The Report on Foreign Missions Calls Out Lengthy Debate-Other Business.

The Maritime Baptist convention resumed business on the 26th ult., at 10 o'clock. On motion, Dr. Rand of McMaster university and Rev. Geo. A. Hartley of the Free Baptist church, Carleton, were invited to take stats in the convention.

On motion, the convention tendered a vote of thanks to J. J. Wallace of the L. C. R. department, Moncton courtesies extended to convention delegates,-Carried.

Mr. Wallace, after thanking the convention, explained, in answer, he said to a number of enquiries, that certifioates held good on train leaving St. John and going eastward, known to some persons as the C. P. express. Mr. begged the convention mem bers not to confound the two roads in any way. The C. P. R. ended at St. John; all trains running on the I. C. R. were I. C. trains. This particular train could not be a C. P. until the government road became a part of the Canadian Pacific.

The seventeenth annual report of the Home Mission board was presented by Rev. A. Cohoon. The following is a brief synopsis: Rev. Wm. Wetmore missionary at Margaree and Mabou, Inverness Co., N. S., on June 14th. His early life was spent in teaching in New Brunswick, preaching occasionally, as opportunity offered. In 1888 he gave himself wholly to be work of the miristry. Rev. Geo. Crabbe was appointed to position on board made va-cant by removal of Dr. Day, and Rev T. M. Munro to the place of Rev. A. F. Browne, resigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK. Your board has not attempted any work in New Brunswick, in order to allow the New Brunswick convention an opportunity for the prosecution of work-excepting to make the following grants: Aberdeen and Bristol es, Carleton Co., \$50; Cape Tor mentine church. \$100: St. Andrew's group, \$250 per year, and \$10 to Rev D. W. Crandall for work done. The total amount expended in New Brunswick was \$326.66, while \$831 had been The difference has been received. placed to the credit of New Brunswick.

N. S. ASSOCIATION.

Arcadia church has sustained a heavy loss in the death of Dea. Robbins. The Lake George church has secured the service of Geo. C. Durkee in January. The churches at Carleton and Forest Gler have secured a portion of the services of Rev. Geo. C. Crabbe. C. I. McLane was recommended to the Barrington field. A. F. Newcomb has supplied for the Milford church, Annapo lis. The Grand Mountain field was supplied by A. H. Morse till the opening of the college. G. L. Bishop has since been sent to the field. N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Rev. J. L. Read has served in conction with the Long Point church. S. H. Erb continued to serve the New The Waterville church has suffered by the death of Bro. Vaughan. The Brooklyn church has had a prosperous year under the care of B. H. Roach. At Windsor Plains a new church building has been erect-ed. Rev. E. N. Archibald has charge of the Lunenburg church. Several have been added to this church ough the efforts of Evangelist Marple. The Mosher River field has had its first year of continuous pastoral labor. Upwards of twenty have been added to this church during the year. The new group organized last year, emcing New Canada and adjacent stations, has been assisted. They have a new parsonage ready for occu-A small grant was made to St. Margaret's Bay field.

N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION. By advice, \$150 was promised Lower Stewiacke and Musquodoboit churches to assist in making up the salary. Lower Economy and Five Island church have renewed their application for assistance, and a grant of \$100 was made for the current year. River John and New Annan churches were supplied by G. B. Cutten. J. T. Dimock has since been recommended to them and a grant of \$150 given. Port Hillford and Port Beckerton interests show some signs of growth. garee-Mabou group has had its blessings. Upwards of twenty were added by baptism. The Gabarus-Fourche has been under the care of C. W. Allen since '94. A grant of \$40 was made. The Sydney church have completed the work undertaken last year and now have a neat, comfortable place in which to worship The building cost \$4'500. It is in debt.

P. E. I. ASSOCIATION. All the mission fields in this associa tion have received assistance. Pastor Spurr has continued his labors with Fairview. Reports are refreshing. The accompanying tabular state ment will give details of the work. The summary of this we find to be as follows: 1,213 weeks of labor distributed among 71 churches; 3,099 preaching services; 2,613 other meetings; 7,475 religious visits; 5,133 pages of tracts distributed; 486 baptized and 75 received by letter and experience.

