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THE CASE OF THE TURK.

Constantinople continues to attract the strained attention of the civilized world. The recent massacres of Armenians have excited in England a blaze of popular indignation which has threatened to break into a conflagration beyond all power of government to allay or control. Mr. Gladstone has lent the powerful aid of his pen to the flame of wrath against "the great Assassin," as he has named Abdul Hamid, the reigning Sultan. The British Government, it is supposed, could not afford to be indifferent in view of the intense popular feeling. The government has probably gone as far as it can go without taking the decisive step which would mean the deproclamation of the Sultan, and Heaven only knows what, besides. A strong force of British warships has been concentrated at Salonica in readiness to force a passage to Constantinople whenever the word may be given. The British Ambassador at Constantinople, Sir Philip Currie, has probably done what can be done to overawe the Porte and the Sultan by representing that England will be forced to interfere, if not in concert with other powers then by independent action, unless a peremptory stop is put to the Armenian massacres. But will "Abdul the damned" care for any of these things? He and his advisors know probably quite as well as Lord Salisbury does, how much is behind England's threats. Will England strike the decisive blow which, whatever else might result, would surely mean a day of judgment for the Turk and the end of his accursed rule in Europe? The Turk knows well that Lord Salisbury has no stomach for independent action in a matter upon which such momentous and intractable issues hang, and that besides Mr. Gladstone's there are very few influential voices of public men or statesmen in England speaking out boldly for independent action and urging that Britain move, in her single might if need be, to the help of the Armenians, regardless of what the consequences may be. The Turk may reckon that the prudent counsel of political leaders will still prevail against the righteous indignation of the English people, and flatter himself that in his sublimity he can go on with impunity in his fiendish work of slaughter and extermination. Doubtless his cunning is satanic. It is now declared that the men who seized the Ottoman Bank were not Armenians at all, but Turks in disguise; and that the feigned outbreak was merely a dislodge of the Turkish rulers to afford a pretext for a wholesale slaughter of the doomed people. But the present situation has elements which may well cause even the conscienceless Turk to pause in his work of heaping up wrath against a day of wrath, long delayed but sure to come. The game of balancing the jealousies of European powers against each other seems to approach its end. Lobanoff is dead—Lobanoff who inspired the pitiless ambitious and anti-British policy of Russia. The Czar is travelling, visiting European Capitals, hearing and considering many things perhaps which would not reach his ear and his conscience in his own palace at home. In Germany and in France too there is evidence that some remnant of humanity is stirring in the hearts of the people. Italy, it is believed, would heartily co-operate with Britain in a movement to pull down the throne of the Sultan. What of the United States, the great Christian nation of the West? Will the people of that country acknowledge for themselves any duty in regard to the events transpiring in the Turkish Empire beyond that of being critics and interested spectators of what is done. Will the government of that country accept for itself any duty beyond that of protecting the interests of United States citizens in Turkey? In England it is being said in influential quarters—"If the United States would heartily co-operate in this matter, then, with the help of Italy, the Armenians could be defended and reforms necessary to the peace of the world could be effected in Turkey without recourse to actual warfare. Terrible as are the wrongs of the Armenian people, loudly as their blood cries before Heaven for vengeance, one can well understand and sympathize with the men upon whom the duties of government in Great Britain rest, when they hesitate to incur the responsibility of a step which would seem likely to plunge the British Empire and the world into a conflict more terrible than any which history has recorded. But if the English speaking people of the world could be united in

so noble an enterprise the people of England are prepared to dare everything in God's name in the effort to do justice to the Armenians and to put an end to Turkish rule in Europe.

DAVID.

Upon the pages of Hebrew history as it appears in the Old Testament there is found no more striking and heroic character than that of David, warrior, king and poet. If the Hebrews had been a people given to celebrating the deeds of their heroes in song or story, doubtless the name of David would have occupied a prominent place in such literature. But the Hebrew writings, or those at least which have survived, had a distinctly religious aim, and what we know of David is given in the form of a simple concise historical narrative, or is gathered from the religious lyrics of which David himself is the author.

The man whose portrait is thus given is not one whose example is altogether to be commended for imitation, partly because of his imperfections and transgressions, which no attempt is made to hide or to palliate, and partly also because, as a man of genius, his stature and his stride are often so great that men of ordinary proportions cannot keep step with him. But genius, if it is not profitable to us as affording an example for imitation, may have a larger value as furnishing an inspiration to great endeavors.

