Baptist Committee Make Report on Baptist Union.

Strongly Urge Union With Free Baptists and Also Suggest a Movement to Take in All Other Branches of the Denomination.

Following is the report on Baptist Union presented to the Baptist conference in Charlottetown:

Your committee on Baptist Union respectfully present the following as their report for the year 1904-1905:

The convention at its last meeting held in Truro, August, 1904, amended the basis of union as presented by your committee of 1903-4, dropping out section 11 and changing the reading of Sec. 16 and its amended form, unanimously adopting the basis of union. (See Baptist Year Book, p. 22).

The committee on union was appointed with full power to add to their number and to take all such steps as will consummate the union. (See Year Book, p. 22).

The plan of organization (See Year Book, p. 26): "Resolved, that the convention regard with favor the plan of organization submitted by the joint committee on union with F. B."

On return from convention your committee saw there was nothing more to do until after the meeting of F. B. conference, since there had been changes made in the basis of union by our convention, and this basis as amended must be considered again by that conference. Two members of your committee attended the sessions of the F. B. conference, were cordially welcomed, listened with much interest to discussion on union, and with special attention to changes made in the basis by out convention. Were accorded the privilege of speaking in behalf of union and witnessed when the vote was taken, one of the most thrilling scenes of our experience. It was an unanimous vote on the basis as amended by our convention, taken amid prayers and tears. It was a sacred, solemn moment—impressive—never to be forgotten—because of the presence of God.

The way was now opened for some definite work, looking toward the consummation of union. After consultation with members of F. B. committee on union we prepared to address the churches of our convention, and they the same to find out the attitude of each church in regard to union.

We had printed large numbers of basis of union as amended, and also prepared a circular to be sent to churches with amended basis of union. In some instances when requested we sent several copies and in some cases churches were supplied with copies at our expense.

The response from churches was most gratifying. The acceptance of the basis and the desire for organic union by a larger number of churches than we had dared hope, greatly encouraged your committee and made us more certain this great work was of the Lord. We were assured by some who wrote us of the great heartiness in which the matter of union would be hailed in their churches and of earnest prayer of carrying it into effect. In one instance, where a church had lost its visibility, a brother wrote: "We have no church now, but I have been around and talked to some who were once members and they favored union. In five or six instances negative answers were returned, and yet your committee know that in some of these all that was required was a little explanation to remove some misconceptions and all opposition to union would have melted away."

From some of these churches that object we know that leading members are favorable to this advance move on the part of the Baptist and Free Baptist in N. B. We are pleased to report that from the province of N. B., where this union is naturally a more live and vital question than we could expect it to be in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, we have not a single instance coming to us of a church voting in the negative. This, too, is remarkable when it is an open secret that for years there have been rivalries and jealousies between churches of these two bodies in the same community.

We have replies from 150 churches in Nova Scotia, 135 in N. B., and 17 in P. E. Island.

In all 302 churches have responded in favor of union. Of the rest we are not able to say. With some it has been a putting the matter off until the next conference. In one case the church seemed to think your committee was appointed to do nothing until after next convention. It is but fair to state that in one or two instances a sort of proviso was put in the acceptance, but which in the opinion of committee did not in the slightest affect the vote in favor of union.

Having thus after some months and not without a good deal of correspondence obtained the mind of the majority of our churches, your committee felt justified in view of vote of convention of last year, in proceeding toward the completion of the union.

After consultation with the committee of the F. B. conference, we agreed each to increase our committee to twelve members.

Accordingly your committee asked Rev. Dr. A. Steele, Dr. Trotter, Dr. Cohoon, D. Hutchinson, J. A. Cahill, Dr. B. H. Eaton and H. Coy to act with them.

A meeting was called for the evening of April 3rd, a joint meeting with committee of F. B. conference for the following day.

Each committee had its own meeting on the 3rd and then on the 4th we met in three long sessions.

The issue of these was the basis of union, since once or twice amended. Our sessions were marked by frankness and freedom of utterance. The utmost harmony prevailed.