The supplements of general mission-aries' salaries and grants to fields amount to \$3,585.89, divided as fol-\$2,110.40 to fields in Nova Scotia; \$326.66 to four fields in New Brunswick; and \$444.16 to five fields in P. E. I.; and \$704.67 in general missionary

The report was taken up section by section, and discussed until the noon hour. A few unimportant changes were made.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The session opened at 2 o'clock. 'After routine a number of bills were presented and on motion ordered to

Rev. J. B. Champion tendered his resignation as a member of home mission board—accepted and referred to the committee on nominations.

The report of the treasurer of the ministerial education board was read and with some slight changes, accepted. The expenditure was \$440 and the

ceipts \$753.f3, leaving a balance of \$313.63 The report of the home mission

was again taken up at this The following will show the finan cial standing of this board:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

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\$5,357 99 PAYMENTS. Paid on notes, 1893-'94.

Paid on salaries of missionaries and grants, 1894-'95

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Paid salary cor. secretary.
Paid travelling expenses corresponding secretary.
Paid stationary, postage, post office orders. 3,130 09 104 01 50 90 orders. etc.

Paid envelopes, priniting, etc. special offering.

Paid blanks, \$2.75; tracts, \$3.

Paid interest on notes.

Paid proportion cost of Year Book.

Held to the credit of New Bruns-504 34 \$5,357 99 "FINANCIAL POSITION.

Total deficit..... .\$2,068 99 After the platform meeting that evening the convention, on motion agreed to revert back to the regular business of the session. The mission report was taken up and finally accepted as a whole. following resolution was then moved by Rev. E. J. Grant:

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moved by Rev. E. J. Grant:

Whereas, The R. C. minority of Manitoba are demanding the establishment of separate schools in that province to be supported at the public expense; and

Whereas, The dominion government has already issued a remedial order calling upon the Manitoba government to comply in some measure at least with the demand of the minority in that province; and

Whereas, The dominion government gives notice of its intention of granting remedial legislation at the next session in the event of Manitoba failing to act upon the remedial order;

Therefore Resolved, That this convention trongly deprecates any interference on the art of the dominion government with the chool affairs of Manitoba. part of On motion by a vote of 20 to 17, this

resolution was tabled until this morn-Rev. C. H. Roscoe moved the adoption of the following resolution:

tion of the following resolution:

Whereas, Rev. E. Bosworth is about to visit Great Britain in the interest of the Grand Ligne mission;

Resolved, that this Baptist convention of the maritime provinces place on record its approval of the work done by the mission and heartily commends our brother and his work to the sympathy of the Christian people of that country;

Resolved Further, That a copy of this resolution, dated August 26th, 1895, and signed by the president and secretary of the convention, be given to Mr. Bosworth. Carried.

Rev. I. Wallace moved the follow. Rev. I. Wallace moved the follow-

ing:

Whereas, A considerable portion of the constituency of this convention think the work of home missions could be best carried forward by our organization from this province: and

Whereas, It is exceedingly desirable that the meeting of the convention be preserved in carrying forward this great work;

Therefore Resolved, That this body hereby express their willingness and pleasure to have the New Brunswick Baptist churches, if they so desire, carry forward home mission work through a committee to be appointed by this body, nominated by brethren of this province, who will report their work at the annual meeting of the convention, to be placed beside that of a similar board from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.—Tabled.

H. C. Creed presented the report of the committee on the state of the denomination: Eight persons had been ordained last year, about held.

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But one new church had been added to the list, that at Hartland, C. C., N. B., on May 3rd. New houses of wor ship had been opened at the following places: Granville Centre, N. S.; Sydney, C. B.; Salmon Creek, N. B.; Head of Lockport Bay, N. S.; Canterbury, N. B.; Windsor Plains, N. S. The number is the same as last year. The following statistics will prove interesting: Number of churches in the eight associations, 400, with a mem bership of 44.953; 2,219 persons were baptized last year, and probably about the same number this year, although the full returns are not yet in.-Adopted.

