the good work continue. CLERE.

DILIGENT RIVER, N. S.—On my return from the Convention I spent the following Sabbath with Bro. Stackhouse, and baptized two interesting young persons at Diligent River. One of the converts is the oldest daughter of Deacon D. H. Jenks, well and favorably known to many of the readers of the Messenger and Visitor.

PARROBRO, N. S.—After a short visit to my home in Wolfville, I returned to Parrobro and co-operated with Bro. Stackhouse here and at Diligent River for several days, with encouraging results. Yesterday morning, September 13, it was my privilege to baptize four persons into the fellowship of the Parrobro church. One of the converts, Bro. Gains Lewis, is over 70 years of age. He had the joy of seeing his only son accompany him in this important act of consecration to the Lord's service. The

son is a promising youth and is studying hard on the matriculation work, and hopes to be prepared to join the Freshman class in Acadia College next year. Bro. Stackhouse is held in high esteem by his people all over his field, and many are expressing regrets that he is so soon to leave them to finish his course at Wolfville. Parrobro will soon be vacant, and presents a most desirable field of labor. With a kind and enterprising people, a large congregation, a healthy climate and beautiful scenery, it is hoped this church will not be long without a pastor. I. WALLACE.

F. S.—As I am being continually asked by my brethren to help them in special meetings, I wish to say that my labors are largely directed by our H. M. Board, and those wishing my services will do well to correspond with the board accordingly. I. W.

#### PERSONAL.

Rev. L. C. Archibald wishes all correspondence sent to Andover, Victoria Co., N. B.

Editor Black is away on a well earned vacation. It is hoped that change and rest will send him back to the editorial chair completely restored to health. Editors are but mortals after all, and cannot be expected to endure the strain of editorial work without an occasional let up.

#### NOTICES.

The next meeting of the Hants County Auxiliary Board will be held at Brookville, on Tuesday, October 6th, at 10 o'clock. All the churches are requested to send delegates. L. A. COONEY, Sec. of Board.

The next session of the Queens Co., N. B., Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Jerusalem church. The meeting opens on Friday evening, October 2nd. Ministers and delegates attending will find teams at Thompson's Wharf to meet the boats on Friday. We hope all will attend who possibly can and take part in the proceedings. W. E. MCINTYRE, Secy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Please allow me through your paper to return my sincere thanks to the members of Hillsboro church for their precious gift of a pair of valuable gold-bordered eye glasses. W. J. BLAKEY.

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—The Century has had in preparation for a year or two a series of illustrated articles on "The Jews in New York," written by Dr. Richard Wheatley. They deal with many phases of the subject, including occupations, festivals and feasts, family life and customs, charities, clubs, amusements, education, etc. Dr. Wheatley has gathered the materials for these papers in long and close study, and he has had the assistance of several well-known Hebrews.

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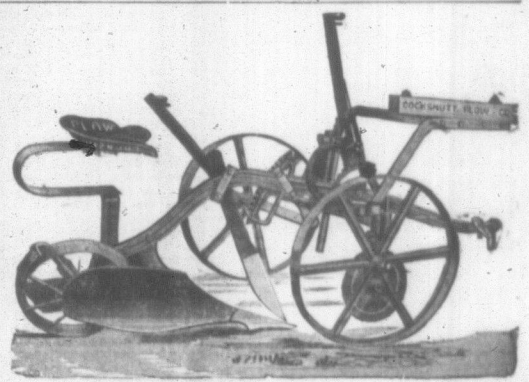
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