(1) As a result of our discussions in joint committee, your committee would now recommend that this convention express its approval of the organic union of the Baptist and Free Baptist denominations, and in agreement with the recommendation of the joint committee, that said organic union be effected this autumn.

(2) That the name of the churches constituting the united body be known as the United Baptist Churches of the Maritime Provinces, and that in any legal enactments necessitated by the union the same designation be employed.

(3) We recommend that in the province of New Brunswick, where this union necessitates changes in organizations heretofore in existence, that a general body be known as the United Baptist Association of the United Baptist Churches, be organized, as further described, and that this body seek such legislation as will best serve the interests heretofore represented by the Eastern, Western and Southern Baptist Associations of New Brunswick, and the F. B. conference of N. B.

(4) We further recommend that the plan of organization presented last year and favorably regarded by Free Baptists and incorporated in this report, slightly amended by the joint committee in their session of April 4th, be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATIONS, PLAN OF ORGANIZATION, ETC.

The following is the amended form as agreed upon by the joint committee at its session held in Germain street church, St. John, April 4, 1905:

General.

1. It is agreed by the joint committee and recommended to the conference and convention that the ministers and licentiates of the bodies uniting shall have the standing held by them in their respective bodies at the time of the union.

2. The church covenants hitherto in use in both bodies are to remain unchanged, except by the action of the individual churches.

(Note.—It is the opinion of the committee that it will be promotive of harmony if the churches when observing the Lord's Supper avoid the use of any form of invitation, the announcement of the observance being regarded as sufficient.)

3. In case of the existence in the same community of a church of each of the uniting bodies, a union of the churches, if so desired by them, may be effected by voluntary action, the property of the churches uniting to become the property of the united church, the deacons of the former churches also to be deacons of the new body.

4. Re-arrangement of the pastorates is to be subject to the control of the churches concerned.

5. The committee recommend that the association of the United Baptist churches of New Brunswick shall at its first session appoint an advisory committee to assist in consummating the union of churches in the same locality where such union may seem to be desirable. It would also be the duty of this committee to further the re-arrangement of pastorates as far as possible.

6. The title to individual church property to remain as now, except such changes in name and form as may be necessary, provision for which may be made by an act of legislature.

7. The several funds of the bodies to become common funds of the united body, for the several purposes for which these funds have been contributed.

8. Neither of the uniting bodies will be required by the union to withdraw support from any foreign mission work hitherto carried on by them.

9. It is proposed to so amalgamate the ministerial relief funds of the uniting bodies that all ministers shall participate on equal terms.

10. It is recommended that the Young People's Societies of both organize a provincial league or union for the better prosecution of their work.

11. It is desired and hoped that as speedily as possible the Woman's Missionary Societies of the respective bodies will unite and carry on jointly the work they now have in hand.

12. The presiding officer of the district meeting shall be known as chairman, and that of the association, moderator.

Organizations, etc.

The committee also submit the following as a tentative plan of organization:

1. The formation of ten district meetings of the united Baptist churches to be formed of, (a) ministers laboring in the district; (b) two delegates from each church for first 100 resident members, and one for each additional 100 or fraction thereof; (c) the presiding officers ex officio of convention and the New Brunswick Association, the secretaries of the missionary and educational boards, and retired ministers resident in the district.

Objects—The district meetings shall receive reports of statistics, spiritual condition and benevolences of the churches, and of the Sunday schools. The clerk of the district meeting shall annually make a summary of reports of the churches and Sunday schools for the Provincial Association.

2. There shall be a New Brunswick Association of the united Baptists, the membership of which is to be as follows: (a) All ordained ministers, members of the churches in the province; (b) delegates from district meetings, one for each 500 resident members or fraction thereof; (c) one delegate from each church in the association; (d) the presiding officer of the convention and the secretaries of the missionary and educational boards, ex officio.

Objects—The objects of the association shall be: (a) The reception and consideration of reports of district meetings; (b) the supervision of the home mission work of the province, and the appointment of members of the board; (c) to promote an interest in the annuity and relief funds for superannuated and infirm ministers and widows and children of deceased ministers; (d) the consideration of the Sunday school, foreign missionary and educational interests, with other general matters pertaining to the welfare of the body.

