

agriculturists will be increased threefold; so that, even without a larger average acreage than we had last year, the amount for export would be upwards of 40,000,000 bushels. Now that we are not laboring under railway monopoly or other disadvantages, what we desire most in this country is to induce people to come here to develop it; we want our lands settled. Whatever defects or shortcomings the present Government may have, they are determined to use every means to secure for this Province a large share of the emigrants leaving the older countries and our older Provinces; and they are now preparing to offer every inducement to settlers. (The speaker further showed, by using some other maps, the extent of territory the people of this country would occupy if they were as thickly settled as the continent of Europe, including Russia, that is having a population of ninety to the square mile. The settled district would, he estimated, measure only 24x42 miles.) Probably some will ask what has all this to do with the Baptist Convention? There is no question that with the possibilities and advantages this country has a field for immigration, the people of other countries will come here to settle; and in that case the Baptist denomination, in common with the Presbyterian, Methodist, Church of England and others, will need to have a foundation laid that these people may have church homes in which to worship. There is no greater inducement to many settlers to come to a new country than the fact that they will possess those religious privileges which they deem absolutely necessary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock; Mr. G. F. Stephens, Vice-President, in the chair.

After prayer by Bro. W. T. Graham, of Brandon, the Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. H. Doolittle, presented his report, making some explanations as to a change in the beginning of the statistical year. The report extends from May 1st, 1887, to April 30th, 1888. It shows the total membership of the organized churches to be 797; a total amount of money raised for home purposes of \$8,442.97; of money raised for missions and other work abroad of \$850.02; and a grand total raised for all purposes of \$9,162.99. The report was received, on a motion of Mr. D. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Whitmore.

EXECUTIVE BOARD'S REPORT.

The report of the Executive Board was submitted by Rev. J. H. Best. It referred to the year's work as having been, on the whole, one of signal blessing and success. On October 31st, when the Dominion Board ceased operations in this country, there were but two missions being operated by them in Manitoba and the North-West; the missionaries now number fourteen, and they minister to forty-seven congregations; the colporteur and the general superintendent not being included.

The report was received on motion of Mr. H. H. Stovel, seconded by Mr. W. A. McIntyre.

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