David, the Hebrew, was doubtless one of the world's greatest men in his generation and his name stands as one of the most illustrious in the annals of his race. His stature was not only far beyond the ordinary but his greatness was many-sided. He was one of those examples of nobly proportioned, symmetrical manhood, such as come into the world at rare intervals. His personal courage, his magnetic power over men, his understanding of men, his force of character and resourcefulness, his genius for leadership in war and in politics, his magnanimity, his deeply emotional and aesthetic nature, his love of music, his poetic genius and, beside and above all, his strong faith and profoundly religious nature, all unite to mark David as a man of no common kind.

It seems proper and most important to our present purpose, however, to call attention to David as a man of faith; for here we recognize the determining principle of his life and here is ground upon which the greatest man and the humblest may meet together. While we may be able only to admire David's genius, we may all have fellowship with him in faith. To be a leader of armies, a ruler of men or a writer of immortal lyrics may be quite beyond us; but, by the Divine grace, we may all be children of God, and it was as a child of God, rather than as a king of men, that David was really great. It is his faith, rather than his genius, that has made his name immortal.

It is profoundly instructive to observe how David's faith in God gave direction and inspiration to his life. David was doubtless by nature a man of firm courage, not likely to flinch in the presence of danger; but his courage found a strong support in his faith. He did not glory in his strength and bravery, as if they were all his own. If he had overcome wild beasts and giants in single combat, it was because his God delivered him from their power. If his arm was strong and his sword mighty, it was his God who had given him strength and girded him to the battle. If his foes fell before him, it was because God had delivered them into his hand, and if, when pursued by his enemies, he was able to escape their pursuit and hide himself from their vengeance, it was because the Lord was a refuge and a fortress for him. And when he found himself king of a prosperous and growing realm, it was not to him a trophy of his own valor and genius, it was God who had subdued peoples under him and made his enemies to be at peace with him.

Doubtless David was by nature magnanimous. He was above meanness, suspicion and pettiness. But his magnanimity was fed and supported by his faith. He believed in God and in his own Heaven-appointed destiny; therefore, he could be loyal to the ruling monarch, magnanimous toward the enemies and malevolent of Saul and united in most tender friendship to the heir apparent to the throne. David's patience too was doubtless in a large measure a direct product of his faith. He was willing to wait the fulfillment of God's promise to him, until the day should arrive when the kingdom should be given into his hand. And when his way was overshadowed by a dark cloud and God had withdrawn his face from him because of his sin, David could be patient as he heard the coursing of men of bell and saw the triumph of his enemies; for in his humiliation his expectation was still from God.

David's faith did not wholly save him from weakness and sinfulness. He is far from a perfect example. Some of his wrong doing is doubtless to be attributed to a lack of knowledge, infirmity of temper, an untrained conscience. But he was guilty of heinous and premeditated sin, which the Scriptures do not excuse or palliate. There was adultery and murder,

a two-fold, terrible crime. Still there seems to be sufficient evidence that David was not utterly destroyed. Even here faith eventually triumphed. His life is shaken as by an earthquake, his soul is full of bitterness, day and night the hand of his God is heavy upon him, life and hope fall, his soul is like the ground parched by summer drought. But faith comes to his rescue and teaches his dumb lips to speak in penitence, he confesses his transgression unto the Lord and the iniquity of his sin is forgiven. David was doubtless a great sinner, and no apology is to be made for him as such. He sinned and suffered. But we cannot help but see how even the experience which came to God's children because of their transgressions may, by the grace of God, through repentance, yield hope and consolation for others. If David had not sinned as he did, he would not have repented as he did; and surely the Bible would lack things of inestimable value to us if it did not contain the record of David's sinning and repenting and those penitential psalms in which the agony of contrition and confession mingle with the joyful strains of assured pardon and peace with God.

NEW BRUNSWICK CONVENTION.

The third annual meeting of the above Convention opened at Hatfield's Point, Kings Co., on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 10 a. m. Rev. S. D. Ervine, pastor of the entertaining church, had been busy for days arranging for the comfort of expected delegates. His people responded readily to his suggestions and spared no pains to make all visitors feel at home. And they did feel "at home".

The morning session was given to a social service, that delegates coming might attend at the first business meeting. President Howard not being present, Vice-President T. H. Hall occupied the chair and conducted the service.

