

The N. B. Convention Concluded.

Monday evening was devoted to a platform meeting in the interests of education. The first speaker was Rev. C. W. Townsend, whose subject, "The value of Intellectual Training to the Christian Ministry," was discussed in an admirable manner. Emphasis was laid first of all upon the spiritual qualification as paramount. Intellectual culture could not make up for the lack of that, but it could supplement it most valuably. There might also be intellectual training of great value without a college course, but the latter is so important as a means of training for the ministry that no man who has the opportunity within reach should think of passing it by. The speaker would place the standard of culture for the minister very high. He needs a fully developed and trained mind in order to the understanding and effective exposition of the Scriptures, and to enable him to present to his people the great themes connected with their highest interests.

President Trotter followed in an able and inspiring address. He heartily endorsed Mr. Townsend's remarks as to the prime necessity of spiritual endowment for the ministry. Proceeding, Dr. Trotter pointed out the close connection which had always existed between Acadia College and the home mission and evangelistic work. The institutions at Wolfville are the property of the churches and they exist for the benefit of the churches at large, and not the larger and stronger ones or any particular churches. The home mission churches need ministers and they need well-trained and efficient ministers as well as the stronger churches. It is under God an efficient ministry that makes churches strong. For the educational work of the denomination Dr. Trotter asked the interest, the patronage, the money and the prayers of the people. He spoke of the grand effort which was now being undertaken to raise \$75,000 to cancel an embarrassing indebtedness, and to add to the endowment fund of the college. A considerable part of this it was hoped would be raised by subscriptions from those who were able to give considerable sums, but there would be opportunity for all the churches and all the people to assist to the extent of their ability in this good work. Dr. Trotter stated that he had that day been greatly encouraged by the promise of a subscription of \$5,000 toward the fund.

The next speaker was Senator G. G. King. Mr. King devoted his remarks especially to the matter of the indebtedness of \$3,000 to Mr. Mont. McDonald on account of the St. Martins Seminary. He called upon the Baptists of New Brunswick as a matter of honesty and fair-dealing to pay this debt and relieve the gentleman named from the heavy burden he was carrying. Rev. Dr. Carey entertained the meeting at some length with remarks in connection with the subject under discussion following the line of remark of previous speakers.

Rev. J. H. Hughes moved, seconded by Senator King, a resolution to the effect that the churches in connection with the N. B. Convention should undertake to raise \$1,500 of the amount due to Mr. McDonald. Hon. Mr. Emmerson, who had just arrived, having been disappointed in reaching the place at an earlier hour on account of a delay in the trains, was introduced and made a brief address. He had felt a deep interest in St. Martins Seminary, but having now no provincial seminary our allegiance should be given to that at Wolfville. The debt to which reference had been made was a debt of honor, and he heartily supported the resolution which had been offered. The resolution was then adopted.

THURSDAY MORNING

was occupied with the consideration of various reports. That on Grande Ligne was taken from the table and after some further consideration and slight amendment was adopted. The report on Foreign Missions, presented by Rev. F. Davidson, was adopted and the statistical information it contained ordered to be printed in the year book.

The report on Systematic Beneficence, presented by Bro. C. N. Barton, discountenanced bazaars, tea-meetings, &c., as means of raising money for religious purposes and recommended the laying aside each year of definite amounts for religious and benevolent work. At the

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. J. S. Titus, treasurer of the Convention, presented his annual report. This report showed that the 77 churches contributing to the funds of the Convention had sent to the treasurer for all purposes \$2,013.73. The amount expended was \$1,871.86, leaving a balance of \$142.27. The amount contributed for Home Missions was \$1,641.23; expenditure \$1,592.48. The French Mission account, kept separately, showed a balance on hand of \$91.77. For Foreign Missions there were received and paid over to Rev. J. W. Manning, \$138.87. The Grande Ligne Mission account showed that \$300 had been received and paid over to J. Richards, treasurer. On Seminary expense account \$42.51 has been received. After discussion

by Revs. J. H. Hughes, Davidson, Henderson and Bro. M. S. Hall, the report was adopted.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. S. D. Ervine, and after some discussion, was adopted: "Whereas, an impression exists in the minds of some that the churches contributing to the special interests of this convention are not doing what is their duty and privilege to do in regard to other objects of denominational work; and whereas, it is important that a full showing of the benevolence of our churches be reported in the Annual; therefore resolved, that we recommend our churches to contribute their gifts for seminary indebtedness, as also for Acadia university, foreign missions, the Annuity association and other objects directly to Bro. Titus, treasurer of this convention, to be paid by him to the usual treasurers of such funds."

