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—We have curtailed as much as possible the editorial matter of this issue, but regret that it is, nevertheless, necessary to hold over a good deal of contributed matter. We trust that our correspondents will see that we are doing our best to make room for their articles.

—The grand annual convention of the Christian Endeavors met last week in Cleveland. The report of the secretary showed that 7,395 local societies have been formed during the year, the largest number in any year during the history of the Endeavor movement. The gain in England has been especially large. The total membership of Christian Endeavor Societies throughout the world now exceeds 2,000,000.

—The International B. Y. P. U. Convention meets on Thursday of this week in Toronto. A great number of delegates from both sides of the International line are expected. We do not know what the size of the delegation from the Maritime Provinces will be, but we presume it will be considerable. No doubt they will all have a grand, enthusiastic time in the green city. We trust that all the delegates may be greatly benefited and return charged with inspiration for those who stay at home.

—According to appointment the Baptist Convention of Manitoba and the North-west was to meet in Winnipeg last week. We have not yet seen any report of its proceedings. This Convention has been looked forward to by our brethren in the west as one of much importance. Among matters which were expected to engage the attention of the Convention, the *North-west Baptist* mentions the mission work as of course most important, the interest of the young people, Sabbath-schools, Indians and education. Incidentally also, such questions as the continuance of the *Northwest Baptist* and the sphere and operation of the superintendent of missions would claim consideration.

—SIR ARISTEN HENRY LAYARD, who was born in Paris in 1817 and died at his home in London on the 5th of this month, was a man widely known, partly on account of his public services but especially through the published results of his excavations in Nineveh and other ancient oriental cities. His excavations at Nimroud began in 1845, and in 1848 Mr. Layard published his "Nineveh and its Remains," and a year later his "Monuments of Nineveh." These works, as well as the British museum, bear abundant testimony to the extent and value of Layard's work in the East. Besides holding other public positions he was successively minister to Spain and ambassador to Turkey. He received the Grand Cross of the Bath in 1875, and was elected a member of the Institute of France in 1890.

—Not less than the usual number of drowning accidents, it would seem, are being reported this summer. The sad occurrence last Thursday on the Kennebecasis by which a young lady of this city—Miss Beer—lost her life, and some others had a very narrow escape from drowning, has naturally led to remarks upon the danger of river bathing. In many streams, owing to the action of floods, ice, &c., the channel changes much from year to year, so that where a year ago the bank sloped gradually there may now be a sudden falling off into deep water. Those who cannot swim should therefore exercise great caution in bathing in rivers, even when from the experience of previous years they suppose themselves perfectly acquainted with the formation of the rivers bank. Many lives, it would appear, are every year sacrificed through lack of caution in this respect.

—The announcement of the death of Rev. B. F. Simpson, of Chicago, of whom an obituary sketch written by his brother, Rev. D. H. Simpson, appears in another column, must, we suppose, have been received by many of his friends, as by us, with painful surprise. His death occurred on June 28th. The little we knew of Mr. Simpson personally, and much that we have heard of him, as well as his published articles, had given a most favorable impression as to his fine qualities of mind and heart. It is a sad mystery when such a life is cut off just when the man seems to have come to the point when he might do his best work; but there is consolation in the thought presented in the sketch referred to that there is a higher service for God's servants in a better world. We desire to extend our sympathies to the large circle of relations who are more especially bereaved in the death of our departed brother.

## The Southern Baptist Association of New Brunswick.

St. Stephen is the thrifty border town of this province on the left bank of the St. Croix, just opposite the town of Calais, Me., with which it is now connected by a free bridge—containing, it is said, about four thousand inhabitants. On every hand there are evidences of push, though the present jog of trade is slow.

Among the leading enterprises of this town is the St. Croix Soap Manufacturing Co. It is to the fore. They are now putting in a kettle of some fifty thousand pounds capacity, this, together with kettles already in use, will raise their plant to about 140,000 lbs. capacity. With all the first class machinery necessary, and some sixteen years experience in the business the company is, notwithstanding moderate times, putting out 200 boxes per day—employing 25 hands. The "Surprise Soap" is one of their prominent brands, which from the Atlantic to the Pacific is a household convenience.

