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WEDNESDAY, August 31, 1887.

THE CONVENTION

[Our readers were doubtless disappointed that no more of the report of proceedings of Convention appeared in our last issue. They were no more disappointed than we. The report of the Convention up to Satur day night was mailed at Charlottetown in time for Monday morning's mail, but did not reach St. John till Tuesday evening. There must be some carelessness some where, which the authorities should correct. We found that mailing matter addressed to us while at Charlottetown, did not reach us until two days after the proper time, and sone of it did not reach us at all.]

The Marigime Baptist Publishing Company held its annual meeting on Friday revealing. The report of the directors made a fine showing of the work and business of the year. The new directorate is composed at the following gentlemen: T. R. Black, H. S. Emmerson, H. C. Creed, Mont. McDonaid, and A. P. Shand, E-qu; Rev.-J., W. Mauning, J. B. Woodland, W. J. Szewart, and C. Gioodapeed. The company are detergined to continue to make the Mgseksokin and Vistron of more and more value to its readers, and to increase its chroulation.

The Convention began its sessions in the Baptist church in Charlottetown, on Satu day, at 10 a. m. The house of worship meetly painted and upholatered, is one of the fixest in the land, and in the stronger contrast with the old house, now used for a livery stable. The attendance of dele-Bal. due Treasurer, 442 58

There has, therefore, been a deficit of \$943.41 on the operations of the year.
This is due chiefly to the large item for travelling expenses of the three missionary families who have been making the journey between our land and India. The general receipts have fallen off \$40.31, due to a decrease in donations and legacies. The amount from Convention Fund is slightly increased. Surely our Saviour expects us to do more than this for the rayriads whom he desires us to help to save. Can we look up into his face, realizing that all our glad hopes are through his death for us, and be so indifferent to the plain indications of his will?

a livery stable. The attendance or usualists was fairly large.

After the opening-exercises, the retiripresident gave his address, which was car fully prepared and forcibly delivered.

was a sermon from the pew to the pulp it would not do for all our churches expect of their pastors all the qualities the ideal minister which Bro. Eston picts wither would all o the ideal minister which Bro. Exton pictur-ed so stringly, neither would all our churches submit to an ideal pastor who would insist on all that the pastoral relation demands. We hope that all our charch members will give earnest beed to all that the ideal relationship would demand of them, and strive to attain to it, and that all our pastors may gain a more exalted idea-of their daties and privileges, and be stirred to greater effort to realize it. The election of efficers resulted in the following appointments: President, Prof. The estimated expenditure of the Foreign Mission Board for the coming year is \$8,366. If a missionary be sent to India this year, it will require for outfit and travelling expenses \$1,625 in addition, or \$360 more than was expended last year, and \$1,503 more than was received.

The report of the Finance Agent was awaited with a good deal of expectation. It is one of the surset criterions of the state of our churches. When the spiritual life is deep and fervest, it will be practical, and the Lord's work will not be left to want support. When men do not give, as they

The election of officers resulted in the following appointments: Prevident, Prof. Jones: Vice presidents, Mont. McDonald, Esq., and Rev. I. J. Shinner; Secretary, Prof. Kierstead; Asst. Secretary, Prof. Enton; Treasurer, Jas. Desbressy, Esq. The delegates recognized the appropriateness of the appointment for President. This is the first time the Convention has meet on the Island. Prof. Jones is eminently worthy of the position, and he is a fullworthy of the position, and he is a full-looded P. E. Islander.

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The Report on Ob traries was a touching tribute to fing brethers who have let us for the better and. Death has borne with a heavy based upon our ministry during the year. Four of the five were full of years,—Brethren D. Shaw, P. Spragg, T. W. Saunders and E. F. Foshay. One, Bro. J. A. McLean, was cut off in full carrier of uncfulness. We shall all son follow. Let us be institled.

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The Report on the State of the D. nomin ation was adopted as published last week. In speaking to the report, Bro S. B. Kempton thought the general view of the state of the deno-nination as given by the report, was figed to impress on all their responsibility to help on the general work of the bady. We should make the weak churches know and feel that the Convention keeps them in warm and sympathetic thought. The dearth of ministers should impel us to encourage lay agency.

