

Rev. I. C. Archibald: Our mission is young, so we must not be discouraged. The American mission after 31 years had only one church at Nellore, with 38 members. We have a grand, populous and flourishing country in which to work. We have four stations, 13 sub-stations. Now we have six churches and 160 members. Have had 250 members, and have been at work only 16 years. The character of our Christian converts compares favorably with that of Christians in other missions. They are probably better than those in Dr. Clough's field. As to giving, if we were giving as much in proportion, there would be no difficulty in sending 27 missionaries. More than one-third of the 160 members give one-tenth of their income. We have 35 native agents, of whom 16 are educated. But as yet the vast body of people have not been touched. We should have a spirit of patience. We shall have, soon, hundreds of converts.

An opportunity was now given for volunteers to appear on the platform, when ten young men, including a son of President Whidden, came forward. It was an impressive occasion. Prayer on behalf of the young men was offered by Rev. Isaiah Wallace. The President called for an address from Rev. W. B. Hinson, of Moncton. Mr. Hinson's remarks were striking and effective. The church, he said, once prayed that the doors into heathen countries might be opened, and God answered her prayers. Then the church prayed for men, and God has now answered her prayers, and the men are now here in numbers. Now the church is praying for money, and he believed God would answer this prayer also. But God will refuse to do for men what they can do themselves. There is money in the hands of Christians which, if given in the manner of the Jews before Christ's time or as some give now, would prove enough for the needs of the church. Some men are always going to do something when they die; but a gift from a living man was better than from the hand of a corpse.

Rev. L. D. Morse wished to say farewell. His prayer is, "If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence." He knew the brethren expected him to live a Christian life in India, to do his best to win men out of heathenism. God expects this from him and he expects it of himself. He felt unworthy to undertake this work, but God continually wants him to do things he is unworthy to do. So he goes forward. He asked the audience to try to realize the needs of the world. If we only realized the need of India, how earnest we should be. If we wish others to be interested we must be interested ourselves. We must ourselves be the very thing we wish others to be. Every victory we get over ourselves makes us of more blessing to the world. Mr. Morse's words were timely and in the best spirit; and he has the prayers of the Convention in his great work.

The hour was late, but Rev. J. F. Burditt was called for and in a few minutes uttered truths of great practical value. So closed the Foreign Mission meeting.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The first question submitted was the report of the Committee on Credentials. It was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Credentials beg to report: We find that two parties claiming to be the Dorchester church have sent delegates to this meeting of Convention.

We learn that a committee of the Eastern N. B. Association gave careful consideration to the questions involved in the dispute, out of which these parties have arisen, and that said committee of the Association advised the two parties to call a mutual council, to aid them in settling their difficulties.

Inasmuch as no such council has been called, and the difficulties still exist, with additional complications, your committee find it impossible to decide in favor of the claims of either set of delegates to represent the church in this Convention.

We strongly commend to these brethren the recommendation of their Association, the Eastern N. B., to seek the help of a mutual council in settling their difficulties. D. F. HIGGINS, Chairman.

On motion the six delegates from both parties claiming to be the Dorchester church were invited to seats in the Convention.

The report of the treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board showed that the receipts were \$14,491.12 and the expenditure amounted to \$14,261.11, leaving a balance on hand of \$230.01. The estimates for the coming year reach the sum of \$18,020. In discussing the proposed method of raising the increased amount,

Rev. G. O. Gates stated that the sisters of the church had guaranteed \$1,000 more this year than last, and the board placed reliance enough upon the Christian spirit of the denomination to take the step the board had.

Appointments to the boards and committees were made as follows:

Ministerial Education.—To be members of the Board for 1891-4: Rev. P. A. McEwen, Edgar D. Shand, Esq., J. E. Masters, Esq.

Members of Home Mission Board for term 1891-2.—Rev. G. R. White, Rev. J. H. Robbins, Rev. W. H. Robinson, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Rev. Truman Bishop.

In the place of Rev. L. E. Bill, resigned, term ending 1893.—George E. Crosby to be in his stead.

To be members of Foreign Mission Board, term 1891-4.—John March, Esq.,

Rev. J. A. Ford, T. A. Simms, Esq., C. F. Clinch, Esq., Rev. S. Welton.