Convention assembled in business session at 2 p. m. Prayer was offered by Rev. David Long. After a brief social service the secretary began the enrollment of delegates, the election of officers proceeding at the same time. The officers were elected as follows: President, T. H. Hall; Vice-Presidents, N. B. Cottle, Rev. Thos. Todd, W. C. King; Secretary, Rev. W. E. McIntyre; Statistical Secretary, Rev. S. D. Ervine; Treasurer, J. S. Titus; Auditor, M. S. Hall.

Directors, for the term ending 1899: Rev. T. W. Keirstead, W. B. Hinson, A. B. McDonald and S. E. Frost, G. G. King, C. E. Baker.

For the term ending 1898, to fill vacancies: Rev. Chas. Henderson, Rev. C. W. Townsend, W. E. Elliott, Jas. Estey, J. W. Fowles, J. G. A. Beleya. Committee of Arrangements: Rev. S. D. Ervine, W. C. King, Rev. J. W. S. Young, Rev. M. Addison, A. McIntyre. Nominating Committee: Rev. S. H. Cornwall, C. N. Barton, Lie; M. S. Hall, G. G. King, S. E. Frost.

All visiting brethren were invited to seats. On motion rolls of order applying at sessions of the Maritime Convention were adopted for this gathering. Committee of Arrangements announcing order of evening service, Rev. J. Coombs closed with prayer.

At the evening session, after short devotional service led by vice-president Todd, the report on Temperance was presented by Rev. Milton Addison. The report briefly and comprehensively set forth the duty of christian people to contend against the evil of intemperance, commended the effort to secure prohibition and called favorable attention to the promise of the present Government of Canada to submit the question of a general prohibitory law to the people by plebiscite. The reading of the report was followed by addresses from Rev. J. Parry (C. E. B.), G. G. King, Esq., Rev. S. H. Cornwall and Rev. David Long (F. C. B.).

Mr. Perry showed the moral and physical evils of intemperance, and in passing, called attention to several other matters, the virtue and excellences of the ladies, the superiority of British institutions, etc. Mr. King spoke principally in regard to the proposed plebiscite, urging the importance of making the demand for prohibition on the part of the people as emphatic as possible, since it was not to be expected that the government would feel justified in enacting a prohibitory law unless they were backed by more than a mere majority of those who might signify their preference for or against prohibition by the plebiscite. He urged too that if a government should undertake to give the country a prohibitory law it was essential to a successful issue that in this endeavor it should receive the support of the temperance people of the country, independent of their party affiliations.

Mr. Cornwall spoke on the subject of Bible wines, which he had been studying and expressed the conviction that the Bible, properly interpreted, afforded no support to the use of alcoholic wines, but the reverse.

Mr. Long endorsed the remarks of Mr. King in reference to the duty of the people toward a government that would undertake to give the country a prohibitory law, although he might not agree with Mr. K. in his political views, and

he urged the responsibility of christian men in reference to the enforcement of temperance legislation now on the statute books.

Bro. W. C. King presented the report on Home Missions. The report showed that valuable work had been accomplished during the year, but deplored a falling off in the receipts as compared with the previous year and urged the necessity of a larger degree of liberality in the support of this work.

Rev. J. W. S. Young delivered a brief address in which he gave detailed report of the work which he had done under direction of the Home Mission Board. Rev. W. E. McIntyre followed with a few words as introduction to a plea for contributions and subscriptions for the Home Mission work for the coming year. Money and pledges were readily given. T. L. Hay, Esq., subscribed \$100 for support of a French missionary, while G. G. and W. C. King promised a like amount for the general work of the Board. Churches and individuals contributing raised the entire amount given to \$1030. The secretary also reported that Rev. Ben. Jewett had left by will \$600 to the N. B. Home Mission Board and \$500 to Grande Ligne Mission. Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning.

The services of the Sabbath have already been reported in our columns. They were largely attended and of unusual interest.

MONDAY MORNING

found delegates assembling at 8.30 for a social service, led by Evangelist Young. Convention opened at 10 o'clock, Rev. T. Todd presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. H. Cornwall.

No invitation being received for next year's Convention a committee, consisting of Rev. T. Todd, Rev. W. E. McIntyre and N. B. Cottle, was appointed to arrange for place of meeting.

C. N. Barton, Lie, read report on Denominational Literature, prepared by Rev. S. M. C. Black. This was spoken to by Rev. John Coombs, M. S. Hall, Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Rev. T. Todd, Rev. John Hughes and A. H. Chipman, and was then adopted. On motion the president appointed Rev. T. Todd, Rev. F. D. Davidson, Rev. John Hughes, Rev. John Coombs, M. S. Hall, a committee to confer with the Baptist Book and Tract Society regarding colportage work in N. B.