The convention adjourned at 11.45 o'clock to meet at 9.30 this morning.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION. The Young People's association met Monday morning at 8.30 in the school room of the Germain street church From 8 to 8.30 there was a social meeting led by Rev. H. B. Smith of Springhill, N. S., and in which nearly all present took part. At the business meeting President McDonald occupied the chair. After the reading of minutes of the previous session, the report of the secretary that had been laid over from the last meeting was after some discussion adopted. report of the treasurer was also received. It showed the finances to be in a healthy state, there being a sur plus of \$46.77 over all expenditure. The executive was empowered to spend a limited amount in the distribution of free literature to aid the work of the

A carefully prepared address by Rev. A. T. Dykeman of Dgby on Hints on Organization contained valuable formation, and it was eagerly listened to. The following recommendations by the executive were adopted: That the society give a transfer card

to members removing to other communities. That the names of members who fail to attend four successive meetings without good reason be dropped from

the list of membership. That officers be elected annually in stead of semi-annually, as at present. That county secretaries be ed by the executive to assist the general secretary.

Th report was considered section by section, and none of the sections evoked any lengthy discussion. The election of officers resulted as follows: George A. McDonald of Halifax was elected president, and Rev. F. H. Beales, secretary.

1st vice-president, J. K. Ross, Charlottetown; W. C. Cross, 2nd vice-president.

Editorial secretary , Rev. G. O. Gates. Executive committee, C. L. Martin, B. A. Stamers, John Burgoyne, Halifax; C. W. Corey, Charlottetown Transportation leaders, Rev. J. H. McDonald, Blair Lusby.

A resolution of thanks to the Maritime Publishing company for acceding to their request, and giving their column a more prominent place in the Messenger and Visitor was adopted. The resolution also pledged the loval support of the meeting to the paper. The meeting was then adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING.

After routine, the report of the committee on obituaries was presented by Rev. W. C. Vincent. The report referred at length to the life work of the ate Dr. Hopper of this city. A brief biographical sketch was also given of the late Revs. Wm. Wetmore, Ed. Sibbly, Robt. Morton, Michael Doyle,

D. C. Dawson,-Adopted. E. D. King presented the report of the Grand Ligne missions. It stated that the work had been carried on under the geratest difficulties. At times the missionaries had been mobbed in the discharge of their work. But a number of churches had been ounded and many persons converted about one-half of whom were Roman Catholics. Great work was being carried on in the Teller institute. A number of the voung men who are students at this institution will enter the missionary field as soon as they

complete their studies. Rev. D. G. McDonald presented the report on Northwest missions. There were thirty-three pastors and missionaries laboring there under the direction of Rev. C. H. Mellick ,eleven of whom were unproclaimed. church had been organized and one resuscitated, and a new Baptist church was soon to be organized in Winni-Two church homes have been peg. erected during the year, and there are four in course of construction. The amount raised during the convention year was \$8.453.87 for these missions of which Ontario and Quebec gave \$5,532.29 and the maritime provinces \$2,074.29. Their indebtedness at the close of the convention year \$793. One church became self-sustaining and 478 souls were added to membership, 253 by baptism, making the present membership 27,010. The report recommended that the people of the maritime provinces be interested as far as possible in these missions, and that they be recommended to give as liberally as they could af-

ford towards the work. It was ordered that a delegate be appointed to visit the Grand Ligne

The foreign mission report was presented by the secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. W. Manning of this city. Sev eral of the first sections of the report were adopted without discussion, but the one which referred to salaries bers to their feet. The section reads

MARRIED MISSIONARY. MARRIED MESSIONALI.
First two years after arrival in India\$ 800 00
Next five years. 1,000 00
1,200 00 SINGLE MEN years.... SINGLE WOMEN.

It seems that some of these salaries were higher by one hundred dollars than the committee recommended this

Some of the members of the convention maintained that the salary re-ceived by those missionaries was in many cases too large. Dr. Higgins, replying to this statement, said the health of many of the missionaries in India was breaking down simply because they could not make an annual trip to the hills. His son's wife was now ill simply because her husband remained in the plains, and he did so because he could not afford to go to the hills during the intense heat.