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Bro. G. O. Gates referred to our ardent desire, at the close of last Convention, that this year might be full of power and blessing. We had been in a measure disappointed. There were special reases which would go far to explain the state of things in the Western Association of N. B.—the collapse of the Maritime Bank; and the prevalence of the so-called holiness sentiment. There were brethru laboring there who had struggled on heroically, and whose hearts were oppressed with the state of religion in their vicinity. He believed that the prospects were brightening.

After the appointment of the committee on our Finances, whose work will be noticed later, the The report was referred to a committee who recommended some changes and pointed out some insocuracies. These chianges will be made before publication in the Year Book. Apart from the special contribution to Home Missions, the receipts this year through Convention Fund channels, have been about \$100 greater.

POREIGN MISSION BOARD

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immedy, and presented to Convention the
section of union with the Upper Canadian

brethren in Foreign Mission work, in deference to the request of the united conference or missionaries in India, as published in the Massenura and Vintron some months ago. This raised the question whether the Convention would empower the Board to confer with our Upper Canadan brethren, to see if such a union was practicable and advantageous. Bro. Hutchinson explained the reasons why the mission field in India, of the two Boards, is all one. Were the home overright single, men could be taken from any part of the mission field to meet the exigencies of the work in any other part. As it was and, is, when brethren Timpany and Currie were stricken down, the whole field of the Upper Canadian Board was left without a single male missionary. If the Boards were united, brethren could go over to the help of fifther first of the countries of the missionaries to secure the single oversight of the föreign work was that each of the present Boards continue to attend to the home work of gathering funds, and what was involved in this, while an executive composed of representatives from these Boards, direct the missionaries and their operations. It was decided that the Board be empowered to confer with the Ontario Board in the matter.

The Treasurers report is as follows:

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The estimated expenditure of the Foreign

the Lord's work will not be left to want support. When men do not give, as they are able, it matters not what their pro-fessions of love to God and man may be, their life is superficial. A goodly number of churches had given more this year than last; alas, a number, all too large, gave less. The general summary is as follows:

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There have been 51 men laboring under the direction of the Board for the whole or part of the year. One of these has confined his labors chiefly to the French in Digby county, two have done the work of general missionaries, 13 were student missionaries, 22 were missionary pastors and three were appointed for brief missions. The time of service of these brethren aggregates 1,377 weeks, during which they have preached 3,919 sermons, attended 2,829 other meetings, made 11,707 religions visits, distributed 15,417 pages of tracts and performed much other work for the Master. The results of these labors that can be tabulated are 532 gathered into the churches, 445 by baptism and 87 by letter and experience; three meeting houses completed and opened for divine worship; seven started or pushed forward, a large number of children gathered into the Sunday Schools and several fields strengthened spiritually and financially. The total appropriation for this work has amounted to \$4,718.69.

All the churches in the Maritime Provinces could be grouped into 184 fields. Of these, 66 need aid. Only about two-thirds of this number are assisted, while new fields are ready to be occupied when it becomes possible to do so. The brethren and sisters of the churches can see that there are still Igreat possibilities awaiting their increased contributions to help realize.

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One bright feature of the year's work has been the lifting of the debt of \$3000, which rested on the Board at the beginning of the year. This has been swept away by the stream of contributions coming in from 8. Schools and individual. Would it be too much for all who have given last year to donate the same amount this? How it would help on the good work!

Quite a warm discussion arose over the policy of the Board in granting ald to city missions. Some thought that these missions should be sustained by the churches of the city, and not be a tax on general funds. It was explained, however, that the city churches of Halifax and \$4, John the work the mission referred to. It was only a question of whether the mosey should go through the H. M. Board, and the work be done under its superintendence, in line with the general policy of the denomination, or be given direct to the mission, and the mission be independent of the Board was, in the end, unanimously sustained.