Rev. S. H. Cornwall read the report of the committee on education. The report advised better preparation for young ministers, support of Acadia university and the liquidation of the St. Martins seminary indebtedness.

The treasurer reported the following receipts during convention:

Collections during convention	\$131.15
Foreign mission contributions	21.31
French mission contributions	25.00
Home mission subscriptions	50.00
Total	\$227.56

It was moved and carried that the treasurer be asked to make quarterly reports of his home mission receipts to Rev. J. W. Manning, treasurer of the mission board.

T. H. Hall moved that a committee on church music be appointed.—Carried. T. H. Hall, C. N. Barton, Rev. S. H. Cornwall, Miss Taylor and Miss Keirstead were appointed the committee.

The president, secretary and Rev. J. H. Hughes were appointed a committee to locate the next convention.

T. H. Hall gave notice to change the constitution to read that "all members of Baptist churches in New Brunswick," instead of all members of "all churches contributing to the objects of this Convention," be eligible for membership. Also, to change constitution to read that the meetings of this Convention be held on the first Friday, instead of the second Saturday in September.

The evening was devoted to a platform meeting in the interest of the B. Y. P. U. work. The speakers were Bros. F. W. Patterson and C. D. Schutt. Rev. N. P. Gross and wife sang a hymn in the Danish language. At the close Rev. S. D. Ervine conducted an evangelistic service.

Standing committees were appointed at the Tuesday morning session as follows:

Committee on education—H. C. Henderson, B. A., M. C. McDonald, M. D., Rev. P. R. Knight.

On B. Y. P. Union—Rev. R. M. Bynon, C. N. Barton, lic., F. B. Seely, lic.

On systematic beneficence—Rev. F. D. Davidson, Rev. J. Coombes, Geo. A. Wilson.

Programme committee—Rev. M. Addison, Rev. F. T. Snell, Nathan Boone.

State of the denomination—Rev. J. H. Hughes, Rev. M. P. King, Rev. J. C. Bleakney.

Denominational literature—Rev. J. A. Cahill, Rev. J. D. Wetmore, Dea. J. R. Barton.

Obituaries—Rev. C. Currie, Rev. Thos. Todd, Dea. Charles Shaw.

Publication—Rev. J. H. Hughes, T. H. Hall, T. L. Hay.

Travelling arrangements—Rev. W. E. McIntyre, Moses Hall, N. B. Cottle.

Northwest missions—Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Thos. Keirstead, Rev. R. E. Steeves.

Grande Ligne—Rev. C. W. Townsend, Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney, C. W. Pierce.

Colportage—Rev. S. H. Cornwall, Rev. A. B. McDonald, R. T. Babbitt.

Foreign missions—Dr. Carey, Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. C. Henderson.

Revision of ministers' list—Rev. W. Camp, Rev. I. B. Colwell, Dea. L. Estabrook.

Baptist Convention in British Columbia.

Under the above heading there appears in your issue of July 28th a communication from Mr. C. H. Cogswell, Secretary of the newly organized Baptist Convention in this province, and as Mr. Cogswell makes some statements which I think are slightly misleading and liable to create a wrong impression on the minds of our Baptist friends in your provinces, I will ask the privilege of saying a word in reference to our denominational affairs in this far off corner of the Dominion. The three days, July 7th, 8th and 9th, did most undoubtedly "mark an important epoch in the history of the Baptist denomination in British Columbia." We on that occasion severed a connection the value of which, I regret to say, there were others as well as Bro. Cogswell who could not understand, a connection that has in the past and up to the present meant the very existence of our denomination in this province. Some might say that those were red letter days for the B. C. Baptists, but there are times when red is a signal of danger. I can quite readily understand why Bro. Cogswell could "scarcely see the reason for the considerable opposition which seemed to be manifested in attempting to carry out the scheme."

