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The Convention.

(REPORT CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

The session of Saturday afternoon was devoted principally to hearing the report of the Board of Governors of Acadia University, which was presented by the Secretary of the Board, Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D. In beginning their report the governors say: "We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God towards us during another year, in that a good degree of success has been enjoyed by our institutions at Wolfville. Work has gone forward in all the departments without serious interruption, and some evidences of progress are, we think, manifest."

The first part of the report deals with meetings of the Board, Alumni Association, etc., during the year, the number of students in attendance at the College and Seminary and Academy, the number graduated, degrees conferred, etc. As these matters have already been placed before the readers of the MESSENGER and VISITOR, it seems unnecessary to repeat them here. The following, in reference to resignations and appointments, will be of interest:

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLLEGE.

Early in the year, Prof. A. E. Coldwell, who has for many years occupied the chair of Natural Science, placed his resignation before the Board, with the request that it take effect at the close of the College year. The Board desires to record its high appreciation of Mr. Coldwell's scholarship, and his earnest, conscientious, painstaking work as a teacher. In June last, Dr. D. F. Higgins, Professor of Mathematics, and F. R. Haley, M. A., Alumni Professor of Physics and Astronomy, resigned. Prof. Higgins is widely known and honored as a man of thorough and accurate learning, not only in his special subjects, but in other departments as well. By nearly forty years of devoted service as a public educator he has placed the college, the denomination and the country deeply in debt, and well earned the rest he has deemed necessary. These resignations were all accepted, and the following appointments have been made to fill the vacancies: Prof. F. R. Haley is appointed to the chair of Mathematics, with the understanding that during the year he will direct the work in Mathematics and Physics. Mr. Cecil C. Jones, of New Brunswick, graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and B. A. of Harvard, is appointed Instructor in Mathematics and Physics. Mr. Ernest Haycock, of Nova Scotia, graduate of Acadia, and M. A. of Harvard, is appointed, for two years, Instructor in Chemistry and Geology. Dr. D. F. Higgins is made Professor Emeritus. For the present year he will have charge of Mathematics with the Senior class.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEMINARY.

All the music teachers retired at the close of the year—some from one cause, some from another—and the following appointments have been made: Miss Leita A. Gillmore, of New-York, has been appointed Director of Piano. Miss Gillmore has been taught by the best Masters in New York and Chicago, has served for seven years as Director of the Piano Department in a Ladies' Seminary in the United States, and is now returning from an extended course of study in Berlin, Germany, under the celebrated Professor Barth. Miss Gillmore is highly recommended to us also for her social and Christian virtues.

Mrs. M. A. Chubbuck, of Amherst, has been appointed as assistant teacher of piano. Mrs. Chubbuck has enjoyed extended advantages as a student in the New England Conservatory of Music, and bears the reputation of a competent musician and teacher, as well as that of a noble Christian lady.

Miss Elizabeth Higgins, who has been resting for a year, returns to her work as a teacher of French and German; and Miss Minnie Chipman, who has spent the last year in study at the Cooper Institute, New York, has been re-appointed teacher in Art.

In the Manual Training Department of the Academy, Mr. McKinnon, who taught last year, retired from the position in June, and the place has been filled by the appointment of H. P. Archibald, B. Sc., a graduate of the Applied Science department of McGill University. He comes highly recommended for his ability as a teacher and his character as a Christian. As to

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work, the report says: The Forward Movement plan adopted by the Convention last year has been pushed forward as fast and as far as circumstances and conditions permitted. Dr. Trotter entered upon the campaign with much hopefulness and energy, and he has wrought to the full measure of his strength. He has kept in constant touch with the Executive Committee, asking their advice and assistance on every important matter. It was expected, at the outset, that the provinces could be divided up into districts and that suitable men could easily be obtained to canvass these. Dr. Trotter paying a visit to each, without being compelled to remain for special canvass. It has been difficult to effect this arrangement, however, to the full extent intended. Dr. Trotter has visited and canvassed the principal cities

and towns in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and has canvassed pretty thoroughly throughout some of the counties of Nova Scotia, with very satisfactory results. During the spring and summer, Rev. W. E. Hall has been employed, and has proved a very efficient helper. Prof. Tufts rendered valuable assistance in Eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. Rev. J. H. McDonald spent two or three weeks in Shelburne and South Queens, N. S., and Rev. C. C. Burgess about two months in Albert and Westmorland Counties, N. B. Rev. J. A. Gordon rendered valuable service in Prince Edward Island, by representing the Forward Movement at the association, and securing there a noble start towards the subscription list. Prof. E. W. Sawyer followed up the work at the Island Association by several weeks of canvassing. With a large number of helpers, the whole amount named last year would have been pledged, without doubt. The Board would express their sincere thanks to those named and others, whose names have not been mentioned, for the valuable aid rendered. Further steps will be taken to complete the canvass, and it is believed that with careful work the full amount will be reached.

Your Board are pleased to report that about \$48,000 of the \$60,000 has been secured in good pledges. The treasurer's account will show the amount paid in up to date. That a larger sum is not in hand is due to the fact that most of the subscriptions date later on in the year than July or August. Our hope is that one fourth of the \$60,000 will be in hand by the 1st of January next. The response given to this call at this time your Board regards as a most striking and pleasing proof of the large place the institutions at Wolfville have in the affections of our people. The readiness on the part of hundreds in very humble circumstances to give out of their limited income has been truly touching. That this appeal, in the manner in which it has been conducted, has brought the institutions in closer touch with the churches than they have been for a long time past is very evident. The beneficent results of this will be manifest in a variety of ways for many years.

