

children to be baptized? No. Then, if all the incidents, and all the allusions, and all the commands, point to believers' immersion, and if no incident, and no allusion, and no command suits infant sprinkling—what is the duty of Christian men? Search the Scriptures and see if these things are so.

The Forward Movement Handsomely Finished.

The editor's stirring call a few weeks ago to "finish it handsomely" has been responded to in the noblest fashion, and on Saturday, November 1st, the authorities of Wolfville were able to say to one another, and to the public, "The Acadia Forward Movement has been handsomely finished." On the evening of that day the treasurer's accounts showed that there had been received from the home field \$61,514, as follows:

Supplemental amount, making with Mr. Rockefeller's gift, \$75,000,	\$60,000 00
To cover commission of 5 per cent to American Baptist Educational Society, on the \$75,000 received through the Society,	750 00
Surplus received,	764 00
Total raised on home field, Add Mr. Rockefeller's gift,	\$61,514 00
Then the total receipts from the Movement will be,	\$76,514 00

Five years ago, the raising of \$75,000 in a single undertaking for the educational work, was felt to be, even by the most sanguine, a colossal undertaking. Now that it has been accomplished there is every reason for mutual congratulation and for deep thankfulness to God. It is fitting also that some one, as representing the Board of Governors, should make grateful acknowledgments to all those who have helped to bring the undertaking to a successful issue.

The interest taken in the movement by the American Baptist Education Society at the start, through which Mr. Rockefeller's pledge of \$75,000 was secured, was of the greatest moment to us. Without the encouragement from that quarter it is difficult to believe that the movement could have been set a-going with any assurance of success. Our sincerest thanks are due to the Society and to Mr. Rockefeller who so cordially endorsed the Society's recommendation.

It is but proper too, that the great services of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR throughout the campaign should be gratefully recognized. At the start the editor practically placed the paper at the disposal of the Governors for a week, that a special illustrated educational number might be issued. Since that, the paper has not only been open to the constant use of those conducting the campaign, but the editor has given his warmest sympathies and the repeated and timely use of his pen in its support, and in all these ways has rendered invaluable aid.

Thanks are due also to all those who helped to secure the subscriptions at the beginning, or have assisted in the work of collection since. In this connection all hearts will turn very tenderly to our dear brother, Rev. W. E. Hall, who did such excellent service as a canvasser during the first year, and subsequently as collector. He was paid for his services, but he was no hireling. It was with him a labor of consuming love, and into it he poured his life without stint. The Lord be merciful and gracious to his servant in his great affliction, and to all those in his home in their weary days of trial.

And what shall be said to that multitude, numbering about three thousand subscribers, whose gifts, from five thousand dollars to a dollar, are represented in the magnificent sum named above? To some of them we cannot speak our thanks; they have "gone by the upland way," beyond the reach of earthly speech, to receive their meed of praise from the Master's own lips. To the many who still remain the Board tenders its most earnest thanks. The response in dollars has been splendid, and the spirit of it all has been beyond praise. There have been hours of anxiety and weariness for those who have had the matter in charge, but the dominant feeling has been one of confidence and joy, and that by reason of the spirit which has made itself manifest throughout the churches. The Lord requite his servants!

Above all, let thanks be given to God. For whatever the human agencies that have been at work, certain it is that only the constraints of the Saviour's love, and the free working of God's Spirit in the hearts of his people, have given to these agencies effectiveness and success.

The relief to the finances of the Institutions is very material. Much remains to be done, especially in respect to the College, if the demands of the times are to be met, and the College is to hold its relative position among the Colleges of the country in these days of rapid development; but the Forward Movement has helped to cement the foundations of College, Seminary and Academy more securely, and to inspire increased confidence and hope with respect to the superstructure.