The Baptist church here, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. C. Goucher, is among the leading churches of New Brunswick, and is a growing influence for spiritual life in this border town, where, because of its nearness to the national boundary, grand opportunities are afforded for a high order of Christian work. With this church THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK convened in its fifteenth annual session, on Saturday, June 7th, 1894, at 10 a. m. Rev. H. E. S. Maider, the Moderator, presided. After preliminary business was attended to, the officers for the current year were appointed. Rev. J. A. Gordon, Moderator; Rev. A. J. Kempton, Clerk; Bro. Geo. A. Lawson, Sec., Assistant; Dea. N. B. Cottle, Treasurer. The remainder of the session was occupied in reading letters from the churches and the transaction of routine business.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON.**  
A short season of prayer was enjoyed before the business of the session was entered upon. The committee on temperance brought in a very emphatic report through their chairman, Rev. E. J. Grant. This was considered clause by clause. The clause which referred to the increase of the traffic and use of alcoholic drink was carefully discussed. The opinion of the Association was that the temperance sentiment of our country is on the increase. The part of the report which stated that the government which failed to suppress the liquor traffic, was together with the people who supported it, responsible for the sad results of the trade, was, after prolonged consideration, accepted by the meeting.

The Baptist church of Hillsdale, recently, organized requested by letter to be received to membership in this association. After some statements on the history of this church by Bro. Geo. A. Lawson, Sec., and others, the privileges of membership were extended to them.

**SATURDAY EVENING—EDUCATIONAL MEETING.**  
The report on the subject of the evening was read by Rev. A. K. deBlois, Ph. D. In this the condition and work of our educational institutions at Wolfville and St. Martins were set forth.

The Rev. W. E. McIntyre presented, with much ability and earnestness, the necessity of academic work in this province and our duty in the present crisis to which we have come in our work at St. Martins. We have debts which we are in honor bound to pay. We are abundantly able to meet these obligations in full. With union in purpose and effort we can lift St. Martin's Seminary out of its present embarrassments and make it a blessing. In answer to a question put by a member of the association it was stated that the debt on the Seminary is about \$28,000.

Prof. Kestead, of Acadia University, gave an instructive and inspiring address on the important place the college holds in our church work. The lofty character of our work and the ability of the college to qualify our people for this work was made plain by a most pleasing array of reason and illustration. Dr. deBlois claimed for Christian schools the ability to solve the social problems of our day. He called attention to the sad fact that St. Martins Seminary, notwithstanding its known ability to do good work, was in

danger of being closed, and to the great dishonor that will come to our name if this institution is allowed to close its doors for want of funds.

The Association sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Baker on the Lord's day morning at 11. The text chosen John 4:24. In this was found as the theme of the discourse, New Testament Worship. The reason why Baptists exist and the right they have to exist are found in the peculiar doctrines they hold to and have maintained even to martyrdom. This most convincing declaration of Bible doctrines held by the Baptists of all time will do much to "strengthen the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees" of our people.

We expect it will find place in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR in due time. Nothing is more reasonable than the ground taken that if Baptists do not hold doctrines distinctive and differing from other Christian bodies they have no right to exist as a separate religious body; and if they do hold such truths they are in duty bound to make a plain declaration of them.

As is usual on such occasions as this, many pulpits of this and neighboring towns were supplied with the preaching of the Word.

In the afternoon services in connection with the Sabbath school of the church was held, in which visitors participated. It was our privilege to spend an hour with the Boys' Brigade in their usual Sabbath service. This institution as here conducted cannot fail to bring forth good fruit. It may be that we have yet much to learn of the broadness of Christianity in its adaptability to all the conditions and periods of human existence. How to capture boyhood and hold it to the service of God is the problem now being solved.

**MONDAY MORNING.**  
The report on education was taken from the table and read by the clerk as follows:  
The denominational schools at Wolfville and St. Martins have been doing excellent and effective work. A spirit of harmony has prevailed, and a sincere devotion to the study of the Bible has characterized the efforts of both teachers and students. In the face of the financial depression which has been so widely felt during the past few months, the attendance of students has not perceptibly diminished. For all these things we may thank God and take courage.