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A very important question was left with
the Board, last year. It was how to
devise a scheme to increase the rate of
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1. That the Home Mission Board be
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First, "To set saids for this work from
its regular income such amount as may be
deemed experient from year to year."

Becood, "To receive donations and
legacies to be used for the same purpose."

Third, "To sak for a special collection
this work yearly from all our churches."

2. That the money thus received be
divided halt-yearly by the beginning of
February and August of each year to
churches or groups of churches making
application at least six weeks previous who
shall comply with the following regulations:

addrese whe full of valuable information. We hope to give it to our readers before long. He was followed by Bro. J. T. Burhoe, a native of P. E. I., but now settled in Illinois. His address was fitted to wake up the audience. Referring to Dr. Mason's exclamation, when he saw a number of missionaries sailing from Boston, that that was what skips were made for, he presend homes the thought that mea and all they have are made for God and his service, and appealed earnestly to all to give to help fulfil the great commission. Dr. Saunders of the fulfil the great commission. Dr. Saunders of the form the Scriptures and the history of the church. It was our duty and privilege to pray for the descent of that power. The reflex influence of such supplication would react upon all the inner and outward his of men. If all would continue to pray, every day, for the conversion of the present of the great success attending the ladies' aids, and the history and the history of the heads and the history of the heads are not only and the present of the great success attending the ladies' aids, and the history of the heads of the success of the determination of our ministers and delegate to spead no more than the beautiful than the proportion of the great success attending the ladies' aids, and the history of the heads of the success of the determination of our ministers and the history of the heads of the great success attending the ladies' aids, and the history of the heads of the great was a statement of the great was Still, there is a small deficit of \$438.32.
THE DOMINION BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
reported that it had assisted fifteen fields in Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia, and has no fewer than nine men in its employ. The income for the year has been but \$3,500. This is well said to fall almost infinitely short of meeting the great demand. Some members of the Board in the Maritime provinces thought that the central Board at Toronto had not been careful enough to keep them informed, and Dr. Sawyer thought the members of the Board among us constituted a committee to look after the interests of the work among the churches. On reference to the constitution, this was found to be true, and the members of the Board and a meeting and recommended that our H. M. Board appropriate \$1,000 this year to the Northwest, instead of \$500 as last year, and that all pastors be requested to present the claims of his mission to their churches the first Sanday in December, and take up a special collection in aid of its funds, to be sent to the treasurer of the H. M. Board. This recommendation was adopted. We hope our pastors will keep this important matter in mind.

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THE MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND AID BOARD reported that assistance had been granted to eight brethren and ten sisters. One sister had died and one brother had been added to the list of beneficiaries. The net expenditure of the year had been \$660. About \$3,000 had been secured by agency work, in cash and pledges. The report insisted strongly on the need of an Annuity Fund suder the control of the denomination. The committee appointed at last Convention to prepare a plan for a Minister's Annuity Association submitted the result of their labors, which is substantially what has been published in the MERSEWORR AND VISITON. A prolonged and somewhat excited discussion followed. Some brethren thought the Association should be independent of the Convention, according to the constitution adopted by those who have the Bradshaw fund in trust. The view finally prevailed that the association should be in connection with the Convention, and the two reports were adopted.

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The next speaker was the Hev. C. H. Martell, who pointed out why we should put more money into Home Missions. Rev. A. W. Jordan, B. D. (colored) Ballifax.—The needs of the African church in Nova Scotia. He claimed that more substantial aid abould be given them or that they should be allowed to becomalised with the other churches of the con-

vention.
Rev. G. O. Gates (St. John).-How Rev. G. O. Gates (St. John).—How should we increase the number of our pastors? He said there was a great dearth, of pastors. Fifty more were needed. Three faults were spoken out-failure of, union of pastors, failure of churches in-eesking a popular preacher rather than pastors, and giving inadequate support to pastors; failure in churches in self-denial and piety. Finally he urged need of prayer to the Lord of the harvest as most essential in increasing pastors for the churches.