In place of C. P. Baker, Esq., for term ending 1893.—Rev. H. G. Melnick.

To be members of Board of Governors of Acadia College, term ending 1892.—Rev. S. B. Kempton and Willard O. Wright, A. B., of Hopedale, Albert Co.

For term ending 1892.—G. G. King, M. P., of Chipman, Queens Co., N. B., and Chas. M. Woodworth, nominee of associated alumni of the University, and we recommend that the rule of Convention in the case be suspended.

For term ending 1893.—Hon. J. W. Johnston, D. C. L., Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D.

We recommend as the committee on obituaries.—Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. E. Hinson and Rev. J. A. Cahill.

To be treasurer of Convention Fund.—Rev. G. E. Day, D. D.

Arrangements.—For the annual meeting: Prof. Keirstead, H. C. Creed, Esq., the secretaries of the Board of Convention, and the pastor of the church where the Convention is held.

Travelling.—Messrs. J. J. Wallace, John Hay and P. McG. Archibald.

Place of meeting.—The place of meeting for 1892 to be Bridgetown, N. S., with the Annapolis and Upper Granville church. Rev. W. B. Hinson to preach the Convention sermon; alternate, Rev. S. Welton.

The following to be committee on publication of Year Book.—Messrs. J. Parsons, Esq., D. King, Esq., Burgoyne and Rev. Dr. Day.

Rev. S. B. Kempton, secretary to the Board of Governors of Acadia University, presented his report, which was adopted with very little discussion.

The report showed that during the year the board had been incorporated under the name of "The Board of Governors, Acadia University," and henceforth the institution would be known in legal documents as Acadia University. Rev. T. A. Higgins, who had served the board as secretary faithfully for eight years had resigned in October last. Rev. S. B. Kempton had been appointed. A review of the year's work showed that the number of students had been the largest yet, 137. Twenty of the graduating class had the ministry in view; eight of them had volunteered as missionaries. The report paid a compliment to the staff of instructors, but the board desired to strengthen the chair of classics by the appointment of an additional instructor.

Mr. Haley would assist the professor of mathematics. The gymnasium had been furnished and equipped, and students were now required to exercise systematically. A section of interest related to benefactors. Mr. J. W. Bane had given \$10,000 in addition to \$10,000 previously given. Both amounts had been put together at his request, making a fund to be used for endowing the chair of classics, to be known as the Bane Professorship of Classics. The section referring to theological instruction was discussed briefly. A. DeW. Bane, A. M., M. D., had been engaged to deliver lectures in physiology. Horton Academy was in a flourishing condition. There were 85 students. There was need of endowment. Steps were taken at once to establish a manual training department in connection with the college. The seminary had 46 students pursuing the regular course, and 56 taking special studies. The board had in prospect the engagement of a German lady of high recommendation as teacher of instrumental music.

Mr. E. W. Sawyer, treasurer of Acadia Seminary and Chipman Hall, read the financial statement of these departments, showing that the year's income was \$5,986.20; expenditure \$5,647.87, leaving on hand a balance \$238.33.

Dr. Sawyer read the financial statement of the Ministerial Education Board, showing that \$796 had been paid to students during the year, leaving a balance on hand of \$218. Greater liberality was urged. An appeal made by him through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR had yielded a gross return of \$9, and he inferred from this that very little interest was taken in the subject by the denomination.

The report of the Ministerial Relief and Aid Board was read by Rev. Mr. Manning. The report showed that the board had paid out an average of \$900 for ten years. The board had gone out of existence since the incorporation of the Ministers' Annuity Fund Board. There was a necessity for an increase of capital for this fund.

On motion of Dr. Saunders, Rev. A. Colborn was nominated for the Grande Ligne Board of Missions, and requested to visit the mission.

Rev. C. W. Williams moved that his motion of last year, referring to the adjustment of mission funds, be taken from the table. A general discussion followed. An amendment was moved by Rev. I. E. Bill, and an amendment to the amendment was also moved by the Rev. I. C. Archibald, when on motion of Dr. Sawyer the matter was disposed of by being referred to a committee, this time consisting of Rev. A. Colborn, Rev. C. W. Williams, Rev. I. C. Archibald, Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. J. W. Manning, Dr. Sawyer, Rev. J. A. Gordon, John March.