Acadia University has enrolled 115 students, of whom 29 graduated at the close of the collegiate year. The religious interest has not been so great as in the preceding years, but an atmosphere of more earnestness has been apparent. There have been a large number of special notices that two branch Alumni societies have recently been formed—one in Halifax and one in Boston. It is to be hoped that the members of these societies may render tangible assistance to their alma mater in the near future. The financial condition of the university is such as to call forth the sympathies and enlist the energies of the members of all our churches. The college is crippled at almost every point on account of its difficulties and burdens in this respect, and unless its friends rally to its aid and contribute of their means to its support in this hour of darkness, it will be impossible for it to retain its place of honor amongst the colleges of the Maritime Provinces.

The Seminary at St. Martins graduated 15 students at the close of the school year, this being the largest class in its history. The institution has more than paid its running expenses. Every room in the building was occupied last year, including the new rooms which were finished during the summer. In the literary department the grade of work has been excellent. The musical department has been in charge of Fr. Meyer, who is a musician of great ability.

At the last meeting of the New Brunswick Convention the needs of the school were considered, a consultation with a committee of the Free Baptist conference was held, and it was decided to make an effort immediately to raise the \$7,000 necessary to place the Seminary on a sure foundation. Of this amount the Baptists are to be responsible for two-thirds and the Free Baptists one-third. St. Martins never needed your help so much as at present.

The hand of Providence has been abundantly manifest in the history of our educational institutions in the past. Through the blackness of darkness the Lord has led on to victory and success. So he will ever lead, if his followers are faithful.  
Section 1 was adopted without remark.  
Section 2. This section called for loving and loyal expressions for Acadia University from Rev. E. J. Grant, W. E. McIntyre, Dr. deBlois and G. O. Gates.  
Section 3 was accepted without remark.  
On Section 4 being read the Rev. G. O. Gates and others expressed their sympathy and good will to this institution, but as the report stated that it

was coming under a new control the question was asked, "does the passage of this clause of the report commit this Association to any additional responsibilities for the support of the St. Martins Seminary or to this new movement. It was answered that it would not. The clause then passed and the report was adopted as a whole.

The committee on obituaries then reported by Rev. J. H. Saunders, chairman. It referred to the death of the Rev. Wm. Rideout. It also recorded the Divine favor by which all the pastors of this Association had been spared to their labors.

The committee on Home Missions presented the following report:  
As to the amount of work done in this department of our business your committee cannot report as fully as they would like. A large number of churches, however, exist within the bounds of this Association, which have hitherto required assistance from beyond themselves, and we have to report our regret that, through inability of other causes, the demand for help has not been met as it should have been. A number of small churches, both in Kings and Charlotte Counties, are still pastorless and without any preaching services. Whether these can in any way be more conveniently grouped or directly assisted from the home mission funds is a question that should receive our serious attention. Certain it is that help must come to many of these weaker interests if our denomination is ever fully to occupy the territory of this Association.

The gatherings for the year, though not general over the whole Association, have been up to the average.  
It is to be hoped that recent changes in our denominational organizations will enable us to bring the work of home missions more closely to the hearts of our people, and call out a deeper interest than has hitherto been manifested. The New Brunswick Convention, which has been organized to aid especially the interests of home missions and academic education in the province, will, if rightly directed, afford much needed help in this direction.  
A fostering centre for gathering for the annual report of their affairs among the people most directly concerned has, in the minds of many, become a necessity. Let us hope that such help is at length likely to come, and that all our brethren may cordially co-operate in making the provincial convention a useful auxiliary to the maritime one, thus relieving the excessive burdens and affording more time and attention for the development of local home missionary enterprises. That our churches and members may be divinely led in this important matter is the earnest desire of your committee.

The Rev. W. E. McIntyre addressed the association in favor of the report.  
The Rev. J. J. Baker took exception to the report as committing the body to a policy not yet settled upon by the body, and proposed as an amendment, That the Association proceed to appoint a Board of members to have a special care of home missions within the bounds of this Association. It will be the duty of this Board,  
1. To find out the needs of the various fields where work has been undertaken and to advise with those churches as to their work;  
2. In looking over the field to see where new work could be undertaken with advantage.  
3. To advise with other churches about raising funds for this work.  
4. To make recommendation as to grants to needy points either to a provincial general board or to the present Maritime Board as the future may reveal and as the churches may elect.

