

New Brunswick Southern Association.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of this body met in St. Stephen on July 4th. This Association includes within its boundaries the churches in Kings, St. John and Charlotte counties, and has a constituency of about 47 churches. This year a large number of these churches were unrepresented either by delegates or a church letter. This was exceedingly regretted by the delegates present and also by the pastor and members of the St. Stephen church who had gone to the trouble of making special preparation for a large delegation. It does not say of the interest that our pastor's and churches should have in our denominational gatherings when slight causes and small sacrifices will keep us from annual gatherings intended to be of interest and profit to the cause we represent. It is earnestly to be hoped that on another occasion when a church makes provision for entertaining this Association our churches generally will show more interest in our work and a greater respect for the entertaining church.

The officers for this year were Rev. J. H. Hughes, moderator; Bro. C. A. Laubman, secretary; and Bro. O. B. Duten, treasurer. The various committees of arrangements, nominations and resolutions were appointed in the first session and after a season of prayer the Home Mission Report was read by field secretary, Rev. W. E. McIntyre. This report covering the work done under the direction of the Home Mission Committee was full of interest and hope. Some 54 have been baptized. The cry of the committee is for pastors for missionary fields. Rev. W. E. McIntyre has been requested to take the responsible position of Field Secretary and has already spent some weeks in this department of work, to which his interest in Home Missions and his knowledge of the different fields in New Brunswick make him eminently fitted, and we are pleased to say his appointment is heartily approved by this Association.

The Saturday evening session was given to missionary addresses. Bro. McIntyre held the undivided attention of the audience as he presented in a most interesting manner the claims of the Home Mission interests. After the reading of the report on Foreign Missions by Bro. Goucher, chairman of the committee, Rev. W. Camp, who had been requested by the Foreign Mission Board to represent the Foreign Mission cause, gave a splendid address on "The Genius of Christianity."

The Sunday services were full of interest. In the absence of the appointee for the Association sermon and his alternate, by request Bro. Camp preached a sermon full of interest and power from John 14:6.

A miss meeting under the auspices of the Sunday School was held in the afternoon when Brothers Bynon and Gates were the speakers. The Sunday School of the Union Street church, St. Stephen, is one of which the church may well be proud. The superintendent is assisted by a faithful and earnest corps of officers and teachers. A teacher's meeting is regularly held for the purpose of studying the Sunday School lessons and we are informed in numbers this School leads the other schools of the town.

The evening sermon was by Bro. Gates and was followed by earnest addresses and prayers in which among others Revs. J. H. Hughes, J. E. Goucher and L. B. Colwell took part. The three services of the day will not soon be forgotten. Then by some of the preachers cheerfully complying with the request made twice, the Association was able to supply the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of St. Stephen, the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational churches of Calais and Milltown.

Monday was a busy day. Reports of committees were presented, discussed, amended in some instances and passed. We need only to refer to a few of these. Last year a committee was appointed to report on the best methods of conducting our work as an Association. As a result of this committee's report, the day of meeting has been changed to Thursday, the Association sermon to be preached Thursday evening, Friday afternoon to be given to papers and discussions on subjects which shall be named by a specially appointed committee, the Friday evening session to be a platform meeting when such subjects as education, missions, etc., shall be discussed. For next year it was resolved that the Wednesday evening before the opening of the Association be set apart to a special consideration of Sunday School work and for this evening a committee will prepare a program.

Following the report on Denominational Literature, one or two earnest addresses were given in which the body was appealed to, to more generously support our denominational paper, the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

The Temperance Report was a calm, clear setting forth the cause of temperance, the earnest appeal to all temperance workers to do their duty at the polls and elsewhere.

The Sunday School report was followed by the appointing of a committee to confer with other committees looking toward the uniting in a Provincial Baptist Sunday School Association. It was freely expressed that the time is come when we should have a man giving his time to visiting and aiding in various ways our many Baptist Schools in the province and also to organize Schools in connection with our denomination.