There have been other benefits accruing from the movement. An enlarged view of the denomination's

resources has been created, a fine denominational *esprit de corps* has been disclosed, which may be relied upon and taken advantage of in the future, and the spirit of faith and expectation has been stimulated. Richer blessings still are bound to follow upon movements like this, and the Twentieth Century missionary endeavor. It is according to the divine order that we should look for the conversion of souls and a higher spiritual life in the churches. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." "Give, and it shall be given unto you." These are divine declarations which will not fail of fulfillment. We are surely warranted in looking for spiritual revival in the churches this winter. Yes, and when we shall have made this larger generosity towards the work of God the habit of our denominational life, who can doubt that the normal spiritual life of the churches will be correspondingly raised, and the wilderness become fruitful as like the garden of the Lord.

Wolfville, Nov. 6th.

T. TROTTER.

Ontario Letter.

REV. P. K. DAYFOOT.

The convention of Ontario and Quebec was held Oct. 15-21, 1902, in the edifice of the first Baptist church, Montreal; the pastor of which, Rev. J. A. Gordon, is well known by Maritime Baptists; and is becoming more and more appreciated by the brethren in the West. It is needless to say that every provision was made for the convenience of the delegates; and every effort made by all Baptists of the city to show them a real New Testament style of hospitality.

The first session was held Wednesday evening and was mainly a business meeting, except the address of the retiring president, Mr. McNee of Windsor, Ont., who spoke of several respects in which he considered we as Baptists might improve and amend our ways.

DEVOTIONAL.

The morning session began each day with a sermon by some brother previously appointed. These services were largely attended and lifted the Convention out of mere routine into the atmosphere of devotion.

EDUCATIONAL.

Chancellor Wallace reported. The enrolment is encouraging; being 191 in McMaster, 132 in Woodstock College, and 116 in Monlton Ladies College. In addition to the excellence of the scholastic work, McMaster students now hold the championship in the Intercollegiate debating series. During the year several of the students professed conversion.

Woodstock College is the leader of all our Ontario institutions in the matter of Manual Training and while the Government schools are just beginning to introduce the system, we can point to twelve years of successful experience in that line.

In Monlton College, every effort is made to give our daughters not only an education equal to any, but a development of heart and character, that will make them noble and useful women; and the address of Mrs. Wells, the principal, showed that in her we have one who will not fall below this high ideal.

PUBLICATION.

Editor Roberts of the Canadian Baptist, showed that the business done in Sunday School paper and Lesson helps continues to grow, and the paper shows a gratifying profit, in spite of arrearages and other difficulties common to journals of this nature. The board therefore is able to declare dividends of \$25.00 to superannuation, 187 50 to Foreign Missions, \$150.00 to Home Missions, \$37 50 to Manitoba Missions.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report showed that in our schools there are enrolled 36,450 pupils, 4,472 teachers, in 425 schools. From these there came during the year 1,338 conversions. Contributions were given to Home Missions, \$1,577 63; Foreign Missions, \$1,635 67; Manitoba & North west, \$1,206.25; and for Grande Ligne, \$1,445 58. The report urged the appointment of a general superintendent of Sunday Schools, who can give his time to the development of this important department.

CHURCH EDIFICE.

This Board, though one of the smaller departments, has done great things. Organized twenty years ago, the fund has never amounted to more than \$9000.00; yet from this no less than 91 churches have been aided to the extent of \$43,000.00. Surely this has been wise and clever financing. During the past year the loans have amounted to \$2,385.47.

THE STATE OF RELIGION.

is one of the most important topics that ever comes before the Convention and Dr. Goodspeed has the genius to prepare this report. The paper showed that there have been 16 ordinations to the ministry during the year, yet there is so great a need of more men in the pastorate, that the H. M. Superintendent is seriously embarrassed in filling vacancies. The associational reports show that there have been 2,202 baptisms, a gain of 1,069, the membership now standing at 43,940. Contributions were given at the rate of \$7.22 per member for home work,

\$1.76 per member for abroad or a total of \$8.98 per member for all purposes.

