

The financial statements of churches being aided by the N. S. and N. B. Mission Board were read :

HALIFAX—		<i>Expenditures :</i>	
Preaching, ..	....	....	\$300 00
Current expenses, ..	....	....	241 33
Building Fund, ..	....	....	108 75
Missions,	108 10
Building Fund Main St Church, St. John,	5 00
Sunday-school expenses,	23 98
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			\$737 16
Regular collections,	\$574 57	
PICOU—		<i>Expenditures :</i>	
Preaching,	\$275 00
Missions,	70 00
Current expenses, etc.,	76 00
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			\$381 00
<i>Receipts :</i>			
Received from N. S. and N. B. Mission Board,	\$178 64
Received from American C. M. Board,	219 00
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			\$397 64
MAIN STREET, ST. JOHN—		<i>Expenditures :</i>	
Preaching,	\$643 22
Missions,	73 22
Building lot,	680 15
Rent, janitor, hymn books, Bibles, etc.,	259 63
Sunday-school expenses,	41 80
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			\$1,697 52
<i>Receipts :</i>			
Collections,	\$989 91
Women's Aid,	128 01
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Total from Main street, Coburg Street Women's Aid,	\$205 00	
H. M. Board of N. S. and N. B.,	137 50	
West Gore annual meeting, churches and individuals, for lot,	237 10	
Help received,	579 60	
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			\$1,697 52

Saturday 2 p. m., devotional service led by Bro. Frank Ford.

At 2.15 Business meeting. Minutes read and adopted.

Union Committee reported :

The brethren in annual convention at New Glasgow, P. E. Island, through their delegates, having expressed the wish to co-operate with us in our home mission work (in response to an invitation extended by the brethren of N. B. and N. S., at their annual meeting in Halifax), on condition that they have a representative on the Executive board, and also that the labors of an evangelist on the Island be in proportion to the money paid by the Island.

We, your committee, do respectfully recommend that this union be effected.

Committee : M. B. Ryan, R. W. Stevenson, W. H. Harding, G. A. Jeffries, T. H. Blenus.

Objection was taken to the conditions imposed by the P. E. I. churches, but after a long discussion the report was adopted by a vote of 13 to 3.

Ordination Committee reported :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION.

Your committee beg leave to report that the ceremony of ordination be performed at the close of morning service on Lord's day, and that Bros. Ford, R. H. Bolton and Ryan officiate in the service.

We also recommend that in future if young men wish to give themselves to the ministry, that the home church to which they belong set them apart by ordination.

Committee : W. H. Harding, R. W. Stevenson, R. E. Stevens.

Report adopted.

Bro. Harding called the attention of the meeting to the application for ordination of

Mr. Summerly. Referred to Committee on Ordination.

Ways and Means Committee reported :

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Your Committee on Ways and Means submit the following report :

We recommend that grants be made as follows :

Main Street Church, ..	....	\$150 00
Pictou, ..	....	200 00
Halifax, ..	....	250 00

The amount granted to Halifax to be on the following conditions : If the church at Elmsdale should unite with Halifax in support of preaching, the amount contributed by them shall be credited to the Home Mission Board after expenses are paid. Further, that the apportionment plan be continued as in the past, and that monthly collections be taken, as far as possible, in all churches and Sunday-schools; where this is not convenient, that collectors be appointed in each congregation.

We also suggest that a general evangelist be employed, and that the collections to be taken at the meetings to-morrow be donated (after all necessary obligations are met) to the support of said evangelist. Submitted by

D. A. Morrison, E. C. Ford, E. A. Payson.
Geo. Fullerton, O. B. Stockford.

After the grants were adopted a doubt was expressed as to the ability of the Board to undertake the additional expense of an evangelist. The majority of the brethren seemed to believe that with the inspiration of a good evangelist at work among the churches there would be no difficulty in raising the amount needed. Report was adopted.

At 3 30 Address on Christian Giving by Bro. W. H. Harding. The speaker pointed out the lack of business principles usually found in church finances, emphasized the need of systematic and consecrated giving, and of the spirit of sacrifice.

The discussion was participated in by Bros. R. H. Bolton, Stevenson and Lord.

Saturday 7 p. m. Devotional service led by Bro. Appel.

At 7.30 Sermon by Bro. Lord on "True Greatness," Matt. xx. 21. The highest position is obtained only through service. Jesus was Lord of all because of his humility and death. Selfish seeking always causes trouble. Ten out of the twelve apostles were jealous and miserable because of this mother's request.

The Ordination Committee reported :

ORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report that after examining Mr. Summerly's credentials that we do not find them sufficient to warrant us in recognizing him as a minister of the gospel. Should he at any time produce satisfactory credentials, we would do all we can to aid him. Your committee would also recommend that churches be careful how they secure preachers about whom they know nothing.

Committee - W. H. Harding, H. E. Cooke, R. W. Stevenson, M. B. Ryan, Harry Minnick, E. C. Ford.

Action on this report was deferred until Monday.

Sunday. Sunrise prayer meeting led by Bro. Harding. This service was well attended and proved to be most helpful. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Rom xii. 1, was the subject chosen.

At 10 30 sermon by Bro. E. C. Ford, "What is Truth," Jno. xviii. 38, I Tim. iii. 15. Bro. Ford emphasized the need of faithfulness to the truth as we see it in the Scriptures.

At 11.30 ordination of Bro. Frank O. Ford. Bro. Ryan read the letter from the Cornwallis church requesting the meeting to set apart to the ministry Bro. Frank Ford.

Bro. E. C. Ford then read II Tim. ii. Bro. M. B. Ryan gave a clear and forcible address on ordinations. Ordination is a New Testament institution and therefore should be practiced by the Church of Christ. Although this institution is quite simple it has been mystified by the teaching of some, and some things have been added to its practice the authority for which is not to be found in the Scriptures. The objects of ordination are two fold : (1) Recognition by the church of the fitness of the candidate for the work of the ministry ; (2) a formal induction into the services of the ministry. Ordination is not intended to convey any power or virtue which the candidate does not possess. Apostolic succession cannot be gathered from the teaching of the Scriptures on ordination. It is a proclamation by the church of their opinion as to the qualification of the candidate. Although thus formal it is also a solemn service. Churches should examine very carefully the character of the candidate. The speaker then commented on the solemn duties connected with the life of one who has given himself to the ministry.

Bros. Ryan, R. H. Bolton and E. C. Ford united in the laying on of hands, Bro. Bolton offering prayer and Bro. Ryan delivering the charge.

At 2 p. m. H. W. Stewart led devotional exercises, after which there were brief and interesting talks on the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper was then partaken of.

At 3.45 J. A. Lord preached a logical sermon on "the Love of Christ constraineth Us." Great persons are moved from within, they are not governed from without. The successful life is the life of impulse. A slave works because he has to work. The free man works for love. Love knows no law.

During the afternoon about 175 delegates came over from Lubec, Me. The church not being able to hold all who would attend the services, overflow meetings were held in the Methodist church (which was kindly opened to the members of the convention), and in the open air. These meetings were addressed by W. H. Harding and J. W. Bolton. At the same time Mrs. D. A. Morrison gave the children a chalk talk in the school building.

At 7 p. m. J. A. Lord preached a powerful sermon on The Freedom of the Truth.

An overflow meeting was held in the Methodist church, Bro. Stevenson preaching on "Behold the Lamb of God."

Pledges and contributions for the purchase of a tent were taken at the close of both night's services ; \$125 was raised.

Monday at 9 a. m. devotional service led Bro. J. W. Gates.