

## N. S. Western Association.

The N. S. Western Baptist Association met in its forty-first annual session with the church at Lawrence, Kansas, June 20, at 10 a. m. The session was opened with devotional exercises, led by the moderator, Rev. G. R. White. The officers for the current year were appointed:—Rev. E. P. Caldwell, moderator; Rev. L. E. Bill, clerk; Rev. C. H. Minard, asst. clerk; Dea. Wm. McKeown, treas.; Dea. B. H. Parker, asst. treas.

The committee of arrangements was enlarged by the addition of Revs. R. D. Porter, W. H. Hagan, F. M. Young, J. H. Foshy and W. B. Bradshaw thereto. An address of welcome to the delegates of the churches assembled was given by the Rev. R. D. Porter, in the absence of Pastor Eaton, who was unable, because of a serious illness, to be present. Revs. A. Cohoon and S. H. Cain, replied to this address on behalf of the association.

Revs. E. O. Read, D. H. McQuarrie, C. R. Minard, S. Langille, Wm. Field and R. B. Kinley, who had accepted pastorates in territory of this association during the past year, were called to the platform and introduced by the moderator.

The Rev. W. B. Bradshaw led in special prayer for the Revs. J. T. Eaton and A. W. Barnes in their present ill health. The clerk read an abstract of the letters of the churches to the association, from which these statistics were gathered:

Baptisms for this year.....	365
Houses of worship now owned and occupied.....	119
Sunday-school.....	122
Churches reported.....	72
By letters.....	1
Present membership.....	68
Contributions reported as given to the benevolent work of the denomination.....	11,237
Delegates from the churches present at this association, about.....	\$5,088 00

The committee of arrangements reported a programme for the coming session, together with the necessary additions to the several committees.

ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON the committee on Sunday-schools reported. This report called forth a very earnest and thoughtful discussion, in which views of the several features of this cause were presented by many brethren present who are engaged in this department of church work. The review of the condition of our Sunday-schools, and the many practical suggestions offered must be helpful to the workers present. The fact that an entire session of the association was given to the consideration of this topic; voices the importance attached to it by our churches.

ON SATURDAY EVENING a mass Temperance meeting was held. Great interest was shown in this subject by the crowded audience present. The various phases of the war with alcohol—the success and failures therein—the causes why—and the best measures to be taken in the future endeavor—were ably discussed. The speakers of the evening were:—Revs. G. R. White, E. O. Read, F. M. Young, S. Langille, and T. B. Crosby, Esq.

An interesting feature of this occasion was the presence of some 70 members of Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in regalia. The services of an efficient choir added much to the interest of the meeting.

THE SABBATH was an interesting day. It began with a prayer meeting, at 9 a. m., of great religious power and holy joy. A congregation larger than the house could hold assembled at 11 o'clock, to listen to the sermon of the day, by Rev. A. Cohoon, who was at his best on this occasion, and gave the people a clear outline of the creation and redemption necessary to, and wrought in, the salvation of sinners. An overflow meeting was held in the Methodist church hard by, and a sermon of much power was preached by Rev. G. R. White to a large congregation. All the churches for many miles around, in this beautiful valley and on the mountains, were supplied with the preaching of the gospel, by the ministers here assembled. The services of this day must greatly uplift or awfully condemn the people of this county.

At 2:30 p. m. the Sabbath-school assembled, and was assisted in the exercises of the hour by visiting brothers and sisters; the Rev. D. H. Simpson and Miss Johnson taking leading positions in the services.

At 3 o'clock the Rev. D. H. McQuarrie preached a sermon that was highly appreciated in the Methodist church.

The great occasion of the day were the evening missionary services. In the Baptist house the moderator presided, and the committee on Missions reported through Rev. D. H. Simpson, the chairman. The speakers here were Rev. L. C. Archibald, our returned missionary, who gave an interesting description of our own Telugu mission field, and the work being done there. The Rev. L. D. Morse, our missionary now under the appointment of our board for service in the Telugu land, gave, in a brief address, the basal elements of all right missionary work, either at home or abroad; and the grand results contemplated by the commission of our Lord. As this address was listened to with much interest, it gave

promise of future successful work in the foreign field. The Rev. A. Cohoon, because of the lateness of the hour, confined himself to a few well-timed remarks.