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Rev. H. G. Mellick, the new pastor of the Brussels street church, St. John, was the next speaker, his subject being Manitobs missions. He spoke of the country, the superior of which could not be found the superior of which could not be found on the face of the globs. There was: grand field and the Baptist' should en deavor so send other missionaries outhers. After the platform meeting, the Conven-tion resumed its business, and the following brief report on Systematic Work was

Your committee to whom was referred the important matter of systematic work in our churches, beg leave to report that they have given some attention to the subject. They have agreed upon a plan. About a score of churches have sent for copies with a view to put it in operation. Your committee have been made aware that there is need of some issurroutions accompanying the plan to help the churches is result in and keep it in operation. They believe, however, that some good has been yell it and keep it in operation. They believe, however, that some good has been the contraction of the churches as the largest factor in our hope of sasured progress in the future. This important subject, also, received very inadequate attention. The committee was continued, and it is hoped that there may be great progress to report next year.

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The Ministerial Education Board reported that appropriations had been made to 20 students. As the Board had but about \$400 to appropriate, the amount to each was small. The number of applicants is increasing faster than the contributions, and the receipts are already very inadequate to meet the reasonable claims upon them.

THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The facts contained in this report have already been given, for the most part. The new Acasemy building is about ready for occupancy. The cost has been \$7,615. It will accommodate 50 students. It is hoped to pay the interest on the cost of the building out of the additional income received through it. The students in the College tax the accommodations pretty everely now, and the prospects are that the attendance will continue to increase. It is exfected that the largest freshman class in the history of the College will attend this year.

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Reference was made to the importance of Horton Academy as a feeder for Acadia College, and the Seminary at St. Martine was mentioned in the same connection. Improvements have been made in the heating of Acadia Seminary, and this institution is commended to the patronage of our people. Our daughters need higher education as well as our conv. The Jubilee effort for \$50,000 is exarestly commended. The question of the advisability of holding a Ministerial Conference in connection with the convention, in harmony with a suggestion in the Massanura and Visitora of the presceding week, was considered and referred to a committee of which Prof. Kiersteed is chairman. Tuesday afternoon was reserved to consider the question of

BAPTIST UNION.

There was a great deal of eager interest to be read on the faces of the large audience that came together. The report of our part of the joiat committee who have had the matter in band, was quite a volumenous one. It was read by I. E. Bill, Jr., for his father. It was a narrative of the whole movement, and its issue in the "Basis of Union." In due time, the preceding sections of the report were adopted and the "Basis" taxen up for consideration. At the beginning Dr. McLeed, the delegate of our F. Baptist brettiren, was called op, and responded, although he was put in a position somewhat trying, as the doctor felt. He told us he came to bear the fraternal greetings of his brethern. He intended to hear what was said and observe the apirit in which it was asid. The Baptist members of the committee could explain from their side and he would be prepared to explain from his. The two bodies had been coming closer together. If it is the Lord's will, he hoped the union would be realized.

At this stage, Judge Johnson raised the point of order that the whole question of the union was outside the objects on was outside the objects on was outside the objects on was oversuled.

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Dr. Saunders said that although opposed to the union at first, he had become theroughly converted to the movement. The Convention is not a legislative body, but by an expression here we can gain a general knowledge of the Baptist cent ment on the question. The whole insitted must be refurred, finally, to the individual charches.

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Dr. Bill said Dr. Saunders' remarks had reminded him of the seripture, "There is juy to he even over one sinser that repeat the "The movements is in harmony with the spirit of the age. We should throw ourselves into it and secure the many tent 6 - accruing to both bodies by the union. If the "Basis" is adopted the shall recew us -acc truy, years'.

Rev. E. J. Grunt sand one question had a very serious side. If the Convention adopted the "Basis" it would erronely influence use churches to adopt it likewise. The better way would be to union it first to the churches. There was a moved ent on foot in the United States to unite the two bodies there; but the representative paper, the Econsider, said organic

unite the two bodies there; but the repre-sentative paper, the Examérier, said organio naion-was impossible. Bro. F. M. Young thought the members of the Convention were the delegates of the clurches and ought to know the feeling of their obtained on this question, and could fairly express what they were prepared to do.