Rev. A. H. Hayward closed the session with prayer.

The Monday afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. T. Todd. Secretary Havelock Coy presented to the Baptist Annual Association of N. B. his report for the past year. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. D. Yerrax; Vice-Presidents, M. S. Hall, J. G. McNally, Rev. A. B. McDonald, Rev. W. E. McIntyre; Recording Secretary, Hon. A. F. Randolph. The Board of Directors re-elected was supplemented by addition of W. A. Bradley and Rev. F. D. Davidson. Constitution was amended in several changes of minor importance, according to notices given.

The report of the Board showed the addition of one minister to membership, with no deaths. Funds accruing from trusts and membership dues have been sufficient to meet all demands and leave a balance in the treasury.

At 3.30 Secretary McIntyre read his report on Home Missions, which was as follows:

Report of H. M. Board of N. B.

The work of the year just closed has been a very much of the usual character, without any especial discouragements or remarkable success, yet affording much reason for hopefulness for the years to come. Quite a number of applications for help came in during the early part of the year, to which attention was given as quickly as time and circumstances would permit. Some of these, however, have as yet been left unprovided for, but we hope to continue our efforts until every reasonable demand is satisfied. With each recurring year the magnitude and the responsibilities of the work of caring for our Home Mission fields become more and more apparent, and it is evident that the denomination as a whole has not as yet come up to a full realization of the needs of the case and of the obligation resting upon the strong churches to help those that are weak. Early in the year the Board of this convention agreed with the Maritime Committee to undertake a joint operation of the fields and under this arrangement the appointment of missionaries and the appropriation of funds have been carried out.

GENERAL MEMORANDUM.

During the year the Board has employed two general missionaries, Revs. J. W. S. Young and R. D. Ervine. Bro. Young still continues in that work. He has labored in Chipman, Hampton, Springfield, Greenfield Hill, Cambridge, Fennfield, Canterbury and various other points. Several gracious revivals have accompanied his labors and a considerable number have been baptized. Bro. Ervine also labored at Bouchette, Chipman, Elgin and Springfield, with shorter visits to other churches. Just after the opening of the new year, by request of the Board, Bro. Ervine and Young went to Springfield, Kings Co., which at the time was without a pastor. Although the churches were in a low condition spiritually, yet under the earnest appeals of these brethren, accompanied by the blessing of the Spirit of God, a glorious revival followed in which the membership of the churches was greatly encouraged and quickened, and many of the unconverted to Christ. Upwards of eighty were added by baptism to the First and Second Springfield churches, and for some time after the influence of the revival continued to be felt in the adjoining communities. Bro. Ervine

finding the straits of the work too great for him, decided to resume the pastoral and finally settled on the field of his last evangelistic efforts. He has since been greatly blessed in his labors and the churches continue to enjoy much prosperity under his care. At the August meeting of the Board it was decided to engage Bro. E. A. Allaby as general missionary, and he has been requested to spend some time in Charlotte county among the weak and pastorless churches of that county. Bro. Allaby comes to us with testimonials of a high character and we are hopeful of the best results in connection with his labors.

OTHER WORK.

The Board has also rendered aid to several churches in assisting them to secure and support pastors. A large number of weak and scattered interests, especially in the eastern and western associations, are as yet unable to maintain a pastor for any considerable part of the year, and in some instances they are absolutely dependent on outside help for a six months supply covering the summer season. In several of these last so many of the men and teams are withdrawn to the woods during the winter that the roads are left impassable in the summer and regular preaching services during this season seem out of the question. This is notably true of the little churches scattered about the Tobique and other branches of the Upper St. John, as also throughout the Miramichi Valley and over large parts of Kent county.

FIELDS AIDED.

These are enumerated in order beginning with the eastern side of the province. Some have received aid for only a part of the year, others have been helped to sustain permanent pastors.

NEWCASTLE, NORTHERN BRUNSWICK CO.

For three years Rev. W. J. Bleakney has been stationed on this field. The Board has been assisting it with a yearly grant of \$150, with the exception of one year of Bro. Bleakney's pastorate. He closed his work here in June last and the field is at present vacant. Many difficulties beset our work here, owing to the scattered nature of the population and the long drives necessary to reach all sections of the community.

NOTWICH.

