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Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, N. B., Oct. 17.—This town was visited this evening by the most disastrous fire it has experienced in a number of years, the big woodworking plant of Haley & Son being completely destroyed so that nothing but the concrete boiler house and the tall brick chimney remain. Included in the property destroyed were two dwellings owned by John Cavanaugh.

The fire was discovered soon after the crew had finished for the day, and within a very few minutes the entire plant was wrapped in fierce flames that were fanned by a gale from the northwest.

The plant was located at one extreme end of the town where only a six inch main supplied water, and with many streams opened the pressure proved inadequate, and it was with great difficulty that closely adjoining buildings were saved.

Departments from Four Towns.

The fire departments from the four towns responded promptly and fought well under the conditions which confronted them. The wind carried great showers of sparks directly on the big plant of the Dominion Fertilizer Company, but its rubberoid roofing saved that property from damage.

The buildings of Mr. Cavanaugh, one occupied by himself and the other as a tenement were directly in the line of the flames and closely adjoining the mill, and could not be saved. His loss will be in the neighborhood of $4,000 with some insurance.

Several cars loaded with lumber were on the C. P. R. tracks beside the mill and were consumed, while a considerable section of rails was warped and twisted and a number of telegraph poles burned. The incoming express this evening had to stop about a mile from the station.

Haley & Son had on hand a large stock of rough and manufactured lumber and were in the midst of a very busy season. One regrettable feature is that fifty or more men will be thrown out of employment at a bad time of year.

Haley & Son place their loss on plant and stock at $100,000, on which there is insurance of $58,500. The firm is one of the best known and most popular in Charlotte county, and it is very gratifying to learn that they will at once commence the erection of a large and modern mill.

In the meantime they will operate their mill in Calais to its full capacity day and night.

The fire was of a very spectacular nature and illuminated the sky in all directions for many miles, immense crowds of people being drawn to the scene. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have started in the glue shop.

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preciation of the same. We also would urge that all our ministers and delegates from Scott Act counties use their utmost influence to effect the repeal of said Scott Act so as to give the new law a fair trial.

And your committee would also recommend that this convention, through its ministers and delegates support only men favorable to an impartial and effective enforcement of all our prohibitive legislation.

Your committee would also recommend that the Dominion parliament enact such laws as will prohibit the manufacture and importation of intoxicants in provinces that have enacted prohibition.

Your committee would further recommend that steps be taken at once to communicate to the proper authorities our protest against the "wet canteen" in Britain, and also that we record an emphatic protest against the giving of rum rations to our Canadian soldier boys in the trenches, and that we ask the same protection in Britain for them that they had in Canada, and that copies of this be sent to the Minister of Militia.

State of the Church.

The report on the state of the denomination was read by R. Osgood Morse and adopted. New Brunswick has 293 churches, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island 286, a total of 579 for the three provinces. The 579 churches represented 260 pastorates, many of the pastors having from three to six churches. The total membership reported this year was 61,979 as against 61,928 last year. The gains had all been made in New Brunswick as the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island churches had sustained losses. Of the total number of members reported 15,988 were returned as non-resident, 207 churches reported baptisms during the year and the total number baptized was 1716 made up as follows: New Brunswick 1111, Nova Scotia 524, Prince Edward Island 81. The Sunday school figures showed a loss for the year of 31 schools and 924 members, 1,179 of the Sunday school scholars had been baptized in the year. The convention had within its borders 755 churches valued at over $2,000,000, and parsonages valued at $361,450; $392,000 in round figures had been raised for local church work and over $76,000 for denominational work.

Report on President's Address.

The report of the committee on the retiring president's address was taken from the table and the recommendations contained therein adopted as follows:

That the following five year plan be undertaken: First, that 20,000 members be added by baptism in the five years; second, that every pulpit be filled; third, that a campaign be conducted to supply well trained teachers for the Sunday schools; fourth, that $75,000 be raised the coming year for denominational purposes, and that $5,000 additional be raised in each of the succeeding years; fifth, that a five-year programme committee of fifteen members be appointed to provide ways and means for the carrying on of the campaign; sixth, that the address be published in the Maritime Baptist.

Finance Committee.

The report of the finance committee was submitted by Z. L. Fash. The committee recommended that the boards have power to place the treasurers under bonds and that care be exercised in the selection of qualified auditors. They also expressed their appreciation of the services which had been rendered by E. D. Shand of Windsor as auditor.