SUNDAY.

was a high day. Three convention sermons were preached to large and attentive audiences, Rev. Dr. Sowerby of London, preached for Foreign Missions; Rev. L. S. Hughson of Lindsay spoke for Home Missions; and Rev. J. D. Freeman of Toronto discussed Christian Education. In addition, about forty-five pastors supplied pulpits of other bodies in the city and neighboring district.

THE NORTH WEST.

was a live subject. We have now in Manitoba 98 churches, 5,000 members. Preaching is provided for 30 different nationalities. Last year the people gave \$12 per head for local work, and \$1.71 per head for missions. In British Columbia there are 19 churches scattered among the hills, yet all doing faithful work.

HOME MISSIONS.

The report roused the Convention to great enthusiasm. Not in many years has such splendid advance been made, and Superintendent Norton, though greatly burdened with work, must have been light of heart as he listened to the commendations of his brethren. The notes of advance were—first, increased fruitfulness in the fields; second, the increase of settled pastors in home mission fields; third, new openings in the larger towns and at central places; fourth, the remarkable work in New Ontario, where Baptists are seizing the strategic points as never before. The mission staff includes 124 pastors and 53 students. Edifices have been built in 8 fields, while 5 churches have declared for self-support. From the home mission churches contributions to mission funds amounted to \$10,209 79, or 44 per cent. of all the invested funds of this department.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Secretary Brown read his report Monday, at 2.30 p. m., and the Convention spent the afternoon considering the same. Five missionaries are home on furlough, and seven new missionaries are under appointment, four for India and three for Bolivia. The income for the year reached the highest point ever attained, and amounted to \$36,314.64. Nearly all our churches have given something. The baptisms in India were 297, all of whom were carefully tested before being received. The total membership is 4,163. There are 178 Sunday schools taught by 284 teachers, with an attendance of 4,000. The medical missionaries are doing great work. Dr. Chute treated 2,348 cases, and Dr. Smith 3,533, besides preaching and teaching. There are 78 village schools, with 1366 pupils, and 9 boarding schools with an attendance of 304. The Seminary had 90 students.

The Bolivia work goes forward most successfully. The schools have flourished beyond expectation, and openings for evangelistic work have opened on every hand. The fees have sufficed to pay the salaries of five out of eight of the missionaries.

GRANDE LIGNE.

The centre of this work is Feller Institute, in which there were 73 boys and 55 girls last year, of whom 9 were Roman Catholics. Ten were baptized, including 2 Catholics. There are thirteen stations in Quebec, each one of whom is a beacon light. In Manitoba there is one missionary, and another in Digby Co., N. S., and all are encouragingly progressive. A separate field is the Ottawa Valley, over which Rev. G. F. McFaul presides, and vigorously pushes on the work.

Miss Northwood in Ottawa and Mrs. Scott in Montreal are going from house to house, talking, reading, giving Bibles and tracts, and their work is signally blessed of God.

The climax of the Convention was reached on Tuesday when 500 delegates and friends entrained at 1 p. m. and journeyed to Grande Ligne to visit the Institute and aid in the dedication of the new wing. There they saw the splendid structure reared upon the foundation laid by Mme. Feller many years ago. Side by side stand the small log hut in which that sainted woman lived and labored, and the elegant stone building, ready to receive 2.5 students, equipped with a staff of trained teachers, second to none in their special departments. After viewing the graves of the dead, saluting the living, and filling their souls with enthusiasm, the delegates took their westward way, feeling that there had never been a better Convention than that of 1902.

REPENTANCE.

Repentance is more than a human resolve, more than a turning from sin, more than a turning to God, it is a response to God, the climax of a state of man in which God seeks us ere we seek him. . . . Never have you reflected over a discreditable past, an unsatisfactory present or a disquieted future, but God has been present in your pensiveness. Every feeble wish within yourself for better things, for nobler life, was, and is, the work of that Spirit who helpeth our infirmities. . . . You are not alone in the struggle, and never were; you may have a distrust for your own state of mind; there is no need to have for God made it; let the climax of your inward striving be, "I will arise and go to my father."—Ex.