Baptist interests in this place have been cared for by Rev. R. M. Byron during the past two years. Early in the present convention year Bro. Byron then a general missionary, assisted Bro. Byron in special meetings which proved of great benefit and resulted in the addition of several by baptism. The Sabbath school work received an especial impetus and on the whole the outlook is more hopeful than for some time past.

SHEDD.

Rev. E. C. Corey has given a portion of his time to this church, while also laboring with 2nd Moncton church. The community has during late years suffered considerable depletion in population and general business activity and for some time past it has been difficult to hold the ground. The brethren seem still anxious, however, to continue their efforts to support their church, and the Board purpose helping as hitherto. Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining a satisfactory arrangement so as to take in another field in a joint pastorate. If this could be suitably arranged, progress and more permanent results might be looked for.

PORT ELGIN AND CAPE TORMENTINE.

An extensive field containing several small interests stretches eastward from Sackville to Cape Tormentine. At present Bro. C. P. Wilson is caring for most of these, but the ground occupied is too much for one pastor, there is a field from Pt. Elgin to the Cape sufficiently large to take all the time and attention of one man, while another could be fully occupied at Middle Pt. Debut and other points westward of Pt. Elgin, including the two recent accessions at Cookville and Centre Village, now under the pastoral care of Bro. W. A. Allen. Such a division would necessitate a much larger outlay of H. M. funds than is at present given to these sections, but we believe the circumstances of this case call for an enlarged expenditure if we would see the best results.

GERMANTOWN, ALBERT CO.

This church has been associated of late with the Alma church, and since February of the present year both have been under the pastoral care of Bro. M. B. Whitman. Our interests here have suffered much in the past through neglect, but they are now doing good work.

CALEDONIA, ALBERT CO.

Caledonia, with Dawson settlement and adjoining interests, has been for some time pastorless. In June of this year Bro. B. G. Colpitts, a student, came thither by advice of the Board and is now doing good service. His stay, however, will be limited by the length of his vacation. A regularly settled pastor is imperatively needed to do the best work possible.

TANKERSVILLE, ST. JOHN.

The Board has continued to help this church with an appropriation of \$100 for the year. Rev. E. R. Ganong is still the pastor.

BAILEY, CHARLOTTE CO.

Bro. F. B. Seelye, a licensee, is at present on this field and doing good pastoral work. Recently in one of the sections a new place of worship has been opened. The outlook is encouraging.

QUEENSBURY, QUEEN CO.

Assistance has been continued again this year to the Oliver church under the care of Bro. Emmanuel Neale. It is a community of colored people, with a flourishing Sabbath school of about 30 scholars. Bro. Neale also preaches to other congregations of colored people at Magallowick Lake, also at Gibson and in the vicinity of Woodstock. He is performing a much needed service and his labors are well appreciated.

NEWCASTLE, YORK CO.

Bro. H. B. Sloan has been stationed here for the summer, taking in a few points about the Canada Eastern R.R. but a permanent pastor is required throughout the year. There is also a number of sections farther up to the headquarters of the Miramichi which require some attention, and which have already been too long neglected. If the Miramichi church could be attached to the Newcastle field in the joint support

of a pastor, the Board would be left free to help the upper sections better by placing a man over them, thus making complete connection with the upper part of Bro. King's field at Ladlow.

DOAKTOWN, NORTHERN BRUNSWICK CO.

Bro. King's labors here cover an extensive territory along the central part of the Miramichi valley. The field is a hard one, requiring much exposure and long drives of over forty miles from the western to the eastern limits of the present pastorate. The Board realizing the great need of help here has granted an appropriation for an assistant, and Bro. N. B. Rogers, a student, is now at work on the field with him. Early in the present season Bro. King enjoyed an outpouring of God's Spirit at Doaktown, and since Bro. Rogers' arrival the work has been well cared for.

QUEENSBURY, YORK CO.

For some time aid has been rendered to a number of small interests, comprising Upper Queensbury, Springfield, Millville, Temperance Vale and the Barony. Bro. E. C. Jenkins was their pastor last year and part of the present, until his withdrawal to Andover. He was at that time Bro. C. N. Barton, licensee, has been engaged and is proving himself an earnest and diligent worker. There are between forty and fifty Baptist families with a steadily increasing membership. We have given aid to the amount of \$100 per year, but it seems that more must be done if a regular pastorate is to be maintained.

CANTHERBURY, YORK CO.

