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THE OUTLOOK.

Our great denominational gatherings have come and gone, and we are once more face to face with the claims and responsibilities of common life.

As the regular work of the year again confronts us, it might be wise to emphasize certain basic facts. (1) The importance of our work calls for advance and enlargement.

Then our Home Mission Board is constantly extending its operations. From a somewhat insignificant interest it has gradually grown into a healthy and important enterprise.

Under its present management there ought to be a prosperous future for the work of the Board.

The Foreign Mission Board has been accounted to receive a large share of attention at our annual meetings.

At the convention in Moncton, the action of the Board on several important points was criticized, but in every case it was endorsed by that body.

But the increase is far greater than it should be. Governor Royal is winning a reputation, in the opinion of the Council, of which his friends may well be ashamed.

Hon. Joseph Royal was sent up as Lieut. Governor in the middle of 1887, which therefore shows the record of a year, half of which was under his administration.

The Inland Revenue and Trade and Navigation Returns give the quantities of different kinds of intoxicating liquors manufactured, imported and consumed in the Dominion of Canada.

To ascertain the exact amount of revenue derived by the Dominion from the liquor traffic, we must add to the amounts above the following:

Duty on 46,239 bushels imported malted and imported spirits, at \$5.00, \$2,311,975

Duty on 51,401,237 pounds Canadian malt, at 60¢, \$30,840,942

Excise on 11,000,000 gallons of wine, at 5¢, \$550,000

Adding these items, we find the total gross national revenue from the liquor traffic to be \$7,490,556.88.

If we take the moderate figures by the Hon. Mr. Foster in 1885 as a fair estimate of the cost to the consumer of the different kinds of liquor, we shall obtain the following as a statement of our direct national outlay for liquor in the fiscal year 1890:

5,921,194 Canadian spirits, at \$5.00, \$29,605,970

17,926,071 Canadian beer, at 60¢, \$10,755,642

28,100,000 imported beer, at 60¢, \$16,860,000

5,000,000 imported wines, at 50¢, \$2,500,000

23,580,000 \$37,885,238

Dividing these amounts by the recently published census figures for the actual population of the Dominion, we find that our per capita consumption of liquor is nearly 4 1/2 gallons, and our direct per capita expenditure is about \$7.85.

If these millions were saved to our country and invested in productive enterprises our young people would not have so good an excuse to leave their native land. And if the boys that are ruined by this traffic could be saved to themselves, their friends, their country, and their God, our fair Dominion would be so much more prosperous and happy.

On Sabbath morning a rich devotional meeting was conducted by Rev. J. H. McDonald. At 11 a. m. a sermon, prepared for the occasion, was preached by Prof. Keirstead, of Acadia College.

Music of a high order was furnished by the choir of the Prince Street church, Truro—this church being a daughter of the Onslow church.

Rev. D. W. Dimock, M. A., read a carefully prepared paper upon "The Early History of the Church at Onslow."

The first written record of the church is dated September 5, 1791, and reads: "Rev. Mr. John Payzant called from Cornwallis to gather a church in this town."

Although the number of Baptist ministers in this county is not large, it seems advisable to attempt the organization of a district meeting, so that the denominational work might be better done, and we trust the cause of Christ advanced.

Mr. Dimock paid a fine tribute to his predecessor, Rev. James Munro. Rev. D. A. Steele, M. A., gave an extended sketch of the history of the Eastern Association of Nova Scotia.

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Bro. Goucher, the moderator, was held. This was a season of earnest prayer for the Divine blessing upon the work of the past year, the present association and the labors of the coming year.

At 11 o'clock the secretary announced the names of the delegates present. The officers for the current year chosen were: Rev. J. E. Goucher, M. A., moderator; Rev. T. E. Layton, secretary; Bro. Hibbert Layton, assistant secretary; Bro. James Morrison, treasurer.

Considered the great extent of territory covered by this Association, the attendance of representatives of the churches was large.

The first and second sessions of this day were spent largely in reading the statistical reports of the churches. These letters laid very fairly before the body the present state of the churches, and indicated much improvement along the line of systematic work in the churches, as well as more correct methods of recording and reporting work done.

While by some it was considered that too much time was spent in reading these letters, yet the information afforded by them is very valuable to all who are interested in the enlargement of our churches.

The past has not been a year remarkable for revival influences in the churches of this Association. The increase by baptism is far below that of other years. Ninety-one baptisms are reported.

Twenty-three is the largest number received by any one church. Fifteen churches had rejoined in increase by baptism, while this joy was unknown during the past year in 48 churches.

At the conclusion of the reading of the letters the moderator called upon the Rev. E. J. Grant to lead in prayer for richer blessings on the future labors of our pastors and churches.

The committee on Systematic Giving reported through their chairman—the Rev. W. F. Parker. In this report the Association had a careful analysis of the benevolent work of our churches as they have been reported for the past three years.

Friday evening was given to the subject of missions. Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., was the first speaker, and was permitted to present the claims of infirm Baptist ministers and their families to the support of the denomination they have served.

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great variety of opinions is entertained by our pastors and people on this subject.

The purpose of finding out the best way of instructing our young people in our churches, and of employing them in regular church work, was apparent in all that was said.

The report on Education was read by Rev. D. A. Steele, chairman of committee. It noted the progress of the past, and urged the holding of a high ideal in this great work by the faculties of the various departments and by the denomination at large.