Prof. Keirstead and Rev. I. E. Bill were appointed to forward to Mrs. C. H. Spurgeon, an expression of the sympathy of Convention with Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon in their present affliction.

In the evening addresses were given on education.

Rev. Dr. Sawyer "enunciated the policy of the Board of Governors of the college

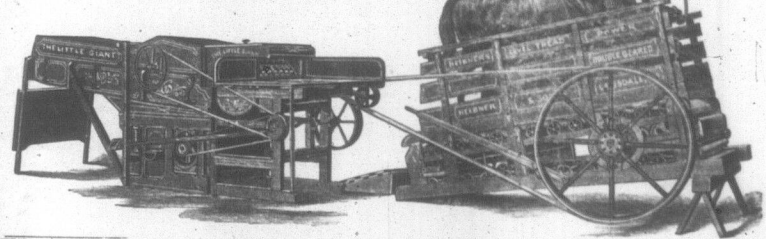
—to maintain a first-class academy for a classical education preparatory to a college course, and a general education to fit young men for the practical pursuits of life. It was not proposed to interfere with the high schools and county academies of the provinces; these should be supported more fully than they already were. The governors of the college were in hearty sympathy with the public school system. But there were a larger number who could not avail themselves of a thoroughly equipped high school than there were of those who could, and it was largely for the support of these that the support of Horton Academy was asked for. If the full history of this academy were to be written, it would be a matter of surprise to many to find what large numbers of young men had been drawn from obscure localities, and now held responsible positions, owing to the influence of its teachings. The value of the work accomplished within its 60 years' history could not be over estimated at one million dollars from a business standpoint alone. The policy of the board was to further equip the academy—so fully, indeed, as though this was the only work on their hands. And these remarks would apply with equal force to the seminary for young ladies. Thousands of young women were beyond the range of the high schools, and the object of the seminary work was to lift the rural population of our country to a higher social plane. While this might be done without regard to the church, it must be admitted that there was an advantage in carrying on this work in harmony with the Christian religion. Comparatively small success need be expected in heathen lands until the representatives of a Christian country were also representatives of Christianity. The ideal was higher education in conjunction with the binding and sacred obligations of the Gospel of Christ. Referring to some criticisms of the board's policy, the speaker said it was their clear purpose to maintain the arts course in its full strength. They feel it should be made as strong as funds will allow. There is no idea of weakening it. But we have to enquire how this work is affecting us as a denomination. The number of men entering the ministry is about the same, but the number of educated men is not increasing. We educate men and send them abroad. How are we going to obtain a ministry in any measure educated on that plan? No one has answered that question. The royal road to the ministry to day appeared to be through Rochester university, with a side track through Newton. This course landed students in good enough company, but not in their own land; and it was this result the board, and the friends of the college, were determined to obviate—and that not by a short cut, as had been said, but by a longer method than obtained in other quarters. The governors had put their hands to this business, and had no intention of surrendering until told to do so by the unmistakable voice of the denomination. Everybody was not expected to be a B. A. Indeed, his private opinion was that in the case of many students the time and money required to obtain such an appendage to their names would be a sheer waste of means. Practical wisdom was not to seek to make all German philosophers, but to adopt methods to the needs of the field that they were called upon to serve. If the true voice of prophecy could be uttered to day, he felt convinced the voice would be "Combine your force and enlarge your works." Notwithstanding the numerous societies of women in the denomination, he felt persuaded that not more than one-tenth of the women were doing organized Christian work, and with the men the case was far worse. Combination was necessary before enlargement; and this thought he wished to leave with the Convention, and trusted there would be a unity of forces, so that the best results might be achieved in doing the denomination's part in the conquest of the world."