Because of the large congregations assembled, an overflow meeting was held at the same hour at the Methodist church, in which addresses on the topic of the evening were given by brethren Simpson and Minard. Surely the services of this day will be held in glad remembrance by many, when the voices of the present laborers are long still in death.

MONDAY MORNING dawned upon our gathering, cloudy, cool and comfortable. The committee of Arrangements was on hand with a programme for the day, embracing interesting services and living issues. First in order, as usual, was the association sermon by the Rev. W. B. Bradshaw—the text, 1 Cor. 1: 9; theme, "Fellowship with Christ." Able and instructive may well be said of this sermon. And then came the Circular Letter, prepared for the association and read by the Rev. J. H. Foshy. The subject chosen was "The duty and necessity of the church of Christ seeking out and assisting young men of our churches to engage in the work of the Christian ministry." This was a choice package of principles, facts and inferences, which our readers may yet have the privilege of reading, as both it and the annual sermon were by vote requested to have a place in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

ON MONDAY AFTERNOON the committee on Denominational Literature presented a thoughtful report through their chairman, the Rev. I. E. Bill. In this we remember favorable mention was made of the work of our Baptist Book and Tract Society, and the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. In the discussion which followed the reading of this report, much was said in commendation of these press agencies—about the only criticism ventured was that of one brother, who thought the MESSENGER AND VISITOR published more than it was necessary for our people to know, and more than many of them wanted to know, of the workings of the Salvation Army and like religious societies.

The committee on Obituaries had the gratifying report to make that none of our ministers of this association had been called away by death during the past year. The Rev. J. C. Morse—the senior pastor of this body—was called upon to lead in thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God for these mercies, and for the deliverance and comfort of all our afflicted brothers and sisters.

Fraternal letters of sympathy were arranged for to be sent to our afflicted and infirm brethren, Revs. R. S. Morton, J. A. Stubbett and A. W. Barnes.

ON MONDAY EVENING Education was the subject under consideration. The report of the committee, to whom was given in charge this department of our denominational work to report upon, was read by Rev. F. H. Beals, the chairman.

The speakers of the hour were Rev. D. H. Simpson, whose subject was, "What evidence have we that the labors and sacrifices for Acadia College in the past have not been in vain?" Principal Oakes was the next speaker. To him was given as a theme, "Horton Academy and Acadia Seminary."

Dr. W. B. Bradshaw spoke to the theme, "Where are the future students of Acadia University to come from, and what inducements should lead them there?"

Dr. Sawyer gave an analysis—clear and instructive—of "The relation of Acadia to the pastorates of the churches of these Maritime Provinces."

The Rev. A. Cohoon came forward at a late hour with an outline of the plans undertaken by the Board of Governors for the enlargement of Acadia Seminary. A strong plea for assistance to carry out this plan.

In this meeting it was seen that the interest of our people in the work of higher education is not diminishing.

THE CLOSING SESSION was held on Tuesday morning, in which the report on missions was passed after a very practical discussion of ways and means and methods.

The W. M. U. held large and enthusiastic meetings in the Methodist church, on Saturday and Monday afternoons; reports of which, in due time, will be found in the pages of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

From the opening to the end of this association we were favored with excellent singing led by a talented local choir. The weather was delightful, the congregations large, the hospitality abundant, the spirit of unity, love and loyalty to Christ prevailed, and joy in the Holy Ghost was enjoyed by many present.

—This most precious and priceless of all blessings are those which may be had without money and without price. They flow to us out of the fountain of the divine, eternal love. They are pardon, peace, fellowship with God, joy in the Holy Ghost and the assurance of eternal life. Make sure of these blessings, fellow Christians, and the losses and sorrows which vex your pilgrimage will not seem so great.

## N. S. Central Association.

The N. S. Central Baptist Association convened with the church at Berwick, Kings Co., at 2 p. m., on the 25th of June, 1891. The moderator, C. W. Roscoe, Esq., presided. After devotional services the secretary read the list of delegates from the churches present.

The officers for the current year were chosen:—Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., moderator; Rev. Jos. Murray, A. M., secretary; Rev. G. P. Raymond, B. A., assistant secretary; Bro. H. Chute, treasurer; Bro. A. F. Chipman, auditor.