3. There shall be in connection with the N. B. Association a ministers' conference, to be composed of the ordained ministers who are members of the association. The purpose of the conference shall be to promote fellowship and to remove any matters of trial between its members, to investigate the moral character of its members when necessary, and to aid in the removal of difficulties between pastors and people.

Territorial Divisions.

The committee suggest the division of the province into the following districts:

First, to include Madawaska, Victoria and parishes of Wicklow in Kent and Carleton County; second, the remainder of Carleton Co.; third, York Co.; fourth, Sunbury Co. and Gagetown in Queens; fifth, remainder of Queens Co.; sixth, Charlotte Co. and western part of St. John; seventh, Kings and remainder of St. John; eighth, Albert Co.; ninth, Westmorland Co.; tenth, Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche.

(5) Your committee recommend that convention approve the action of the joint committee in arranging for the first meeting of the association of the United Baptist Churches of N. B. to be held in the city of St. John immediately after the next meeting of the F. B. conference, which meets in St. John, October 7th next.

Your committee report with pleasure that during the present summer, under the action of the executive of F. B. conference and Baptist Home Mission Board of New Brunswick, home mission work has been carried on jointly in fields hitherto receiving assistance from both bodies, and this is to be continued until the meeting of the new provincial associations this autumn.

We further report that churches under pastoral care have united in work with churches of the two denominations interchanging, and so far as we know the union is working well.

In Dorchester field, Pastor Thomas has the union of Dorchester (Baptist) and Taylor Village (F. B.)

Pastor Baird has Lewisville (Baptist) and Dover (F. B.)

Rev. E. K. Ganong has accepted a call to Lutz Mountain and has there a church of both denominations.

Pastor Munro has been ministering to Pennfield and Beaver Harbor, Baptist and Free Baptist churches.

In Upper Gagetown, Baptist and Free Baptist are united under Pastor Hayward.

Rev. C. N. Barton has charge of Baptist and F. B. interests in Canterbury.

In Bath and Aberdeen the union is under Rev. L. A. Fenwick, F. B.

On the Macnaquash field the united Baptists and Free Baptists are under pastoral care of Rev. W. M. Field.

Thus it is apparent the union has come, not waiting for actions of committee, conferences or conventions.

Your committee would ask the convention to give its moral support to the following resolution, passed by the joint committee, viz.: It is desirable in the interests of the united body that the Messenger and Visitor and the Religious Intelligencer, present organs of the two bodies, be amalgamated.

And, finally, your committee recommends that once more this convention heartily declare itself as favoring the organic union of our denomination with the Free Baptists of New Brunswick on the basis and terms of organization heretofore presented and adopted.

And further, we recommend a standing committee on union be appointed, whose duty it shall be to meet other committees of other branches of the Baptist family and confer with the same, looking towards the complete organic union of the whole Baptist household of the maritime provinces.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Aug. 21.—At the fourth session of the Baptist conference the reports of the treasurer for New Brunswick, P. E. Island and Nova Scotia were accepted. The report for New Brunswick showed the following receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS.

N. B. Western Association:	
To treasurer denominational fund	$ 945 37
To treasurer foreign mission board	155 50
To treasurer Grand Ligne	26 41
	$1,127 28
N. B. Southern Association:	
To treasurer denominational fund	$1,339 50
To treasurer foreign mission board	176 78
To treasurer ministerial relief and aid and annuity fund	24 19
To treasurer Grand Ligne	28 02
	$1,568 49
N. B. Eastern Association:	
To treasurer denominational fund	$1,136 61
To treasurer foreign mission board	76 50
To treasurer ministerial relief and aid and annuity fund	10 46
To treasurer Grand Ligne	32 79
	$1,256 30
	$3,952 07

PAYMENTS.