The Secretary's report called forth but little discussion. Having been considered clause by clause, it was adopted. At the close of the reading of the report, Mr. William Cummings, of Truro, made one of his vigorous and warm-hearted speeches on behalf of educational work, advocating a strong effort on the part of the denomination to bring the Forward Movement Fund up to the required amount.

President Trotter, speaking of the prospect of raising the amount required, said that he had no doubt that the parts of the constituency still to be canvassed would yield the \$12,000 necessary to make the subscriptions up to \$60,000, but it must be considered that from various causes there will be a considerable shrinkage in the subscriptions obtained. It was necessary, he thought, to allow at least \$3,000 for that, and the Convention should in some way provide for that amount.

Mr. C. E. Knapp spoke of the value of an education in reference to getting on in the world.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, of Vancouver, said there was one part of the Baptist constituency which had not yet been canvassed on behalf of this Forward Movement Fund. The graduates of Acadia in British Columbia would desire to have a share in the work, and he was ready both to give himself and to solicit subscriptions toward the fund in B. C.

Rev. Dr. Kempton spoke of the crisis which is upon the denomination in respect to the educational work. A long pull and a strong pull was needed to complete the fund.

Dr. Saunders told of what he had seen done on a recent Sunday at Isaac's Harbor, when \$1400 was raised for the F. M. fund. This showed that where there is a will things can be brought to pass.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The educational meeting in the evening called out a very large congregation. According to the printed programme this session was to be given to a platform discussion of Education, but at the request of President Trotter, made at the close of the afternoon session, it was arranged that, in order to expedite business, a part of the time should be given to a discussion of the treasurer's report. The treasurer of the College, Rev. A. Cohoon, presented his report, showing the financial position of the several departments for the year ending August 1st, 1898. This report shows that the deficits connected with the running expenses of the several schools have been increased more or less as the result of the year's operation. In the College account, the deficit on the year's work is \$3,004.05, and the total deficit, \$8,648.15. In the Chipman Hall account the business of the year shows a balance on the wrong side of \$1,191.61. In connection with this it was explained that owing to certain unfortunate circumstances the receipts from rent of rooms in the building

had been much less than had been expected, but that plans had now been adopted which it was hoped would result in a much more satisfactory showing next year. The accumulated indebtedness is nearly \$6,000.

Horton Academy which receives \$400 rental for Chipman Hall has a deficit on its year's work of \$353.70. It should be explained that Chipman Hall, which was originally intended for the Academy, has for some years been used as a residence and dining hall for College students.

Acadia Seminary account shows a deficit for the year of \$1,028.50.

The Treasurer's statement as to the Trust Funds is as follows:

TRUST FUNDS.	
General Endowment - - - - -	\$64,593 32
Mark Curry professorship - - - - -	11,000 00
DeWolf Aid Fund - - - - -	3,000 00
" Library Fund - - - - -	1,600 00
Alumni Professorship - - - - -	760 00
Ralph Manning Scholarship - - - - -	300 00
G. P. Payzant Fund (theology) - - - - -	72,150 00
" Prize Fund (seminary) - - - - -	900 00
	154,303 32
J. W. Barss Professorship (special trustees)	20,000 00
	\$174,303 32

In addition to the above there are donation notes amounting to \$10,800 bearing interest at six per cent., which is a part of the Endowment of the College.

The accounts are audited by J. Nalder, Esq., of Windsor, an expert accountant. Mr. Nalder stated to the Convention that he had very carefully examined the accounts, had found vouchers for all expenditures and that the keeping of the accounts was in the fullest degree satisfactory.

At this point the regular programme was resumed.

The first speaker was Rev. H. F. Waring, of Truro, his subject, "The Bridge of Christian Education." The speaker placed emphasis upon the value of education as a means of deliverance from narrow and erroneous views of truth, especially of the sacred Scriptures. It was necessary to give the proper point of view, to enable men to appreciate the standpoint of the writers of the Bible and to distinguish between history, law, poetry, epistolary writings, etc. The Bible is a library of many books, and the character of each must be understood if the Scriptures as a whole are to be read intelligently. On the other hand education must be Christian. It is not through the power of an astute and cultured intellect alone that men can understand and interpret the things of God. There must be spiritual fellowship with Christ. Men can go right only as they are led by the Spirit of God and enter into fellowship with His Son. Therefore it is of the highest importance that our schools should be Christian. It is the Christian influence of Acadia that justifies her existence, and this Christian influence, enthroned in the hearts and lives of those who have been and those who are still educating our young men and women at Wolfville, is in the highest degree important to our interests as a people and to the great cause which we serve.

The above is given only as indicating the leading thoughts of Mr. Waring's excellent address which bore evidence of very careful preparation, and most impressively set forth the value of Christian education in view of the critical spirit and disturbing questions of the present time.

Principal Oakes spoke briefly in the interests of the Academy. Alluding to the fact that the Academy account showed a small deficit for the year, he said that if four more students had been sent there would have been no deficit, and he, therefore, felt inclined to hold the denomination responsible for the failure on the part of the school to make ends meet financially. He dwelt upon the great value of such a school as Horton Academy, and said that if the people better understood this the number of students would be larger.

Dr. Trotter followed in a brief address. He paid a high compliment to the devotion and efficiency of Principal Oakes. He felt that he deserved the support of the people in the important and difficult work in which he is engaged. Dr. T. regretted that he had this year to be speaking so constantly about finance. He would much prefer to discuss the intellectual and spiritual side of the educational work. The character and aim of the Forward Movement were now well known. There were still \$12,000

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