Bro. C. J. Steeves was on this field at the beginning of the present convention year. Since his retirement, Bro. G. C. Durkee, a student, has been laboring there and several have of late professed religion and united with the churches. Some hope has been cherished of uniting these interests with the section church so as to form a self-sustaining church. This would permit the Board to turn its attention to other fields, so many of which are calling for help.

ABERDEEN, CARLETON CO.

A large tract of country has been recently settled eastward of the St. John river, extending to the head waters of the Miramichi, which offers to us an inviting field. Bro. H. B. Sloan has been visiting and laboring in these parts with true apostolic spirit for some time. By advice of the Board, Bro. Young went with him and held special meetings, as a result of which many were gathered in. This year the Board has been assisting Bro. Sloan by giving him an assistant in Bro. O. R. Merritt, who gives promise of being a useful laborer for the Master.

GRAND FALLS AND ST. FRANÇOIS.

A number of stations, more fully described in last year's report concerning this field are now again occupied by Bro. John Hardy, student. Bro. Hardy is enthusiastic in his work and has a genuine missionary spirit. He has been for much good from his labors during his vacation. There should, however, be a regularly stationed pastor in this section, itinerating from place to place. The story of the destination of this part of our province is saddening to think of.

EXPENDITURE.

As both the Maritime committee and the Board of this Convention began the present year with a large balance on hand, the Board has been enabled to make a much larger outlay than usual. The appropriations to the fields paid during the year have amounted to \$1,981.46. To this must be added \$516.36 which has been paid as the share of N. B. Brunswick on the debt of the former Board. This will make the total expenditure of the year \$2,497.82. As the Board purposes to carry on the work of the coming year with the same liberal spirit it will be necessary for the churches to increase their benevolence to the Home Mission department. The Maritime committee received from churches in New Brunswick in the year just closing \$708.98, while the Board of this convention received \$238.31, making \$1,447.29 as the total amount of funds directly contributed by the N. B. churches during the financial year. We should have at least \$5,000 to do the work required.

The report was spoken to by nearly all present and adopted section by section, discussion not concluding on Monday afternoon. Rev. E. A. Allaby closed the session with prayer.

MONDAY EVENING.

Prayer by Rev. S. H. Cornwall. Minutes of previous session read and approved. Report on Sabbath schools, prepared by A. T. Hicks, was read by the secretary. It suggested the formation of an N. B. Baptist S. S. Convention; gave definite statistics; emphasized the importance of schools in Baptist communities retaining Baptist schools. Before final adoption of this report addresses were delivered by Rev. A. B. McDonald, Rev. T. Todd, Rev. F. D. Davidson, Rev. E. K. Ganong.

After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus name," a number remained to consider the advisability of forming a Baptist S. S. Convention for N. B. The subject was discussed by Revs. S. H. Cornwall, J. H. Hughes, F. D. Davidson and N. B. Cottle, and meeting approved motion of Rev. W. E. McIntyre, that such Convention be formed. The hour being late organization was postponed to Tuesday. Adjourned with prayer.

A social service occupied the hour 9 to 10 p. m. on Tuesday. Convention opening at 10 o'clock.

Discussion of Home Mission report was continued at length, a large number taking part in considering grants to the different fields.

Treasurer Titus presented a report showing a most creditable sum of receipts for the year, and a balance on hand the number of churches contributing was 61.

Afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. C. W. Townsend. Nominating committee reported. The Secretary read a communication

from H. G. Crossport of Acadia Co. adopted the following:

"In view of the fact that the Board of the Maritime Convention, we as churches of N. B. desire more liberal support of that body. The Committee deaths during Jewett, J. E. Smith.

Convention of an S. S. officers: President, F. D. Davidson, secretary, Rev. S. B. Deacon, N. B. Smith, Rev. G. Ganong, Dr. MacDonald.

Rev. T. Todd of a committee of the estate of the to how much it secured. Rev. S. E. Frost, T. H. were appointed.

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Rev. S. H. Cottle of the was adopted 5 minutes.

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The district of ly meeting on ember. There the Rev. M. Redfield was present the Lord's work try. The outlook weather interfered of the district Co. Hammond's Plaford after appoint Monday the 21st meeting at afternoon, and including the 1 The services are character.

In the district habited by colored sult to keep sch authorities of the they can to meet district committee these officers and have secured M. Margaret's Bay, as his work at Pres to do religious work in Sunday school will be able to oc tians and encour bors. The Africa at this place not they had an in colored people, do well in religio committee read Sunday school.