To treasurer home mission board, N. B.	$1,155 04
To treasurer foreign mission board, act. convention fund,	1,576 98
direct	408 78
	$1,985 76
To treasurer Acadia University	218 22
To treasurer ministerial education	21 84
To treasurer ministeral relief and aid and annuity fund	91 42
direct	34 59
	$ 126 01
To treasurer N. W. missions	207 64
To treasurer Grand Ligne	141 24
direct	87 22
	$ 228 46
	$3,942 97
To expense—Postage, etc.	9 10
	$3,952 07

J. W. MANNING,
Treas. Con. N. B.

Dr. Trotter called attention to the fact that New Brunswick had contributed only $218.22 to Acadia University. It was brought out in the discussion which followed, which was participated in by Revs. Dr. Brown, P. J. Stackhouse and H. G. Colpitts, that the churches which failed in giving to Acadia College also failed in giving to ministerial education, ministerial relife and aid, Northwest missions and Grand Ligne missions.

Dr. Cohoon presented the report for Nova Scotia showing the following receipts and payments:

RECEIPTS.

From Western Association	$3,282 54
From Central Association	3,941 50
From Eastern Association	3,114 04
From African Association	10 00
General receipts	251 03
	$10,599 11

PAYMENTS.

For col. envelopes, postage, printing and exchange	$ 68 07
To home mission board	2,794 69
To foreign mission board	3,943 84
To Acadia University	1,505 75
To ministerial education board	153 88
To ministers' annuity board for annuity fund and M. R. and Aid	721 20
To Northwest mission board	802 05
To Grande Ligne mission board	609 63
	$10,599 11

Note—Add to the above $7,372.94 from W. M. A. Societies and mission bands as shown in last column of table but one, and we have as the total from Nova Scotia $17,972.05. A. Cohoon, acting treasurer.

A. W. Sterns reported from P. E. Island, showing the receipts and payments to be as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From Prince Edward Island Association	$576 38

PAYMENTS.

For printing, postage, exchange, etc.	$ 10 15
Paid to home mission board	178 06
Paid to foreign mission board	158 35
Paid to Acadia University	94 35
Paid to ministers' education board	9 66
Paid to ministers' annuity board for relief and aid	17 80
Paid to ministers' annuity board for annuity fund	25 80
Paid to Northwest mission board	41 00
Paid to Grand Ligne mission board	40 90
	$576 38

Add to the above $702.71 reported by the treasurer of the W. B. M. U. and $130.65 reported by the treasurer of mission boards, and we have as the total from Prince Edward Island $1,409.74 for the year ended July 31st, 1905. A. W Sterns, treasurer.

These reports were adopted after a brief discussion.

The report of the board of governors of Acadia was next presented and passed, after some discussion.

In the afternoon session Dr. Cohoon presented the treasurer's report for the colleges, showing that there was a surplus of $511.52 in connection with the college residence, that through the second forward movement the college is now entirely free from all debt, $26,043.40 having been used; that through this same movement a first mortgage of $4,728.26 for Horton Academy had been paid off, leaving the building entirely free from debt; that on the business of the year the academy showed a deficit of $2,176.59 and the seminary a surplus of $1,658.13.

There is a debt of $40,223.35 against the seminary and against all the institutions a total of $47,400. It is hoped in the coming year that all this will be wiped out.

The report of the committee on the Grand Ligne mission, presented by Rev. D. Hutchinson, was after discussion referred back.

The nominating committee presents the following report:

Preacher of convention—Rev. C. W. Townsend; alternate, Rev. L. D. Morse.

Representative of N. W. mission—Rev. W. N. Hutchins.

Committee on state of denomination—Rev. G. O. Gates, Dr. H. C. Creed, Rev. M. A. McLean.

Committee on travelling arrangements—Rev. R. B. Smith, F. W. Emmerson.

S. S. board—Rev. G. P. Raymond, Prin. E. W. Sawyer, Rev. J. B. Ganong, T. S. Simms, J. J. Wallace, Rev. F. W. Porter, Prof. C. E. Jones, Rev. R. O. Morse, Rev. L. D. Morse, E. D. King, K. C., and Rev. W. F. Parker.

Foreign missions—Rev. J. H. McDonald in place of Rev. H. H. Roach, deceased; C. E. Vail in place of Rev. A. T. Dykeman; other members the same as before.