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The "Basis" was then taken up, clause by clause. The first article was amended. Instead of saying the scriptures are "sperfect, supreme, infallible and sufficient standard of faith and practice," it was made to read, the scriptures are the only, &c. If there can be more than one "perfect, supreme," &c., the amendment was necessary. The other articles were accepted without much question, until that on "Final Perseverance" was reached. It read !

We believe that persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes real Christians from superficial professors. If any who have been born of God altogether lose the grace received at regeneration, there is for them no renewal unto eternal life.

This does not mean, however, that the regenerate may not become back-sliders.

It was moved to strike out the whole article; an arrendment was offered to this that the middle clause be eliminated and the first and last sentences be the article, explained, lowever, that this clause did-not affirm anything as to whether a regen-erate man could altogether lose the grace received, it only declared, supposing there were such a case, that there was no hope of renewal. After much disquession, the vocadments were voted down and the article allowed to stand in its original form.

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The other articles were adopted without discussion until that on the Lord's Supper was reached.

It was admitted by all that this article, in connection with the preceeding, gave no liberty, to any but immersed believers to partake of the Lord's Supper. Baptism is defined as immersion. No one can belong to the church unless baptised—immersed—and the duty and privilege of partaking of the supper is said to belong to baptised believers who are a part of his visible church. The supper, then, is for baptised believers, members of his visible church, and nothing but immersed can become members of his visible church. In this way, the most thought, the article on the sup-

none but the Immersed can become members of his visible church. In this way, the most thought, the article on the supper was doubly guarded. Bro. Grant and Judge Johnson, however, had views and spoke out planily, as they were in duty bound to do. After considerable discussions the article was adopted with but they discussion, so far as we heard. The other articles were passed without amendment. On the motion to adopt "Basis" as a whole, there were but three who voted nay, if our hearing was correct. During the whole consideration of the "Basis" it could be seen that the feeling for union was deep and general. If may be there is a little danger that the sentimental side of the movement become too prominent.

The old come little that has had the shaping of the movement thus far, was reappointed to report the action of our Convention to the F. Bapist Conference, and to prosecute the union, should the P. Bapist Conference, and to prosecute the union, should the form of the movement of the sentence of the stores. The platform meeting to the interests of denominational education was held on Tu eday avening. The audience was very large. The speakers were Dr. Hopper, Dr. McLeod, Bros. 8 B. Kempton and A. Colleon. We took usee of the inferesse, but that the speakers is different to any that the speakers is different to a substantial address.

the impression made was meat exc. livative have no doubt but that the jubiles effort received a fine impulse by Bro. Colloca's address.

At the conclusion of the public meeting the Convention resumed business, and dispose to the balance of the report on the "Baste of Union," as already outlined.

A communication had been received from Dr. Rand, supinising the changes that had been made by the union of Mc-Master Througheal Hall with the Arts College to be established in the formation of Mc-Master Througheal Hall with the Arts College to be established in the formation of Mc-Master Througheal Hall with the Arts of the College to be established in the formation of Mc-Master Distressing our Convention to take action is reference would have been better satisfied had Toronto Baptist College remained a separate institution, yet in their opinion the Convention is respect to the communication referred to:

Recolved, That this Convention heartily

Resolved, That this Convention hear or grafulates our brethren of Outario Q: bee and rejoices with them in success of their starts to establish a Ottian subcol of learning with univerpowers wholly under the government operated of the Baptist denomination.

The committee recommended that members be elepted to represent the Convention in the senate of McMaster University, as provided in section 11 of the charter of that university.

Dr. Higgins thought some brethren should speak less often and give others an opportunity to express themselves. He was prepared to plead for union. It was in harmony with the spirit of the Gospel. It was most unfortunate that two bodies distinguished alike from other denominations and so nearly alike in belief, should stand apart. In the past there was no it was also recommended the Convention to sake the descriptions and so nearly alike in belief, should stand apart. In the past there was no it was also recommended to the control of the co

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