5. That in case no way is open to do the work through a general board in the meantime, that this board be empowered to receive funds and distribute to home mission churches.  
6. Expenses of such Board to be met by the churches.  
This amendment was seconded by the Rev. E. J. Grant.  
Objections were made to this motion as untimely. A motion carried by which this report and amendment were laid on the table until the association had decided upon the question of future policy of its home mission work.  
**THE MONDAY AFTERNOON.**  
Session was given entirely to the consideration of the question of a separate Convention for New Brunswick in the work of home missions and academic education.  
The Rev. J. J. Baker opened the discussion by moving the following resolution:  
Whereas, The independence of the local church and the doctrine of soul liberty are distinctive principles of our Baptist body which have been maintained and defended against bishop and pope, council and state, not only at the cost of property and position, but even at the sacrifice of life itself, principles which ought not to be less sacredly held by us than by our fathers; and  
Whereas, The recommendation of a committee presented to the Convention held in St. Martins in August last, and endorsed by that body, recognised the principle of church independence; and  
Whereas, At a meeting held in Brussels street Baptist church in October last called for the purpose of hearing

the report of said committee, a comparatively few brethren proceeded to organize themselves into a body assuming to control the churches of this province without the consent of the churches themselves;

Therefore resolved, That this Association affirm its belief in the necessity of standing most faithfully in the historic Baptist position as indicated above and in harmony therewith; it is  
Further resolved, That whatever involves our churches in responsibility should be undertaken only at the expressed wish of the churches involved.  
The Rev. E. J. Grant seconded this resolution.

The mover of this resolution proposed it with a recital of the principles involved.  
The Rev. F. C. Wright moved the following amendment to the above resolution:

Whereas, The Maritime Convention at its meeting last year voted to hand over the future management of home missions and academic education to such organization as each province may prefer; and  
Whereas, The churches of this province in special meeting called to consider this question have under an act of incorporation organized a New Brunswick Convention to control and promote these interests;  
Therefore resolved, That while we do not regard it as the prerogative of the association to authorize or condemn such an organization, yet this association desires to put on record its approval of the formation of said convention as competent to carry on in good faith these interests in harmony with the basis agreed upon at the last convention; and  
Further resolved, That we urge the churches in this association to do all in their power to promote the welfare of the subjects still cared for by the maritime Convention.

A long discussion followed, in which Revs. Dr. Carey, W. E. McIntyre, Bro. T. H. Hall, Dr. deBlois, Rev. A. J. Kempton, John H. Hughes, G. O. Gates, E. J. Grant, and others took part. The following was proposed as an amendment to the amendment, by the Rev. A. Judson Kempton, and seconded by Rev. J. H. Saunders:  
Whereas, There is a difference of opinion among the members of this Association as to whether a majority of the churches favor the N. B. Convention; and  
Whereas, It is proper for a church to express itself by letter through its clerk,  
Therefore resolved, That the executive committee of the N. B. Convention be requested by this association to, by letter, request all the churches in this province to declare themselves by letter on this question before the close of this month.

As the hour of adjournment had come, an extension of time was allowed. The discussion, which was under the circumstances, unusually frank and friendly, evincing that all alike were aiming at one goal, and only differing as to the ways and means of getting there was brought to a close.

The amendment to the amendment was lost by 24 to 28. The amendment carried 29 to 16.  
On Monday evening the committee on the "Circular Letter" that they had examined the letter prepared by the Rev. W. C. Goucher, and heartily recommended it for the approval of the association.  
A committee to take into consideration the propriety of organizing an Association of the B. Y. P. U. was appointed.  
The committee of arrangements had provided for a platform missionary meeting for this evening. After introducing services the committee on foreign missions reported.