Home missions—Rev. H. C. Colpitts in place of Rev. M. W. Brown, 1906; H. G. Ledford in place of Rev. F. C. Wright, 1907; E. C. Simonson in place of Rev. J. Miles, 1907; Rev. G. Saunders, D. D.; E. J. Grant, G. E. Burton, Wm. Corning, Capt. R. B. Hillon in place Rev. D. Price, 1908.

Ministerial education board—Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., I. B. Oakes, M. A., Rev. M. P. Freeman, Prof. E. W. Sawyer, A. S. McDonald, E. M. Beckwith, Rev. C. H. Day, Rev. D. H. Simpson, Rev. P. G. Raymon.

Annuity board—Rev. A. J. Vincent in place Rev. C. H. Martell; Rev. L. J. Lingley in place Rev. Wellington; Nelson Smith in place W. B. Howatt.

Finance committee for N. B.—Rev. Dr. Manning, E. M. Sipprell, F. W. Emmerson.

Finance committee for P. E. I.—A. W. Sterns, Rev. G. R. White, J. P. Gordon.

Press committee—Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, R. O. Morse, Gaspereau; J. K. Ross, Charlottetown.

Grand Ligne—Rev. D. Hutchinson.

Committee of arrangement—The president and secretary of convention and pastor of entertaining church with power to act.

Editor year book—Dr. H. C. Creed.

Advisory committee on year book—Rev. J. H. McDonald, Rev. W. B. Robinson, J. W. Spurden.

Rev. L. A. LaFlamme next addressed the convention of the advisability of uniting the foreign mission now beng carried on by the Ontario and Quebec boards and the maritime provinces. He also advocated a dominion convention taking in all the Baptists from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The following resolution was next moved by Rev. W. F. Parker, seconded by H. C. Creed:

That this convention appoint a committee to communicate with the other Baptist conventions and unions in Canada, with a view to the securing the appointment by each of them of a similar committee to institute a union committee, to consider the question of a union of all the Baptist churches in the dominion for the presentation of missions, home and foreign, and of other interests, with a scope as great as the bounds of the dominion, and to report to the next meeting of this convention.

E. M. Sipprell moved as an amendment that the matter be deferred for the present.

The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

PLATFORM EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

In the evening Rev. H. T. DeWolfe spoke on some of the essentials of a first class school for girls. He was followed by Prof. Sawyer, who gave a brief history of Acadia Seminary, and Rev. W. L. Archibald, who dealt with the relation of the institution to the people.

Rev. Dr. McLeod and Rev. D. Long entered the convention at this point and were received with great applause. They were invited to seats on the platform and made short addresses.

Dr. Trotter gave a review of the work of Acadia during the year, stating that there is a proposal before the board of governors to engage Rev. W. L. Archibald for a period of two years, in travelling through the province disseminating knowledge concerning the Acadia institutions.

MARITIME UNION.

Monday at 9 a. m. the Maritime Union met in session. Rev. E. Quick was appointed chairman and Rev. J. W. Brown secretary.

A nominating commitete was appointed, Revs. Dr. Brown, D. Hutchinson and W. B. Crowell.

The question of a page in the Messenger and Visitor was discussed, and it was decided to continue the page as at present.

The question of a separate Y. P. convention for the maritime societies was next considered. It was discussed by Revs. Mr. Beals, Z. L. Fash. It was thought inadvisable at present to take any action. Meeting adjourned to call of chair.

Maritime Union met again Monday at 6.30 p. m. It was decided to ask the Ministers' Institute to attend the Y. P. S. Friday night for a platform meeting.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. D. Hutchinson; vice-president, N. S., Rev. H. C. Newcomb; vice-president, P. E. I., Arthur Sampson; secretary-treasurer, Rev. M. A. McLean of Truro; associate secretary, N. S. Western, Rev. H. H. Saunders; associate secretary, Central Association, Rev. Lew Wallace; associate secretary, N. S. Eastern Association, Rev. O. N. Chipman; associate secretary, N. B. Western Association, Rev. W. R. Robinson; associate secretary, N. B. Southern Association, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse; associate secretary, N. B. Eastern Association, Rev. Z. L. Fash; H. G. Colpitts, editor of the Y. P. movement.