After further discussion the section was adopted, the foreign misison board having given their word that they had no inteneion of breaking faith with any of the misisonaries. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The afternoon meeting was called at 2 o'clock. A number of bills were

presented and on motion ordered to to be paid. The foreign mission report was again taken up. The section with respect to the return of Rev. R. Sanford to India was discussed at length. A motion to refer the matter back to the board to report at an early date was carried by a large major-

ity. The next section of the report was then taken up and discussed. After its adoption, Rev. I. Wallace suggested that it would be a very seemly thing for the convention to ask God's blessing on the missionary work. The chairman requested Mr. Wallace to invoke the divine blessing. Having performed this function, the next sec-

tion of the report was considered. The following is the financial statement contained in this report: "The finances are in a fairly good condition, though the receipts do not equal the expenditures, and are not likely to do so under present methods. The total receipts for the year were \$16,-088.28, and the total expenditures, including the deficit of the past year of \$1,938.70, were \$19,021.51. This leaves deficit of \$2,933.23. But we need about \$2,600 in addition to make our quarterly remittance to the missi aries this week. The balance of the conference centennial fund, amounting to \$2,075.08, has to be provided for in some way, because this sum was included in the receipts when collected and carried to current account.
"It will be seen from the treasurer's

churches of N. B. and P. E. I.

show a slight increase over those of

last year, while those from the church-

the

"Of the \$674.12 received from the Bradshaw trusts, Nos. 1 and 2, for home mission work in New Brunswick, the board are advised that they are, under the terms of the second trust, obliged to pay one-third of the interest accrued therefrom, viz. \$236.25, to the Baptist home m ary board in existence at the date of the gift, and as the home mission board of the Baptist convention of the maritime provinces was then the only Baptist home mission board in existence in the maritime provinces. and still exists, we have authorized secretary treasurer to pay the our amount as above to the home mission board of the Baptist convention of the maritime provinces, to be by them expended for home mission work in

the province of New Brunswick.
"The interest of the first trust of \$437.87 is for home mission work in the province of New Brunswick, the board decided to divide for the present year equally between the home mission board of the Baptist convention of the maritime provinces and the New Brunswick convention, to be by them expended for the foreign mission board, in home mission work in New Brunswick, and have instructed the secretary treasurer to pay same to the trustees of the home mission boards of the Baptist convention of the maritime provinces and of the New Brunswick conventions, \$218.93 to

The greater part of the afternoon was taken up discussing the Bradshaw trusts. It was claimed that the money had not been appropriated according to the specific request of Mr. Bradshaw. The matter is to come up later.—Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION. After general routine the following esolution was moved by Rev. I. Wal-

Whereas, Our esteemed brother, Rev. Dr. Carey, pastor of Brussels street Baptist church in this city, has been called upon in God's providence to pas through deep sorrow in the death of his beloved daughter, which occurred in Empire. Michigan, last week, neces sitating his absence from the convention:

Therefore resolved. That this body express our heartfelt sympathy for him and Mrs. Carey in this dark hour of grief, and pray that they be graciously sustained by the presence and promises of God in their bereavement.—Adopted.

The following is the report of the committee on nominations submitted ty Prof. Sawyer, as follows: Foreign mission board-Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. W

Weeks, Rev. W E. McIntyre, N. C. Scott, Rev. E. E. Daley. Governors of Acadia university-A. P. Shand, A. F. Randolph, D. H. Simpson, Rev. J. A. Gordon, F. H. Eaton. C. B. Whidden, R. J. Haley, B. H.

Eaton. To represent convention on board Grand Ligue mission-Rev. A. T. Dyke-

To represent Northwest in association-Rev. D. G. Macdonald, Rev. J. H. King, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Rev. W. Camp, Rev. J. D. Freeman, Rev. W. H. Warren, S. W. Cummings.

Committee on statistics, etc.-Rev. J. Spurr, H. C. Creed, B. H. Eaton. Committee on ordinations-Rev. H. W. Sawyer, D.D., Rev. E. M. Saunders. Rev. D. A. Steel, Rev. G. W. Carey, Rev. W. W. Robinson, Rev. J. H.