The committee of arrangements reported the order of business for the coming sessions, which was amended and passed.

The committee on Questions in letters recommended the reception of the West-end church of Halifax to membership in this association, at their request. This report was adopted, and the hand of fellowship was given by the moderator on behalf of the association to the Rev. Josiah Webb, the pastor of the new church. The moderator called upon the Rev. M. P. Freeman to lead the association in prayer for a special blessing on this new interest. Pastor Webb and Deacon Payzant made suitable replies to the kind wishes given their church.

The association listened with unusual interest to the report of the committee on Obituaries, presented by the Rev. S. March, in the place of the late Rev. D. Freeman, who last year was appointed the chairman of this committee, and whose lamented decease, together with that of our late brother, the Rev. Walter Barnes, filled the record of this report.

Touching remarks and pertinent were made by many brethren present, in reference to the fidelity in service and the loyalty to Christ of these departed brethren.

ON THURSDAY EVENING a large congregation assembled to listen to the association sermon by the appointed preacher, the Rev. S. B. Kempton, of Canada. The text chosen for this occasion was 1 Cor. 3: 9, presenting "God's Husbandry" as the "theme," suggesting the selection, care and culture and harvest of the great Husbandman in the church. In these days when so much is being said of what we do and must do, and so little is being said of what God has purposed to do, and has done, and is doing and will do, this sermon faithfully and plainly declaring God's great work of salvation and its glorious results, was pre-eminently fitting to the hour and refreshing to Christian hearts.

An address of welcome to the association was given by the Rev. D. O. Parker, a member of the Berwick church, which was responded to by the moderator.

Some ten young men who had been inducted into pastorates in the churches of this association, during the past year, were called to the platform and received a welcome from the moderator, to which they each made brief replies.

## Quarterly Meeting.

The Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Counties' quarterly meeting convened with the Hodge and Richmond Baptist church, on the second Friday in June, at 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Rev. B. Jewitt, an excellent gospel sermon, followed by good addresses. Prayer meeting on Saturday morning. Business meeting at 9:30. The President being absent, Rev. J. A. Porter was appointed chairman, pro tem. The ordinary routine business was transacted. The chairman of the committee appointed to write an appeal to ministerial students, relative to destitute churches in the Western N. B. Baptist Association, reported. The report was adopted as very satisfactory.

In order to put the quarterly meeting in proper communication with the H. M. Board, it was moved and carried, that a committee of three be appointed, who shall be regarded as the authorized medium of correspondence between this quarterly meeting and the H. M. Board. The following brethren were appointed:—Revs. Thos. Todd, J. C. Blakney, and Geo. Howard. This committee will be happy to render the secretary of the H. M. Board any assistance they can in his work. Rev. A. L. Palmer preached the missionary sermon on Saturday evening. A paper was read by Miss Porter, written by Mrs. Gibson, of Woodstock. The conference on Saturday p. m., was of more than ordinary interest. The writer was appointed to preach the quarterly sermon on Sabbath morning. The Sunday school Convention held a public service in the afternoon; Rev. J. C. Blakney presided. He read an excellent paper on "Fidelity to truth and the necessity of Scriptural instruction in Sunday-schools." Addresses by Bros. Howard, Porter, Jewitt and Todd. Rev. Geo. Howard presided in the evening.

Our next quarterly meeting is to be held at Windsor, on the fourth Friday in September. Rev. J. A. Porter to preach on Friday evening; Rev. Geo. Howard, missionary sermon on Saturday evening; the writer was appointed to preach the quarterly sermon, and Rev. A. L. Palmer alternate. The writer was also appointed to prepare a paper to be read at the next meeting. Subject: "The nature and design of the Lord's Supper, and who are scripturally qualified to partake of it."

The meetings were of more than usual interest. We enjoyed a sweet consciousness of the Spirit's presence. How good and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity! The people were unbounded in their kindness. Collections for convention plan, \$11.80.

Thos. Todd, Sec'y-Treas.

## Religious Intelligence.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

DORCHESTER.—Last evening the pastor gave the hand of fellowship to one person, received by letter.

June 22.

HILLABROOK.—It was our privilege to baptize a happy convert on Sabbath last. Such conversions at a time when no special effort is being put forth are very encouraging.