Rev. A. J. Vincent of Tabernacle church, Halifax, brought the name of his brother, Rev. Aubrey Vincent of Boston, before the meeting as "one who is willing to go to the foreign field."

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Aug. 22.—At the morning session the report of home missions in Nova Scotia was received.

In the afternoon session it was decided that the convention approve the appointment that home missions secretary in the provinces of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island should also be field secretary for denominational funds, and the appointment was left with the finance commissioner of Nova Scotia and a commissioner of the board. This is a new departure, and after a lively discussion it was carried.

At 3.30 p. m. Dr. Gates presented the report dealing with Baptist union as published in the Sun today. Great applause met the statement that in New Brunswick not one Baptist church had voted against the basis of union. It was decided unanimously to consider the historical part of the resolution as passed. The only objection arising in the convention was in reference to the proposed name, "United Baptists." Jonathan Parsons, lawyer of Halifax, moved in amendment that the word "United" be dropped and the name simply be "Baptists."

E. D. King of Halifax, lawyer, seconded the motion. Mr. King said he was heartily in favor of union, but had three objections to the proposed name. First, it would be making a new denomination; second, if you make a new denomination, what is to become of property now held by Baptists? Serious trouble may arise. Third, by the terms of the constitution the convention has no legal right to make a new denomination.

Dr. Gates said the question of a name had been a great problem with the committee. It had cost them sleepless nights, and they had adjourned more than once over this subject.

Dr. McLeod, representing the Free Baptists, next spoke, and was received with great applause. So far as he was concerned personally, and he believed he could speak also for the other Free Baptist members of the committee, he was satisfied with the name Baptist. He cherished a hope that not later than October 10th we shall cease to be two, and be one. But the convention must bear in mind that the smaller body is apt to be the sensitive body, and they should deal with the subject in a large-hearted way. They must be satisfied that they are not losing identity, not being absorbed. United Baptist expressed the fact of the consummation of the union. We have been separated for many years. The Free Baptist body in Nova Scotia will meet soon. The name United Baptist is a standing open door, a cordial invitation to come into a United Baptist family. At the Baptist congress in London he said a little word about union, and they appreciated the fact that on this side of the Atlantic we are not dreaming about doing things, but doing them, and when he said it Exeter Hall rang out with applause.

"I care nothing about a name. I expect to be known as a Baptist, but I do hope that you will feel what your committee did was God's will and that you will register it by adopting the resolutions."

Great applause followed Dr. McLeod's address.

Dr. Trotter spoke on behalf of the Baptist members of the joint committee. In the committee meeting attention had been called that in the earlier documents the name United Baptists had occurred. This gave to the Free Baptist brethren the impression that the name would be United Baptists. It was felt among the Free Baptists that to call the united body simply Baptists would be a breach of confidence. He recognized that there would be some inconvenience, recognized the possibility of legal trouble though three Presbyterian bodies united in Canada without trouble, but let all vote for union no matter how much peril it entails.

Rev. Wm. Dobson, Methodist clergyman, of Charlottetown, who had been an interested spectator, was invited to speak. He said that as he listened to the discussion he had been moved to his boots. The spirit of Jesus is in it all. God is back of it. Methodists have faced the difficulties and have overcome. The name need not stand in the way. There is enough law in the Baptist convention to steer clear of difficulty.

Rev. W. W. Lodge, moderator of the Methodist conference, also spoke.

Dr. B. H. Eaton, K. C., of Halifax, said he saw no legal difficulties. The mere fact of putting the name United to Baptists does not make a new denomination. Two denominations come together and you put a label on it. That does not make a new denomination.

J. Parsons saw all kinds of trouble before the convention. Like the Presbyterians of Scotland, they were allowing their hearts to run away with their heads, and like them may live to repent it. If dark days are ahead, he wished to feel that he had done his duty.