Principal Oakes gave a comprehensive sketch of Horton Academy since its formation 63 years ago. Four thousand students had been enrolled, 600 had entered college, most of whom had taken a college course, and many matriculated. During the past year 54 per cent. of those entering college had come from the academy. In order the better to fill the needs of the present day, steps were being taken to enlarge the academy and add to its equipment. We ought not to disparage either our denominational education or our public education. On education largely rests the hope of our denomination and of the country. The question what to teach and how to teach is still unanswered. At present we are only in the early stages and we must not be satisfied while improvement is possible. At the same time we ought not to criticize too severely. No man, or body of men has a monopoly of wisdom.

Rev. A. Colborn spoke earnestly on behalf of Acadia Seminary. The need of enlargement was evidence of the growth and value of the school. The work of building is to go on with vigor. Miss Graves is returning from some years of residence abroad more fully prepared than ever for her valuable service. It had

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been said by her pupils that to live with Miss Graves is an education.

Rev. Dr. Hopper spoke with great fervor on behalf of the Union Baptist Seminary. He pleaded for recognition of the good work they are doing at St. Martins. It had been reported that they wished to make a college at St. Martins, but there was no such aim in the mind of the board nor in his mind. They intend to make as good an academy and as good a seminary as any in these provinces, and he claimed they have such schools now. As to the character of the schools they are marking out roads that lead to Christ. No institution does more to enshrine the Saviour than St. Martins Seminary. It is a shame to teach Roman history and to leave out the history of Israel. The school is of pronounced Christian character. They have departed entirely from the Roman system of nunnery and cloister; they have at St. Martins a Christian home. The influence has been good. They stand on the principle of co-education. He is satisfied that this principle is in harmony with the work and with sound educational principles. They have an excellent preceptress in Miss Lyford. Strengthen the schools at Horton, but do not forget St. Martins. We ought to have a standing committee on education to gather up all the facts on our educational work at Horton and St. Martins and everywhere, and to present these facts to the body. Baptists are doing well in their educational work. Last year they had 100 more in their schools in the Maritime Provinces than any other denomination. And Baptists ought to be enterprising, aggressive and united in their work, for we represent principles which are essential and which others do not so fully advocate. We stand for a regenerated church of Christ. And we must stand for our principles until we are taken away. Their immediate need at St. Martins is \$15,000, of which they have \$12,000 pledged. He asked for pledges for \$1,000 more.

After the education speeches business was resumed. A report of a committee, of which Bro. H. C. Creed was chairman, was adopted, providing for closing the accounts in due time, and making other arrangements in regard to the reports on finances. Hereafter the report of the treasurer of Convention Fund will group the churches according to Associations.

Rev. Dr. Day was elected treasurer of Convention Fund for the ensuing year. On motion of Rev. W. H. Warren the same salary as last year was voted for the coming year.

On motion of Dr. Saunders, seconded by Dr. Sawyer, it was

Resolved, That this Convention has heard from Dr. Hopper with much satisfaction of the past success of the St. Martins Seminary and of the prospect of enlarged usefulness in the future.

As it was past midnight when the notice of change of constitution, given by Rev. J. H. Foslay, was reached, there was not time to discuss the subject. The same notice, however, was given by Rev. F. M. Young, and it will accordingly come up next year.

It was resolved that the churches be requested to take collections for the Annuity Fund on the first Sunday in November. Rev. D. W. Crandall gave notice of a change of constitution so as to have Convention meet a week earlier than at present. Bro. C. E. Knapp also gave notice of motion to change the constitution so as to reduce the membership. These notices will be printed in full in the Year Book. It was resolved that the Home Mission Board endeavor to raise \$1,500 during the coming year for Manitoba and North West Missions.

The thanks of Convention were unanimously given by a rising vote to the friends at Moncton for their kindness in entertaining the Convention. It was stated that the committee had located over 400 persons. The pastor and the clerk have had a vast amount of work in this connection. The thanks of Convention were tendered the President for his services during the annual meeting, and Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Day, to meet at Bridgetown in August next year. And so another denominational year passes into history.

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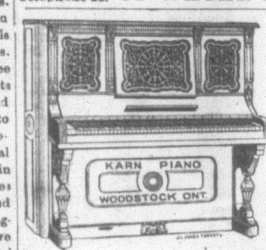
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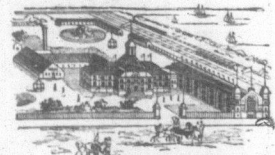
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