They expressed their approval of the method of the districts of New Brunswick in apportioning the allotments for denominational work and suggested that the Nova Scotia association follow the same plan and make its allotments as early in the year as possible. It was recommended that there be an every-member canvass in every church in the three provinces and that all the churches adopt the duplex envelope.

They expressed their appreciation of the work of the home mission superintendents for the very able manner in which they have carried on their duties, also of the services of the finance minister, Rev. M. E. Fletcher.

They recommended that the total amount allotted be the same as last year, viz.: $55,000.

In consideration of the forward movement which has been taken in the adoption of the five year programme your committee recommend that no steps be taken looking toward the engagement of a field secretary to serve after Jan. 1. The report was adopted.

Evening Session.

The report of the committee on religious instruction in the public schools of Nova Scotia was read by Rev. Simon Spidle at the evening session. In view of the fact that there is a movement on foot to have credit given in the public school system for scripture studies either at home, in the Sabbath school or in the church the committee asked the convention to appoint a committee to meet with similar committees from the other denominations to consider the advisability of such a course being adopted. This was passed.

The secretary reported receipts for the year of $239.25; expenditures, $182.28, leaving a balance on hand of $56.97.

The report of the European Baptist College fund was read by Rev. F. H. Beals. He reported that the committee had on hand in the Bank of Nova Scotia $1,148.41. They recommended that the committee be continued but that no further effort be made to collect outstanding pledges until after the war.

It was moved that steps be taken toward having these funds placed under the control of the convention. This was carried.

Nominating Committee's Report.

The nominating committee reported and recommended the following as the five-year programme committee: Dr. H. T. DeWolfe, Rev. C. W. Rose, Rev. C. R. Freeman, Rev. E. H. Cochrane, Rev. N. A Harkness, Rev M. Addison, R. L. Phillips, Frank Atherton, Rev. R. O. Morse, Dr. W. C. Goucher, J. P. Gordon, J. W. Grant, Rev. J. E. Wilson, Rev. F. C. Hartley, Rev. E. E. Daley, Rev. S. S. Poole, Rev. W. Camp, the home mission superintendents for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and the field secretary of the Sunday school board.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. Thomas Hill, missionary of the American Baptist Society in Africa, was invited to a seat on the platform.

Business was suspended at this point to listen to addresses by Rev. W. A. Kinsey of the American Baptist Publication Society, Mrs. Thomas Hill and Rev. H. E. Stilwell, treasurer of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The first speaker was Rev. Mr. Kinsey, who told something of the work which the American Baptist Publication Society is doing along missionary lines. The society has about 150 colporteurs spread all over the country. They have seven chapel cars visiting the out of the way places and holding religious services; in addition they have now three colportage boats which work along the coast and visit places which the chapel cars cannot reach.

The society was organized in 1824 to meet the need which existed for Baptist literature. They have grown until today the profits of the business amount to about $45,000 each year, which amount is used in the missionary work of the denomination.

Mrs. Hill has represented the American Missionary Society in the Congo for about twenty years. Missionary work has been carried on in the Congo for about forty years, but as yet only the fringe of the country has been touched. The principal work is being done through the schools and they were hoping for a large harvest in the near future from the efforts of the converted boys and girls who had gone from these schools back to their native villages and already some of the fruit of the work was apparent. Mrs. Hill has been on furlough for two years and expects to sail from New York on her return journey to the Congo on Oct. 28.

Situation in India.

Rev. Mr. Stillwell said that it was practically impossible for any one speaker to tell in any adequate way of the problems in India, as there were so many castes, and the conditions in different sections were so unlike. He would ask them tonight to look at India through three great windows. The first one was the homage and worship paid to the Brahmins. They had been the brain of India for thirty centuries and held the balance of the inhabitants of that country in the hollow of their hands. A new day was dawning, however, and the younger Brahmins themselves were rebelling against the rigid caste rules which existed, and he believed that it was largely the knowledge that their power was waning that was behind the unrest in India today. The second window was the transmigration of souls. The Hindoo believed that he had to be born 8,400,000 times and die that number of times; and one of the great reasons why a Hindoo will not take life of any kind is found in this fact.