The Rev. J. W. Manning presented the deep needs of our foreign mission fields, and plead most earnestly for enlarged effort on the part of our churches. He also presented as reasons for enlargement the purpose, work and sacrifice of the Christ for the redemption of the lost, and the reflex influence of foreign mission work on our churches, in doing our duty as Christ directs we are certain of success.  
Mrs. Baker was introduced and gave a brief and soul-stirring address on Women's relation to the work of the Grande Ligne Mission.

Our attention was called to the fact that "give" is written so largely in the book of nature. The darkness of our sisters in Quebec to whom we go with the gospel is dense. We can help them much by giving them what we waste of time spent in unnecessary work or idleness. Domestic service is acceptable service to Christ. Of money—When the reign of peace comes Christians will be known by their expenditure of money. Of love—Without love we are nothing—dormant love is wasted love—love in action cannot be exhausted. The work and service assigned to women is a work none else can do. These addresses were attentively listened to

and a vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers.

The hour was now quite advanced and the Rev. J. A. Gordon, who had been appointed to speak for home missions declined to further tax the audience, but on being pressed to do so, gave in brief, but keen, logical utterances, reasons why we should support and prosecute our home mission work. The audience was full.

By the excellent service of the choir the pleasures of the hour were greatly increased. May we not hope for a large increase of the true missionary spirit in our churches represented in this meeting.

## An Appeal to the Churches of the Maritime Provinces.

DEAR BROTHERS.—Our Convention year will soon close. It is very desirable that the Foreign Mission Board should be able to complete the year's work with all arrears paid and a balance in the right side. We have received from all sources about \$11,200 and we have expended nearly \$14,000. As you will remember we closed last year with a deficit of nearly \$3,500; and in order that we might make our first quarter's remittance after the Convention, it was necessary to borrow \$1,100. A further sum of \$532 was borrowed during the year to meet an emergency. These amounts with last year's deficit are being carried by the Board. There remains only about three weeks before the books of the Board are to be closed. In view of the above facts and the pressing needs of this department of our work it becomes necessary to ask our brethren to come to our help just now. If the rally is at all general the result will be all that is required, and the Foreign Mission Board will be able once more to report a balance in the right side.  
Yours in the work,  
J. W. MANNING,  
Sec. Treas. for N. B.

## W. B. M. U.

NOTTO FOR THE YEAR:  
"Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?"

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JULY  
For our mission workers at home and abroad.

Until further notice is given, contributions to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, Carleton, N. B.

Report of Ladies' Meeting of the N. B. Southern Association.

The Aid societies of the N. B. Southern Association held their annual meeting in the vestry of the St. Stephen church on Saturday afternoon, July 7. The meeting was interesting and helpful although not largely attended. Of the seventeen societies in the association only nine were represented. The reports from these were, in the main, encouraging. The Mission bands have been doing good work and promise great things for the future. There are forty-four churches in this association and only seventeen Aid societies. It is earnestly hoped that the year on which we have entered may be the birth year of twenty-seven other societies. The nine reporting at the St. Stephen's meetings were as follows: Brussels St., St. John, Carleton, Leicester St., St. John, Oak Bay, Rolling Dam, St. Martins, St. Stephen, Sussex and Penfield.

The meeting was opened by the usual devotional exercises, Mrs. J. J. Baker in the chair. The delegates were most warmly welcomed by Mrs. Robinson, president of the St. Stephen Aid Society. To this welcome, Mrs. Grant, of Sussex, responded in very appropriate words. Mrs. Grimmer and Miss Whidden enlivened the meeting by singing a pretty duet. Greetings were brought from the Women's Missionary Societies of other churches. The Methodist sisters were represented by Mrs. Chipman; the Presbyterian by Mrs. Clark; the Congregational, by Mrs. Dr. Todd, who spoke also in behalf of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Black brought greetings from the Baptist Aid Society in Calais, Maine. Mr. Manning spoke in his usual earnest way on the present encouragement and need of our work. The blessing that has attended the labors of our sisters on the foreign field is cause for much encouragement, and the need is seen in the fact that the number of uninterested women at home is still larger than the number of interested ones. We trust that the meeting in St. Stephen may assist not a little in diminishing the number of those who are at ease in Zion.

USE SKODA'S DISCOVERY,  
The Great Blood and Nerve Remedy.