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It is claimed for the Chicago University that it is "a child of Providence." We hope the claim is legitimate, but whether its presidential parentage is admitted or not, it certainly cannot be denied that if ever a child was born with a silver spoon in its mouth, it has been so in this case.

BAPTISTS IN FRANCE.

It appears that the results of Baptist mission work in France, during the past year, have been unusually good, and the outlook for our brethren in that country is exceedingly hopeful.

RUSSIAN BAPTISTS AND THE FAMINE.

In another column will be found a note from our esteemed brother, Edward Young, Esq., D.C.L., U.S. Consul at Windsor, relative to the needs of famishing Baptists in Russia and the opportunity afforded the Baptists of this country to send help to their perishing brethren.

want of food, the cows and all the cattle are either killed by the peasants or are falling dead from starvation.

The National Baptist adds: "Our German Baptist brethren in this country are doing nobly. Mr. J. A. Schulte, of the Publication Society, has remitted \$418.10 to be used by the German brethren in Russia."

From a letter received by Mr. Schulte from a pastor in Russia and published in the Baptist, we give the following extract: "I thank you a thousand times for your interest in me and mine."

"Having called attention to Dr. Young's note, it seems unnecessary that we should say more in this connection. We feel sure that many of the readers of this paper have been touched with sympathy for the Russian peasants in their terrible distress, and many would gladly send relief to their brethren of the same faith who are perishing for bread."

AN EXAMPLE AND A SUGGESTION.

The following note was the other day received at this office:

Some evenings ago I listened to a very powerful appeal, made by our missionary, Mrs. Archibald, for funds to build mission houses at Kimsy and Palconda. I have no doubt there are many brethren in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia who, like myself, have felt themselves stirred to new life in the glorious cause of foreign missions by the enthusiasm of Mrs. Archibald.

next week to be able to say that other checks for a greater or less amount have been placed beside that which we have now the pleasure of acknowledging.

Baptist Annuity Association.

The first mention we find of the above society in our denominational reports is in the Year Book of 1889. The association had not been incorporated by the N. B. Legislature and had also been made the recipient of a donation according to conditions of a trust deed executed by Mr. Jacob Bradshaw.

It continued to hold regular annual meetings, commonly, for the sake of convenience, with the Maritime Convention, until the year 1889. At a session held in Fredericton that year, the first of Mr. Creed's secretaryship, a resolution was passed looking towards the appointment of a joint committee with the society in Nova Scotia.

Now it will be remembered that Mr. Bradshaw died at Hampton, April 25, 1888, and the same Year Book that contains his obituary also records these proceedings, only a year after his death.

It was not in any sense an annual meeting of the Baptist Annuity Association of N. B., nor could it elect our officers, receive reports, and do the general business always transacted at such sessions.

In the same Year Book we find the constitution of the Convention society on p. 201, while the usual mention of the Baptist Annuity Association of N. B. is dropped out altogether.

The annual meeting required by the constitution was in some way or other allowed to lapse. And, instead, in 1891, Mr. Creed announced a meeting of the Baptist Annuity Association in connection with the society incorporated in Nova Scotia, to take place Aug. 22nd, at Moncton.

Did the association ever meet in session to order such a meeting appointed? Certainly the constitution permits of no joint-session with any other corporation, at which members of such corporation can vote and do our business.

No officers were elected, as required by the constitution, at such meeting; and but two or three members of our society were present. About twenty or twenty-five members of the society incorporated in Nova Scotia were there, and appeared to do what little was done.

Mr. Creed dwells upon the fact that so few of the ministers of N. B. have joined our society. And why is this the case? Simply, I answer, because the impression is sent abroad that the N. B. Society was about to be absorbed by the one in Nova Scotia.

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of that society, leaving the impression also that the Annuity Association of N. B. was about to unite with the other, which he represented.

Mr. Bradshaw expressly stated that he gave his money for the denomination in this province. When Dr. Bill asked him if his trust could be held for the benefit of ministers in other provinces, he said, "No, I made my money in New Brunswick; I wish it to be given to the Baptists of New Brunswick."

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1792. Centennial Work. 1892.

The Centennial Committee, through its secretary, has sent to each church—addressed either to the pastor or church clerk—a short appeal, calling attention to the action of the Convention. See Year Book, page 26, in regard to "Memorial Fund."

We earnestly hope that this "appeal" will be early read to the congregations. Now, as suggested, let collectors at once be appointed to solicit offerings.

I would also suggest that all superintendents of Sunday-schools send to me for as many envelopes as they have numbers of teachers, officers and scholars in the school. Let each be given one, for an offering, and if it be but one cent or two cents—these will count up the dollars; these will mean bricks in the new buildings at Kimsy and Palconda, to which the large part of memorial fund will be devoted.

I hope, Mr. Editor, to soon report how the call for envelopes is being responded to, both for churches and Sunday-schools. Who sends the first order? How many shall I send you?