It's the old story repeated, the business of our churches and denomination being carried on and clearly understood by a few of the members and then when important issues confront us the great majority, it is sad to say, find themselves placed in the same unfortunate plight which our good Convention Secretary complains of, a sort of "don't understand" position. In order that all the good friends in the far East who read your valuable paper may

understand clearly our position denominationally in this province, I would state that for the past thirteen or more years we have been connected in denominational work with our Baptist brethren of western Washington that part of the state known as the Puget Sound country. In this way we have been directly connected with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and in co-operation with this Society our Home Mission work has been carried on. When the Society took up the work here there was but one Baptist church in the province, Calvary church, Victoria, and that just organized with a membership of about twenty. From the outset the Society paid out for missionaries and church edifice work far in excess of our annual contributions to their funds. To give the figures roughly there was paid out in cash by the New York Board in this province during these years over \$13,000 as against about \$4,000 which they received from us by way of contributions to their general Mission work. Nor did their magnificent gift, for we can call it nothing else, come to us largely during the first few years of our work but it has extended all through the years up to and including the present one which closes on Oct. 1st next.

In fact the Society's appropriations to the B. C. field have been larger, I believe, the past two years than in any of the former years. Last year they paid out on account of Mission work in B. C. \$1,800, and this year about \$1,600, and neither of these years, if I am not mistaken, have our contributions exceeded \$600. Bro. C. is surprised that there should have been opposition to the "scheme." To my mind the most surprising part is that, under such circumstances as I have shown here, we should have had those among us so unwise as to have been for a long time anxious to see the connection with our American brethren severed. To say that "some were anxious to cling to the apron strings of the N. Y. Board whether wanted or not," does our New York brethren a very great injustice. True a few months ago an intimation came to us from New York to the effect that they felt that the time had arrived when they must relinquish the work in B. C. How much the glowing reports of our greatly improved position financially had to do with this action on their part I am not prepared to say. However, an appeal was immediately sent from here to the brethren in Ontario, and when they advised the New York Board that they were unable to take on the added burden and urged them to continue the work for the present at least, word came to us at once from New York that they were reconsidering the matter. At the meeting of the Ontario and Quebec Convention held in London in June the matter of granting aid to British Columbia was taken up and referred to a special committee and their report was to the effect that they could not go beyond the expenditure of last year. In connection with this a resolution was passed at the Ontario Convention urging the N. Y. Board to continue the work in this province. At our gathering in Vancouver letters were read giving us the strongest assurances that it was the wish of the N. Y. Society to continue the work with us. Then the matter which Bro. Cogswell might well be surprised at came up, when a resolution, to the same effect as the one our Ontario brethren had carried on our behalf, viz., urging the New York Board to continue their work here, was submitted to our meeting and voted down. To have carried this resolution would have interfered with the "well arranged programme," hence the vote. A motion to proceed to organize into an independent Convention was carried, even though there were a few "old timers" unwise enough to think we might possibly afford to postpone the organization of an independent Convention until after the annual meeting of the Northwest Convention with which we are still connected. We have now "taken on our manhood" and what we need to keep our machinery moving is to have the cogs well oiled with finances from the Maritime Provinces and Ontario and Quebec. By stating that we start out with a \$9,000 property asset, in my judgment we are deceiving ourselves to the extent of several thousand dollars. J. L. BACKWICH.

Victoria, Aug. 3rd.

Letter From Mr. Morrow.

DEAR EDITOR.—Our missionary party arrive here, (London), on the 1st. It consists of Mrs. Crawley, Miss Hopkins and myself. We had a favorable voyage so far as weather was concerned, or at least those of us not troubled by seasickness thought so. Those who "feel the motion" probably considered it a little rough by times. Mrs. Crawley came to assist Miss Hopkins who was far from well and it was not thought safe for her to come, except in company with some other lady, so Mrs. Crawley who had been working with her, volunteered for this service. Miss Hopkins has improved in the voyage, and Mrs. Crawley is very well, so well that it is a pity she should be taken from work she is well able to do, knowing the language and the people so well. But some one had to come and no other seemed available.

I hear from Boston that I had to be carried on board the ship in Rangoon. I was not so low as that by considerable but far from well. I have gained strength in the ship but cannot say my health is good.

I sail from Liverpool in the Cunard steamer "Parvina" for Boston on the 9th, the ladies in the Furness ship "Damara" for Halifax and St. John on the 15th. They sail from London, and Mrs. Crawley will land at Halifax, and Miss Hopkins go on to St. John, and thence by train to her home in Toronto.

H. MORROW.

London, England, Sept. 4.

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