Dr. Cohoon warned the convention to be careful. Let them secure legislation that will head off trouble. He did not anticipate trouble like that in Scotland, but one can never tell.

It is all right to clap your hands, hurrah, and run the risk. But he sees no danger in passing the present resolution, provided they go carefully afterwards.

T. S. Simms of St. John saw no difficulty in providing legislation that will safeguard all property.

The clause dealing with the name United Baptists carried practically unanimously, only two voting in the negative. It may be a suggestion of law suits and all kinds of legal troubles when it is said that the two negative voters were lawyers.

Against this, however, is the fact that two men learned in the law, Judge Emmerson of Moncton and Dr. B. H. Eaton, K. C., of Halifax, voted for the name United Baptists.

At the close of the meeting Dr. McLeod assured your correspondent that the action of the convention settled beyond doubt the question of organic union of the two bodies.

Mr. McLeod feels that any Free Baptists who have had doubts about the subject of union would have been impressed and persuaded by the spirit of the convention in its action on that matter.

There is still much business before the convention.

A platform meeting was held tonight, at which Rev. W. T. Stackhouse spoke in the interests of the Northwest.

It is expected that an all-night session will be necessary to finish up the business. Delegates leave for home in the morning. This has been a history making convention.

MURDERED WOMAN THEN ESCAPED.

Dastardly Act of Chicago Robber—Police Looking for Assailant of Mrs. Mize.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Mrs. S. E. Mize of New York was murdered tonight by a robber while taking an evening walk in one of the fashionable residence districts of the south side.

For the greater part of the summer Mrs. Mize has been a guest of the Delprado Hotel, which fronts on the Midway Plaisance. Tonight in company with another woman, also a guest at the hotel, she went out for a short walk. They had reached the corner of 59th street and Washington avenue, two squares from the hotel, when they were confronted by a man who demanded their money and valuables. Along 59th street and Washington avenue people were sitting on verandas and in the front yards of their residences, and Mrs. Mize evidently expecting help from some of them, vigorously attacked the robber, at the same time calling for help. Her companion turned and ran back toward the hotel.

Mrs. Mize was able to utter just two cries for aid when the robber shot her through the heart, killing her instantly. When the residents of the neighborhood came running in response to the calls of Mrs. Mize, they found her lying on the sidewalk. The body of Mrs. Mize was carried by the police to an undertaking establishment near at hand.

The murderer after shooting Mrs. Mize, fled into an alley and disappeared in the darkness. He was seen by nobody except Mrs. Mize, her companion, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Martha Scanlon, also a guest of the Delprado hotel, who, hearing the shots, looked hastily out of the window and saw the man running into the alley. She was not able to describe him, and Mrs. Wilson was so prostrated that she could not give the police any details of his appearance. A swarm of detectives and uniformed policemen were on the ground within a few minutes, but for the time being, at least, the murderer made good his escape, without leaving a tangible clue.

The Sure Catarrh Treatment.

It isn't snuff nor a wash, neither is it a stomach sickening medicine—it's just antiseptic, balsamic vapor—it's name is "Catarrhozone." For lasting cure "Catarrhozone" is the one remedy.

ENGINEERING SCHOOL BEGINS AT ONCE.

SYDNEY, Aug. 22.—The contract for the erection of the new laboratory in connection with the King's school of engineering was awarded last evening, and construction work begins immediately. The cost will be about $3,000, and the contract call for the completion of the building by October first. The committee in charge of the establishment of Dalhousie University extension school are completing the selection of the staff and will in a few days issue their announcement.

The corner stone which is supposed to have been placed under the old Masonic Hall at Sydney is missing. Its disappearance is a great mystery to the craft. Records of the lodge from 1868 show that preparations had been made for the laying of the stone, and some old Masons now living say the ceremony was carried out with customary pomp. There are others who are of opinion that the stone, after all, was not laid. The hall was recently moved to make room for the new temple.

DR. WEAVER'S TREATMENT.

WEAVER'S SYRUP
For Humors
Salt Rheum
Scrofulous Swellings, etc.

WEAVER'S CERATE
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