The Circular Letter was prepared and read by Rev. A. H. Lavers, who much to the regret of many friends in these provinces, crossed the border during the past year and as-

sumed the charge of the Milltown, Maine, church. His letter was characteristic of the good brother, dwelling on the condition of our churches as expressed in the letters and then taking an optimistic view of the condition of things in general. Rest assured Bro. Lavers has no fear as to the issue of events in the Theological world. He sees the Bible taught truths as abiding and conquering.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations the following committees for the current year were appointed: Obituaries, Rev. T. M. Munro; Digest of Letters, Bro. T. H. Belyea; Temperance, Rev. E. K. Ganong; Home Missions, Bros. R. G. Haley, E. A. Titus, and Rev. W. M. Fields; Sunday Schools, Rev. W. C. Goucher, Bros. C. McAdam, and T. S. Simms; Denominational Literature, Rev. G. O. Gates; Systematic Benevolence, Rev. H. H. Roach; The Associational Sermon, Rev. M. E. Fletcher, Alternate, Rev. B. N. Nobles; Ministerial Standing, Revs. J. W. Manning, D. D., I. B. Colwell, and H. Shaw.

On motion the name of Rev. W. M. Bluett was dropped from our list of ministers. Of this motion the clerk was requested to inform the brother and the church of which he is reported as being a member.

The evening session was given to the subject of Education, the report states the condition of our Wolfville Institutions, noting the attendance last year, the hopeful outlook of the second forward movement. The reading of the report was followed by two splendid addresses. The speakers were the Principals of the Seminary and Academy. It must have occasioned feelings of pride among the members of the St. Stephen church as they listened with thrilling interest to a masterly address of one of their own sons in the person of Principal DeWolf. The Seminary and Academy will not want for friends in the "border town."

The Committee on Resolutions, among other things, thanked the pastor and members of the church and congregation for the great hospitality shown the delegates.

The session closed after prayer by Bro. Hughes.

Despite the smallness of the delegation the sessions were all full of interest. The utmost harmony prevailed. The business was carefully attended to and in parting the desire uppermost in the minds of the delegates was to return to their churches to do more faithful work and with the hope of the Divine blessing on the churches that we might at our next meeting report triumphs won in the cause of our Lord.

To the Constituency and Patrons of Acadia Seminary.

In such a school as Acadia Seminary, where so many different departments in educational work are carried on side by side, it is inevitable that frequent changes take place in the personnel of the Teaching Staff. So well were the authorities, who have on their hearts and their minds the conduct and the life of the school, satisfied with the personality and work of the teachers who composed our staff for the school year which has just closed, that they were all re-appointed. So well, however, were certain other schools satisfied with their qualifications that in several instances we have found ourselves unable to retain their services. This was occasion for sincere regret. But when it was known that these changes were becoming inevitable, efforts were at once made to secure the very best talent to fill the positions thus made vacant.

The purpose of the following paragraphs is to acquaint you, not with the work of those who have elected to remain with us, (the fact that they have been re-appointed is itself the strongest commendation of them and of their work), but to make announcement concerning the New Appointments to the Teaching Staff for the year 1903-1904. We expect in each teacher moral and spiritual competency, intellectual competency, social competency, technical competency—in fine, true culture and efficiency for service. These qualifications we believe we have to a large degree secured in the case of the following persons:

1. Vice-principal. This appointment, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Patten, has been filled by the appointment of Miss Adeline Putnam, of Newtonville, Mass. Miss Putnam is a graduate of Wellesley College, 1899, specializing throughout her course in English Literature. The two years following her graduation Miss Putnam taught in both the Academic and Collegiate Departments of Forest Park University, St. Louis. Resigning this position to pursue further study, Miss Putnam spent a year in residence at Cornell University, holding the graduate Scholarship in English Literature, and receiving her M. A. Degree in 1902. After a summer spent abroad in travel and study of Art she accepted the position of Preceptress in the Minneapolis Classical School. This position she resigns to come to Acadia Seminary.

From letters in my possession I make the following extracts: "Miss Putnam is a lady of exceptionally fine mental ability and sterling worth. Socially she is very agreeable, well liked and thoroughly respected by her pupils and fellow teachers. Her religious character and moral influence are such as to make her a desirable acquisition to such a school as yours." "If I were at the head of such a school as yours I should think myself fortunate in having such an associate as Miss Putnam. She cannot fail to exert a wholesome and positive Christian influence upon

the young ladies of the Seminary." "I think her a rare woman, one exceptionally qualified for some place of special responsibility and influence." Miss Putnam is a member of the West Newton, Mass., Baptist church.