Press committee—Rev. E. M. Saunders, C. W. Corey, W. E. McIntyre. Committee on estimates-R. N. Beckwith, T. R. Black, J. S. Trites, C. E. Northrup.

Committee on travelling arrangements-J. J. Wallace, H. H. Jones, F. H. Eaton.

To preach convention sermon-Rev. W. Camp, alternate; Rev. A. C. Chute. Ministerial board-Rev. J. A. Bancroft, J. B. Barss, J. B. Oakes. Board of ministers' annuity fund-J.

Dumaresq, Wm. Davis, Rev. E. N.

Saunders, J. W. Johnstone, E. D. State of denomination-H. C. Creed. Rev. G. P. Raymond, Rev. W. H. Rob-

Committee on arrangements-Secretary of convention, secretary of boards of convention, pastor of church with which convention shall be held. Cimmittee on obituaries-Rev. J. H. Saunders, Rev. J. C. Spurr, Rev. G. W Schurman

Publication of year book-Rev. A. C. Chute, R. M. King, B. H. Eaton,

Rev. J. A. Gordon. On motion the convention resolved to send delegates to the meeting of the New Brunswick convention. The following were appointed: Dr Kierstead, Rev. J. H. Saunders, Rev.

J. W. Manning, Rev. D. G. MacDonald. Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. J. A. Gordon. T. H. Rand asked permission to make a few remarks, which was granted. He said he had called upon his old friend Sir Leonard Tilley in the morning and had invited him to attend meeting of the convention. He saw Sir Leonard was now present, and he would like to have him invited to the

The chairman extended the invitation, and Sir Leonard ascended the platform amid loud applause. It was several moments before he could make himself heard. He spoke very fittingly, referring in the kindest terms to the Baptist denomination, Sir Leonard spoke of the important part the Baptist church had taken in temperance matters. In conclusion he said he hoped the deliberations of the convention would receive the blessings of God, and that the Baptist church would prosper under divine favor.

platform meeting, which was called at 8 o'clock, was presided over by Vice President Warren. He explained that the meeting was held in the interest of foreign missions. The sneakers were Rev. Dr. Saunders account that the contributions from Halifax, Rev. J. H. Manning of this city and Rev. Mr. Laflame, recent missionary in India. The last speaker, referring to the greatness of India,

es of N. S. are more than \$600 less said it required 1,000,000 men and boys than last year. The amount sent to to take the last census and cost the the treasurer direct has been larger than for some time past. government some \$700,000. The total population was found to be two hundred and eighty-seven and a quarter millions, or one-fifth of the total population of the world. The natural increase between the years 1881 and 1891 was 28,000,000. In this great country there are only 185,000 Protestant Christians. In the Telegu district, where the Baptist nussionaries of Canada are laboring, there are 1,200,000 persons, and yet there are only five missionaries in that district. But with them are associated three females and wenty-four native Telegus. In closing the speaker made an eloquent appeal for aid in behalf of the people in the

> On motion the thanks of the convention was tendered to the people of St. John for hospitable entertainment of lelegates, to the choir of Germain street Baptist church and to the press of the city for courtesies extended.—

Telegu country.-Adjourned.

On motion it was resolved to request the Grand Ligue missionary board to allow Rev. Mr. Grenier and wife to remain in Digby county another six nonths.—Carried.

The foreign missisonary board reorted through Rev. G. O. Gates, that if Rev. Mr. Sanford could get two physicians to certify to the fact that he was physically capable of undertaking the work in India, that the board would send him, if placed in a position to do so. Mr. Gates' report was finally adopt

The report of the governors Acadia college, which was tabled on Saturday, was again taken up last evening. Several sections were and on motion, received.—Adopted as whole.

The treasurer's report of Acadia colege was read by C. W. Roscoe. The total receipts amounted to \$12,365.38. eaving a deficit for the present year of \$197.88. The total accumulated deficit is \$7,149.23.—Adopted.