W. C.

TABERNACLE CHURCH, ST. JOHN.—The Lord is with us. Praise His name! Our social meetings are well attended and full of interest; our congregations larger than ever before. Our Sabbath-school has an increased attendance; new scholars are coming in every week. Since organization, some two months ago, four have been received by letter and two by experience from country churches. We have just completed a commodious baptistry, and on Sabbath last it was used for the first time, when two ladies publicly professed faith in the Lord Jesus after the New Testament pattern and example. On that occasion our place of worship, including an adjoining classroom, was densely crowded by a deeply interested and attentive congregation. The outlook for us is full of promise. We earnestly ask a special interest in the prayers of the churches.

SPRINGHILL, N. S.—The ministerial conference of Cumberland Co. met here on the 10th inst. We were glad to have the brethren meet with us. Great regret was manifested because so few of the ministers in the county were present. In fact there was only one—Rev. D. A. Steele; he can always be depended upon. Revs. W. H. Warren and A. H. Lavers kindly came from Sackville, N. B., and had it not been for them Bro. Steele and I would have had the conference all to ourselves. I think we will have to send some bomb-shells among the pastors in this county in order to awaken in them an interest in our quarterly conference. Bro. Steele gave an account of the religious outlook in Amherst. During the past three months he has passed through great trials, which he feels keenly. He reported no baptisms, but a few have been added to the church by letter. During the quarter twelve have been added to the Springfield church, eight by baptism, four by experience. Taking into consideration the serious and sad times we have passed through here, we feel that the Lord has greatly blessed us. In the evening Rev. W. H. Warren preached an excellent sermon on "The Way of Holiness." A few gathered for meeting Wednesday morning, when Bro. Warren read a paper on "Preparation of Sermons," which elicited a free and friendly discussion. The meeting adjourned to meet the last of September, with the church at Macoon. As the month passed by, I realize more and more that we are in the midst of a kind people. On the 18th inst. the brethren of Rodney and Windham held a basket social for the pastor and his wife. Quite a large number met together, and a very pleasant evening was spent socially; at the close they found they had raised the sum of \$20.00. By having this presented to him by one of the sisters, the pastor was put on the sunny side. We are grateful for such remembrances, knowing that such acts of kindness cannot fail to endear pastor and people.

June 25th. H. B. Smith.

NOTICE.

The Annapolis County Baptist M. and M. conference will meet (D. V.) July 14th, in Springfield, at 10 o'clock a. m. Will delegates, friends, and especially brethren appointed to prepare papers, be present, for a large and enthusiastic meeting.

J. T. Eaton, Sec.

The next session of the Queens County Quarterly Meeting will be held with the First Grand Lake church, Lower Cumberland Bay, beginning on Friday evening, July 10th. All the Baptist churches of the county are urgently requested to send delegates to the meeting.

W. E. McIntyre, Sec. Treas.

The Lunenburg Co. District meeting holds its next session at New Canada, July 1. The following addresses have been arranged for during the session: "The church," by pastors March and Corey; "Foreign Missions," by pastor Brown; "Home Missions," by pastor McNeil. Social services will be made a special feature of the programme. This is expected to be an interesting and profitable session, and the brethren and sisters will come expecting to remain two days.

The 35th meeting of the Albert County Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Salem section of the First Hills-boro church, on Tuesday, the 14th of July, commencing at two o'clock p. m. The following are the chairmen of the different committees: Bro. D. Woodworth, on Temperance; Bro. D. Dawson, on Sunday-schools; Rev. S. C. Moore, on Grouping of Churches; Rev. E. C. Baker, on Missions. Essays are to be read by Rev. W. Camp and Rev. E. C. Baker. Rev. E. C. Baker is also to preach the quarterly sermon, Rev. S. C. Moore to be his alternate. Let prayers for a rich blessing precede our coming together.

W. McJannet, Sec. Treas.

P. S.—Collections for convention purposes to be taken at the different sessions. We hope for a large attendance.

W. M. G.

TO THE CLERKS OF THE N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Please remember that the blanks for our letters are not to be filled in on May 31st but on July 31st, and forwarded to me by the 10th of August.

T. B. Layton, Sec'y of Association.

Great Village, N. S., June 12.

Delegates to the N. B. Eastern Association, which is to be held at Sackville on the 18th July, will please send their names to the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

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