2. Director of Piano and General Director of the Musical Department. The department of Piano, which has had such a rapid growth during the last three or four years, demands a strong man as director, and we believe that he has been secured in the person of Mr. George Pratt Maxim. After prolonged study in pianoforte harmony, composition, conducting and pipe-organ, under several of the best American teachers, Mr. Maxim has filled important positions as director of music at Coburn Classical Institute, Waterville, Me; Western College Conservatory of Music, Toledo, Iowa; and later Limestone College School of Music, Gaffney, South Carolina. Early in September Mr. Maxim will return from Europe where he has been pursuing advanced study in piano and organ under such noted teachers as Philipp and Guilmaut, of Paris, and Leschetizky, of Berlin. The following, taken from a large number of equally enthusiastic and discriminating words of commendation, concerning the work of Mr. Maxim, must suffice: "I take pleasure in commending Mr. George Pratt Maxim both as a Christian gentleman and as a skillful instructor in music. For two years he was director of the Western College Conservatory of Music. His work has been eminently successful and capable. It is a satisfaction in this case to say, not in a formal way, but in a most hearty expression that Mr. Maxim's first class in his chosen profession and has built up the Conservatory with marked success." "As director of Limestone College School of Music he has displayed conspicuous ability,— pupils, patrons and the college management generally being alike enthusiastic and outspoken in praise of his talents and his methods." "As a pianist he is very artistic." "Mr. George Pratt Maxim is a pianist of the very best type." The Seminary is thus to be congratulated in being able to secure his services; and it is with the utmost confidence that we commend him to you who desire sound, thorough and artistic training in piano or organ.

3. Voice. Miss Ursula Archer, who has accepted the appointment to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Marvin, has studied Singing and Vocal Culture under the best teachers in the City of Toronto. Later she studied with William Shakespeare, London, who is recognized as one of the foremost teachers of this generation. Thus equipped, Miss Archer has had considerable experience as a teacher having been a member of the staff of the Toronto College of Music and during that time having successfully prepared pupils for the final examination in Voice. In a personal letter one of the foremost vocal teachers of Toronto says: "Miss Archer has been most carefully taught and has had success as a teacher. Her voice while not a large voice is sweet and true and of a very pleasing quality. I am sure that she will give great satisfaction." Another writes, "Miss Archer has a sweet, sympathetic voice and her solo work is always delightful"; while a note from a competent critic in the Toronto Globe says: "Miss Archer's voice is very sympathetic and her interpretation of the numbers from Chaminade, Schumann, Handel and Hawley was most artistic." With such training, experience in teaching and native artistic ability Miss Archer is bound to sustain the splendid reputation which the Vocal Department has achieved.

4. Violin. Miss Evalena Warren accepts the appointment as teacher of Violin. Miss Warren is a graduate of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, specializing in Violin. Miss Warren has had considerable experience as a teacher, having for five years, during the summer, conducted with great success very large classes. Miss Warren possesses fine musical appreciation and plays with excellent expression. Her graceful and pleasing personality added to her mastery of her chosen instrument makes her appearance on a musical program an attractive feature. She comes to us most highly recommended as a Violinist of a high order. In a personal letter Miss Warren says: "The interests of the Seminary shall be mine; and no effort on my part shall be spared to make the coming year the most successful one."

5. Domestic Science. This important department is to have as its Director Miss Annie A. Bool. Miss Bool holds a Diploma in Domestic Science from the Training School in Truro, and has two years' experience in teaching this branch in Chester. In addition to the above mentioned qualifications she holds a B license Normal School Diploma, and has had considerable experience in teaching before making Domestic Science her specialty. One well acquainted with her work writes thus: "Miss Bool came to us with the reputation of being one of the best teachers in the Truro public schools and she has certainly sustained this reputation since coming to Chester. Miss Bool is a young lady of fine manner and address and her influence is for good on young and old. In my opinion she is very superior as a teacher of Domestic Science. I think that an hour in her class room would convince you that she is a natural teacher."

Should you desire to make further inquiry concerning any of the Departments of the School, Collegiate, Piano, Voice, Elocution, Art, Violin, Domestic Science, Typewriting, Stenography, Business, I shall be pleased to furnish you with all the information at my disposal. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Respectfully,
HENRY TODD DEWOLF,
Principal of Acadia Seminary.