Rev. Mr. Cohoon read the financial tatement of Horton academy. The eccipts were \$7,297.40, expenses receipts \$7.188:01, leaving a balance of \$109.39, which will go toward reducing the manual equipment debt of 1893.-

Adopted. The report on temperance was pre-ented by Rev. E. J. Grant, in part as follows: For many years we have been accustomed in this convention to lister to reports deploring the dreadful effects on society of the traffic in strong drink. We have passed many resolutions condemnatory of the traffic and have urged upon our governments the necessity of prohibiting the manufac ture, sale, etc., of ardent spirits, all of which petitions have by the government been ignored. It seems to your committee that the Baptists should no longer stand in a false position of passing reports and resolutions condemnatory of the traffic. Your com mittee are convinced that no Christian can consistently support a candidate for the dominion parliament who is not pledged to work and vote for the prohibition of strong drink, irrespective of the attitude of his party. When all the Christian men in this country take such a stand, this reform, so greatly to be desired, will be an ac

Rev. Dr. Saunders said the repor did not go far enough. The whole parliament of Canada was to blame. Al

the members were responsible. C. B. Whidden thought the resolution went too far in stating that every man who supported the government that derived a benefit from the sale of intoxicating liquors was responsible in a measure for the traffic. He was ye to take hs first glass, but he would not support the resolution.

H. C. Creed thought as nearly every government derived more or less revenue from the sale of liquors would be against supporting the resolution.

Mr. King, Q. C., was of the same opinion. Rev. Mr. Sampson spoke in favor of

the resolution. Rev. W. Weeks strongly deprecated the bringing of anything of a political nature into the convention. Rev. S. McC. Black took the same dew as did C. B. Whidden.

Mr. Parsons pointed out that the present government was not responsible for the traffic. It came down from the past ages, from our forefathers, and he claimed the government was not responsible for the traffic. High license was an indication of

high temperance principles. Mr. Young wished to ask Mr. Par sons a question, but the speaker re fused to be interrogated and said he would not answer any questions. On motion of Rev. E. J. Grant the convention gave Mr. Young the right to ask the question. His question was: Supposing a government came into power after having defeated the pre sent government upon the temperance question, would that government

oming into power, be responsible for the existence of the liquor traffic? Mr. Parsons-The convention gave you the privilege of asking the tion, but I shall certainly not answer

Mr. Parsons said the resolution simply meant third party. He said, check the traffic, if they could not get prohibition

Rev. Mr. Grant replied. He said Mr. Parsons' speech was based on the assumption that he had charged the government with creating the traffic, whereas he only charged it with tolerating it. Rev. Mr. Black refused to support

the resolution. Rev. A. Cohoon moved a resolution to the effect that Christian citizens should assist in bringing about the election of good men who would vote for prohibition.

Mr. Grant said this was simply no resolution at all. They had been passing such resolutions for the last 25 There was some more discussion after which the vote was taken. Mr. Cohoon's amendment was carried, 23

to 19. Dr. Hunt as treasurer of the convention, submitted his total receipts amounted to \$147.57. The expenditures left a balance on hand of \$5.75. which was ordered to be paid to the treasurer of denominational

funds in N. B .- Adopted. Rev. F. H. Beales read the report on Sunday schools, which was briefly discussed and adopted.

Rev. A. Cohoon submitted the report on estimates, as follows: \$17,500 for N. S.; \$7,200 for N. B.; \$1,200 for P. E. I.; \$25,900 grand total.-Accept-

A motion that bonds be given by the denominational treasurer, tabled in 1894, be brought up, was carried. It was referred to Rev. Messrs. White, Young and E. D. King to re-

B. H. Eaton resigned the position of governor of Acadia college. A. W Stearns of P. E. Island was appointed in his stead.

Rev. E. J. Grant's motion with reference to the government's interefernce with Manitoba schools was on motion allowedto remain on the table. There was a long discussion with reference to appointing a committee

to prosecute home mission work in Brunswick. Rev. G. O. Gates made a motion to this effect. It was discussed for nearly two hours. Rev. Mr. Gates' motion was carried. and he with Mr. MacDonald appointed to nominate a committee to act in this matter. It is hoped this committee. which is to consist of members from both conventions, will be able to unite the home mission interests in New

from the New Brunswick convention respectfully. The convention adjourned at 4.30 to meet next year at Berwick. Nova Sco-

Brunswick. The work is now being

done by the home mission board of the

maritime convention and a committee

A PROMINENT MAN.