Mr. Stilwell told of one experience which had come under his own notice. A plague had arisen in the land and it was traced to a flea on the water rats, the Hindoos absolutely refusing to kill any of these rats, choosing rather to die of the plague as they contended that those rats contained the souls of men, and to kill them would be murder. But a brighter day was dawning. There were today in India 1,000,000 educated in English, and the old theory of the transmigration of souls was slowly losing ground. The third window he termed demonophobia. In India everything was regarded as the work of the spirits. Every calamity or evil was brought about by some demon or evil spirit, and the only way in which these could be averted was by in some way placating these demons. He told of an outbreak of black cholera which had occurred where he was working, and instead of adopting sanitary methods of getting rid of this plague the villagers, thinking that this disease was caused by an evil spirit which had got into the village and was going about from house to house, turned out with pipes and drums to scare the demon out of the village. Here again there were signs of better times coming, and the teaching of the missionaries and converted natives was beginning to bear fruit.

Resolutions Adopted.

On the resumption of business the report of the resolutions committee was presented by Rev. C. R. Freeman and adopted as follows:

1. The convention expresses its appreciation to Dr. DeBlois for the very excellent and helpful messages which he has brought.

2. That the secretary of the convention be instructed to cable greetings to the overseas chaplains.

3. The convention expresses its appreciation of The Maritime Baptist and recommends that it have a place in every Baptist home.

4. The convention expresses its appreciation of the men who have enlisted and the services they have rendered in the cause of the empire, and its sympathy for the relatives of those who have fallen.

5. The thanks of the convention is extended to the Germain street church for the use of the building; to all of the Baptist churches for entertainment; to the choirs for their services; to the Mayor for his gracious welcome; the Rev. A. S. Lewis for the convention sermon; to the press for the very full reports they have published of the proceedings; to the St. John Standard for free copies supplied.

7. Its appreciation of the action of the governments of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in placing prohibitory legislation on the statute books.

The committee on religious education in New Brunswick public schools reported that they had interviewed the government on the matter, but no action had been taken.

Pulpit Supply.

The report of the committee on pulpit supply and pastoral registration was read by Rev. J. E. Wilson. The committee expressed its appreciation of the assistance which had been given it by the home mission superintendents. The committee recommended that the churches be requested to correspond with the committee before employing any man as pastor. Some ministers whose names were on the roll had apparently gone into business life permanently, and the committee felt that some action should be taken in these cases looking toward the dropping of these names.

They recommended that licenses to preach be first granted by the church, then endorsed by the district, that the association at its first meeting following such action grant a license to be renewed yearly. They also recommended that no church ask for the ordination of any brother not holding an association license. They also endorsed the permanent ordination council plan. That no new name be added to the list of ordained ministers unless he be a member of some church in the convention.

The committee on educational standards for ordination presented a minimum standard, the course to embrace general education, religious and theology and homiletics. They recommended that an examining board of three members be appointed, said board to be located at Wolfville, and that they be authorized to purchase three sets of books covering the course.

This was adopted.

Dr. Spidle, Dr. Chute and Dr. DeWolfe were appointed the examining board for the year.

The treasurer of the convention was authorized to pay Dr. DeBlois $105 and his hotel expenses and $10 to the janitor of the church, the balance to be handed over to the secretary of the convention.

Rev. G. D. Milbury presented the report of the ministerial students' aid fund as follows: Receipts for the year, $1,927.86; expenditures, $1,038.44; balance on hand, $889.42.

Committees Elected.

The nominating committee reported as follows: Committee on religious education in the public schools of Nova Scotia: Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. M. E. Fletcher, E. D. King; committee on educational standards for ordination, Dr. Spidle, Rev. S. S. Poole, Rev. F. C. Hartley, Rev. H. R. Boyer, Rev. G. D. McDonald, Rev. J. C. Peacock and Rev. E. Crowell.

The report was adopted.

W. C. Cross, convention treasurer, reported as follows: Receipts, $176.21; expenditures, $125; balance, $51.21.

The editor of the Year Book reported expenditures $891.04; receipts, $832.62; balance due the editor, $8.42.

The secretary of the convention was authorized to take up with the transportation companies the matter of excursion rates to the Billy Sunday services in Boston.

The registration secretary reported the total number registering as 343.

The convention was brought to a close by all joining hands and singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Patterson.