Addresses were given by Rev. D. A. Steele, S. W. Cummings, Esq., Rev. W. F. Parker, and Prof. Keirstead. The record was reviewed, the extent of the work dwelt upon, the connection of the undertaking with religion and the demands of the present hour were in vigorous words.

Mr. Cummings spoke of the importance of helping the young people in our churches to choose good books, and of the influence of the pastor in awakening among them a desire for the best reading and a higher intellectual life.

He gave testimony to the benefit he had received from his course at Acadia. The meeting was stimulating and profitable.

Western N. B. Baptist Association. The Western N. B. Association convened according to appointment with the Baptist church at New Salem, Miramichi.

An exceedingly interesting conference was held—presided over by the moderator of 1890, Mr. M. S. Hall. After the enrollment of delegates, the Association proceeded to elect its officers, with the following result: Moderator, Rev. Thomas Todd; clerk, Rev. B. H. Thomas; assistant clerk, Rev. S. D. Ervine; treasurer, M. S. Hall.

Wm. Swim, Esq., of Donkton, on behalf of the church, delivered a brief address of welcome to the visiting delegates.

The committee of arrangements presented a partial report recommending that Rev. J. A. Porter preach in the evening.

Routine business was transacted during the first half hour of the evening meeting. At the appointed hour the service was commenced; the preacher of the evening being assisted by Rev. J. W. S. Young.

Business was resumed after the sermon. The following resolution was by vote of the association adopted: Resolved, That the churches be requested to send a brief statement of their condition in addition to the statistics.

The above called for an animated discussion, some questioning the wisdom of the change in the form of our associational letter.

The name of Bro. I. C. Archibald was added to the committee on Foreign Missions. A committee to revise list of ordained ministers and licentiates was appointed. Revs. F. D. Crawley and B. H. Thomas were appointed a committee to rewrite the constitution and rules of order.

The Association by a unanimous vote accepted the invitation of the Fredericton church; and decided to meet in our next session with them.

After a thorough discussion it was decided by majority vote to hold the next annual session on the fourth Friday in June, 1892.

A resolution adopted by the other Associations of our province was by a unanimous vote adopted: Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee of three to be an advisory committee for churches to consult with in reference to the ordination of ministers, previous to the calling of a council.

Rev. F. D. Crawley, Rev. T. Todd, and Rev. B. N. Nobles were appointed such committee. The Association appointed Rev. B. N. Nobles as the preacher of the Associational sermon for next year. Rev. J. W. S. Young, alternate. To write circular letter, Rev. B. H. Thomas.

The report on Temperance was an interesting one, and previous to its adoption elicited an interesting discussion.

Committee on Education submitted their report. The report made grateful mention of the large blessing which has rested upon the Baptist educational institutions in these Maritime Provinces. Special mention was made of the work of the St. Martins Seminary.

Committee on Denominational Literature submitted a report. Pleading reference was made of the very efficient management of the Messinger and Visitor; the commendable work of Baptist Book Room at Halifax was also referred to. The verdict rendered was of a most complimentary nature concerning both of these denominational enterprises.

Home Mission work was considered by the Association. Rev. A. Cohoon was present and gave much valuable information to enquiring brethren present.

A digest of letters was read by the clerk. The following is a brief synopsis: 41 churches reported; 32 failed to report. Actual membership reported by

the 41 churches, 3,969, 957 are reported as non members. Two hundred and tians are reported during tional year.

In addition to the above in a position to say that churches failing to report revival blessings during the following preamble from the Fredericton read in the digest of letters a helpful discussion:

Whereas, the work of the Maritime Baptist Convention is to be a united effort to press its claims, in a united and mutually upon the benediction of the Lord's name;

And whereas, the best wisdom, has devised to commend to the local of Christian benevolence the unity of the Lord's name;

And whereas, A tender manifested to urge the another single department work in a way prejudicial of the general plan;

Therefore resolved, That do re-affirm at this time adhere to the Convention nominal benediction

An interesting meeting the evening. The program returned mission Archibald, displayed a consisting of idols, com utensils, etc. Address by Rev. S. D. Ervine. Rev. E. H. Thomas Education.

The business of A summed and completed

All the Baptist church immediate vicinity were preaching by minister At New Salem Tr. 10.30 a. m. At 2 p. meeting was held. R spoke earnestly on and Bro. Cohoon spoke of Home M. E. H. Thomas preaching was held at the c after meeting por of wonderful power.

The hospitality of this locality was un this the Association one.

N. B. Southern The 12th annual em Baptist Associati on Saturday last, the m., in the Brussels at St. John. In the ab ator the meeting was the clerk, Rev. W. was offered by Re After a short service the list of delegate officers for the ens follows: Rev. C. H. Rev. A. E. Ingram Laubman, assistant Clinch, treasurer; assistant treasurer.

Brethren Rev. J. lace, A. McArthur, Bishop, A. Cohoon of Providence, R. Jamison, Joshua G. Curry, F. Barnes, Lio., were invited to tion.

The committee nominations, com Stewart, S. Welton, Deas. N. B. Cottle appointed, and wh ing their report a praise and testi committee of arran commending that Association be pr meeting for three Rev. G. Howard t. St. in the morning the Associational by the Rev. C. E. The pulpits of the Baptist churches and Hampton wer ters of the Associ

The reading of greater part of the of the afternoon Two new churches the fellowship of moderator—Beav ers, Rev. I. W. F. A. E. Ingram.

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