Sketch of Jonathan Parsons of Halifax, President of the Maritime

Jonathan Parsons, B. A., of Hall-

fax, barrister at law, and at present agent of the marine and fisheries department for Nova Scotia, has proved himself a capable presiding officer. A brief sketch of his life will no doubt be interesting to many others than Baptists. He was the youngest son of the late George Parsons of Liverpool, N. S., and when a little fellow injured his ankle, whereby for four years he was compelled to go upon crutches. During this time to school and advanced so well as to begin teaching in 1856 in Chelsea, Lunenburg county. After two years he took charge of a school in Liverpool at the age of seventeen, and for four years he taught the largest school in the town. The summer 1860 he attended the normal school at Truro and received a "first class" li cense from the hands of Doctor Forrester. Then he went in 1862 to Horon academy as assistant teacher and student, and worked his way through college being graduated B. A. in June 1867. His classmates were Rev. J.W. Manning, Judge Graham of Nova Scotia, and W. D. Dimock, M. P. P. of Truro. Mr. Parsons during his undergraduate course taught in Horton academy and Upper Canard. honors in English and Philosophy, and won the alumni prize of \$40 as the best essayist. He was appointed of the Brunswick street principal school of Halifax, and showed great powers of organization and awakened increasing enthusiasm among the pupils. In 1868, Mr. Parsons was married to Miss Eleonora Cutten of Am-herst, who died four years ago. He received in 1888 the office of inspector of schools for the city and county of Halifax, which position he held four years, when, for political reasons alone, he was displaced by the local "anti" government then in power. Inquiry made in parliament by Hon. Hiram Blanchard elicited the fact that no charge could be made against him except that he was a close friend of T. H. Rend, who had been dismissed from the superintendence of education. He then began the study law with Hon.Hiram Blanchard in December, 1877, was admitted to the bar and began practice in Halifax. Mr. Parsons, for forty years, has been active in temperance work, mostly in the Sons of Temperance. the grand division at Hantsport in 1862, and the national division at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1879. He was grand worthy patriarch of Nova Scotia in He was editor for three years of the Alliance Journal, the organ of the "Sons" and "Templars," and was a well known speaker on the temperance platform in his own province and in various states of the union. Mr. Parsons was superintendthe North Baptist Sunday school sixteen years.

Last August Mr. Parsons was appointed agent of the marine and fishery department for Nova Scotia, to the duties of which office he brought much practical knowledge. Through the press he has given much readable information respecting lighthouses, buoys, fog alarms, life boats; Sable, St. Paul's and Seal islands. He visited outlying stations on the southern Nova Scotia coast last winter and in March visited Sable island. In politics Mr. Parsons was liberal conservative. In the 1882 election he was one of the candidates in Halifax for the local legislature, as a supporter of J. S. D. Thompson, then local premier, and was defeated by some sixty votes. His defeat was attributed to his strong words against the liquor traffic. In 1881 he was appointed prothonotary of the supreme court at Halifax and resigned the position to run the election. In 1886, when the "repeal" cry was raised by the Fielding government, Mr. Parsons accepted a nomination to run the election in favor of union and loyalty in the

county of Guysboro. Thus for a third of a century, Mr. Parsons has been closely identified with the educational, temperance and social, political and religious growth of the country. He is tall, stout and ruddy, with hair decidedly inclining to grey. He is a ready and fluent speaker, and as presiding officer, is prompt and alert and decided. The convention under his presidency rushed business along in grand style.

DIZZY HEIGHTS.

Persons who cannot restrain a shudder when they look from a height to the earth below will appreciate the experience of Clough, the English poet. He was once conducted to the edge of a precipice in Wales by a friend, and the effect on his nerves was so violent that he fell back on the grass ghastly pale and ill, like a man at the point of death.

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