G. O. GATES, Secy. Centennial Com. St. John, March 19.

The Temperance Committee.

I am now sending out circulars to all the churches in the Maritime Provinces. They are addressed to the pastors where it is known that the churches have pastors. In other cases to the clerks.

Have we not unconsciously given comfort to those who are engaged in this work of destruction, by our "masterly indifference"? Many churches, we fear, have given over the work of this department to the temperance societies.

Now Concerning the Collection for Manitoba and North-west Missions.

Bro. Cohoon has called our attention to the collection for Manitoba and N. W. missions. As I have been appointed superintendent of Baptist missions that part of our country, and in a weeks will start for the field, it may be out of place for me to add a backing up. Bro. Cohoon's earnest appeal to the Convention instructed the Board to endeavor to raise \$1,500 for that amount, and yet it is considering the great needs of the world, the ability of our people in these provinces. How can it be increased? For a special collection for the work mentioned, and if the amount exceeds \$1,500 it will all go to that object.

Read the heart-rending letter in the Messenger and Visitor of the 16th inst., and let the terrible recital of facts, that had been buried into the narrator's experience, have its due effect upon your minds.

A reclaimed brother once said to the writer, after the celebration of the sacred supper: Pastor, I can never again sit at the table of my Lord where intoxicating wine is dispensed. It is as much as my soul is worth. The slumbering demon has been aroused within me to-day. I resolved then and there, God helping me, I never would dispense an alcoholic beverage again, if I knew it.

I know many will say, This is a disputed question, that it has not yet been satisfactorily settled whether the juice of the grape were fermented or unfermented at the first institution of the supper by our Lord.

Are you "intelligent on it"? Do you know that K. D. C. is a positive cure for indigestion and dyspepsia in any form? It's the greatest cure of the age. Try it!

Baptist Annuity Association.

At the annual meeting of our Annuity Association held at Amherst in August, 1889, the Board of Management prepared a report, in which they said considered it would be a very desirable object to accomplish "a union in special objects aimed at by this association, provided equitable arrangements could be made."

When the association met in St. John in 1887 (July), the minutes recorded the following resolution, moved by Hopper, seconded by W. J. Stewart, and unanimously carried: "Resolved, That this association prove of the principle of the desirability of there being one society to have management of the receiving and disbursing of funds for ministerial relief, and pledges itself to unite in maturing of plans to effect this purpose for the three provinces on an equitable basis."

It was further resolved, That members of this Board who shall at the next meeting of Convention be authorized to meet the Convention Board with a view to arrange for a union of the two boards.

In August, 1889, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by annual meeting of our Annuity Association: "Resolved, that a committee be appointed to confer with a like committee named on behalf of the Maritime Annuity Fund of the Baptist Convention with a view to effecting, in the manner possible, a union of the two societies, and to report to the next meeting of the Convention Board with a view to arrange for a union of the two boards."

In accordance with this vote, a committee on union was appointed. During the year 1890 steps were taken towards obtaining from the Dominion Parliament an act incorporating (Convention Board, to manage the unappropriated funds, for the benefit of all ministers in the Maritime Provinces who might become members. Early in 1891 it was reported to the two executive boards that the expenses connected with procuring a Dominion act of incorporation would be too great, and that legislatures of N. B. and N. S. would be asked to pass special acts giving necessary powers to the boards. An accompanying petition was prepared, to be submitted to each legislature. In N. S. the bill became an act, and a copy of which may be found in the Year Book. But we in this province took no action, in consequence of a legal opinion to the powers of our legislature. The next step was the joint meeting at Moncton.

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If the churches make the day appointed a special day for Manitoba and N. W. missions, and the pastors take interest in it—for its success depends largely upon the interest the churches take—the amount will be increased. And that will not be the only desirable feature of a large collection now, but will encourage the Convention to increase its estimates for this work for the year. When we clear the pole which touching they can safely raise it and notch.

The advances we have made in giving for this work during the past few years are encouraging. In 1889 the sum shows only \$288.86 given by us. In North-west missions; in 1890, \$1,230 and last year, \$1,887.00. Let us raise to \$2,000 this year, and encourage the Convention to estimate \$2,500 for the year. The increased interest the churches are taking in this work is a blessing that a bright day is, at hand, our work in the West.

The work has large claims upon Baptists of these provinces. Your sons and daughters are making their way in that magnificent country. He to give them religious privileges lay foundations for the future. I have given me the address of friends in the West whom they wish me to I will be pleased to receive the names of others. Tell me where your boy is and we will gladly visit him.

—Probably in March more than other months in the year are the rays of cold in the head and catarrh severely felt. Do not neglect either an instant, but apply Nasal Balsam—tried, never-failing cure. Easy, pleasant and agreeable. Try. Sold by all dealers, or sent by mail, on receipt of price—50c. Brockville, Ontario. Fulford & Co., Brockville. —Minaed's Liniment cures diptheria.