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## The New Brunswick Convention.

The meeting of the Convention at Gibson on Saturday, the 11th inst., was preceded by the meetings of the N. B. Baptist S. S. Convention held on the afternoon and evening of Friday. At the afternoon session President Ervine was in the chair. After a profitable social service, the delegates were enrolled, and a motion to re-elect the present officers was laid on the table for consideration at a fuller meeting. This motion was adopted at the Saturday morning session. Reports were given by President Ervine in reference to S. S. work in Kings and St. John counties, and by Secretary Cornwall, in reference to the parish of St. Martins, also in reference to the work in Albert County, there were also reports from a number of the brethren present, as to the Sunday School interests in their various localities.

The evening session was one of great interest. After reading of the Scriptures and prayer by Rev. J. A. Cahill, a model lesson was conducted by Rev. R. M. Bynon, the lesson was Rom. 12, 9-21. This was followed by an address by Rev. M. Addison on, The Qualifications of S. S. Teachers. In addition to natural ability and aptness to teach, the speaker mentioned as necessities to the successful teacher,—Regeneration; Faith in God and His Word; Knowledge of the lesson and the class; Patience, Perseverance; Prayer for the scholars; the Power of the Holy Ghost.

After some remarks from Rev. J. H. Hughes, in reference to Love, as the divine motive and condition, without which all service is valueless, Rev. J. A. Cahill, gave an address on, What doctrines should be taught in our Sunday Schools, and why? The doctrines mentioned by the speaker were; 1. The Inspiration of the Bible; 2. The Doctrine of Ruin, the depravity of human nature as taught in the Old and the New Testament; 3. The doctrine of Redemption; 4. Repentance and faith; 5. Confession of Christ in baptism; 6. To Christians, the doctrine of the Divine purposes; 7. The Scriptures as a final authority and resting place for the believer.

The addresses were followed by an interesting discussion in which Revs. R. M. Bynon, W. E. McIntyre, F. D. Davidson and J. H. Hughes participated.

### THE CONVENTION.

The Convention held its first session according to appointment on Saturday the 11th inst., at ten o'clock, the president, T. H. Hall, Esq., in the chair. After a season spent in devotional exercises, the Convention proceeded to enroll delegates and elect officers for the ensuing year. Rev. W. E. McIntyre was the unanimous choice of the brethren for President. He thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him in choosing him to preside over the meetings, and assured the brethren that his heart was in the work which the Convention was seeking to promote. Mr. McIntyre recalled the early history of the church in Gibson, he had himself taken an active part in establishing a mission there in connection with the Frederickton church, some twelve years ago. He rejoiced in the prosperity, which had attended the church and in the assured position which in spite of repeated losses by fire it had now attained.

The address of the retiring president, Mr. Hall, was then delivered.

Mr. Hall spoke of the reason we have to thank God for the way in which He has led us, for opportunities opened up to us for Christian work and for the measure of success we have enjoyed. He welcomed the delegates to this annual meeting of the Convention. The history of the denomination is charged with inspiration. The Baptists are to be congratulated on the position which they have attained. The fathers endured hardships for the cause and we enjoy the fruits of their labors. He congratulated the Convention on the civil liberty we enjoy and on the success of the educational and mission work of the denomination. Recognizing the important work of the Maritime Convention, Mr. Hall still held that there was need of a New Brunswick Convention, not in antagonism to the Maritime Convention, but as an auxiliary and helper. The aim of the N. B. Convention was not one of disintegration but to promote the H. M. interests of the Baptist cause in the province. The accounts would show more money expended this year

for home work in the province than in any preceding year. Reference was also made to the importance of the Annuity work and of the Sunday School work of the province. In closing Mr. Hall thanked the Convention for the honor it had conferred upon him in placing him in the president's chair, a mark of confidence which he highly valued.

Before proceeding with the election of officers the Constitution was amended, in accordance with a notice made last year, so as to admit of the election of an Assistant Secretary. Three Vice-Presidents were elected as follows:—Rev. J. H. Hughes, Rev. M. Addison and Havelock Coy, Esq.; Secretary, Rev. S. D. Ervine; Assistant Secretary, Bro. W. E. Nobles; Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. A. Cahill; Treasurer, J. S. Titus, Esq.; Auditor, N. B. Cottle, Esq.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The first business taken up was the filling up of vacancies on the Board of Directors, to take the place of seven members whose term of office had terminated by lapse of time, these were elected: Brethren, T. H. Hall, T. L. Hay, John T. Clarke, George Howard, R. N. Bynon, S. H. Cornwall, F. D. Davidson. In places of Bro. Gilbert Davison resigned, Bro. M. S. Hall was appointed. Bros. Townsend, J. C. Blakney, A. Freeman, Carpenter, and Barton were appointed a nominating committee. The thanks of the convention were moved to Rev. W. E. McIntyre for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Secretary of the Convention, especially in connection with the home mission work.

The report on Obituaries was read by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, presenting suitable testimonies in reference to the labors of Revs. I. R. Skinner and B. H. Hughes, brethren beloved who have been called to their reward above during the past year.

The report on Northwest Missions was read by Rev. M. Addison, calling attention to the needs and opportunities in connection with the Baptist mission work in that part of the Dominion. In connection with this report the lamented death of Rev. Alexander Grant of Winnipeg was feelingly referred to by some of the brethren. Dr. Trotter spoke in the very highest terms of the character and ability of Mr. Grant whom he had known intimately. A committee, with Dr. Trotter as chairman, was appointed to draught a resolution of sympathy with the brethren in Winnipeg and the Northwest in the great loss they have sustained.

The report on Home Missions was read by the President Rev. W. E. McIntyre. The report which gives an extended and encouraging report of the year's work will be found in full on our second page.

Rev. J. H. Hughes reported from the Committee on Publication that 1600 copies of the annual had been printed at an expense of \$110 of which \$30 had been met by advertising, leaving a balance of \$80 charged to the funds of the Convention.

### SATURDAY EVENING

was devoted to a platform meeting in the interest of missions. The first speaker of the evening was Rev. J. W. S. Young, General Missionary. Bro. Young said he had now been engaged in general missionary work in connection with the convention for ten months, and proceeded to give some account of his labors in various parts of the province. In some places, as in Port Elgin, adverse influences had been encountered, but some success had been enjoyed. St. Andrews is a field which requires earnest effort. In Carleton county there is much opportunity for missionary labor. In Victoria county there is but one Baptist minister. At Siscon Ridge a church was organized. Bro. Young spoke of the religious needs of the people in many places and their appreciation of religious services. It would do many of our people good if they could visit these needy sections. On many of the country fields the people are hungry for the bread of life.

Rev. C. W. Townsend was the next speaker and delivered an eloquent and impressive address on home missions. There is wealth in the province more valuable than the gold fields of the Klondike. This convention is engaged in an endeavor to develop these more valuable mines of spiritual wealth. He hoped there

would be a generous response to the appeal for funds for this work. It was well to get and save money, but it should be gotten and saved that it might be given to promote the Kingdom of God.

The next speaker, Rev. J. W. Manning, Secretary of the F. M. Board, spoke on the incentives to Foreign Mission work.

1. Duty. The most heroic sacrifices have been made from a sense of duty. Christ's demand is to evangelize the nations, and we cannot escape the responsibility.  
2. Compassion for the lost. No one can look into the face of the Crucified and not feel his heart throbb with compassion for the lost.  
3. The certainty of victory. The nations of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and Christ. The news from our own mission field is cheering. The testimony of men high in the civil service is that Christian missions will save India to the British Crown.

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

On Sunday morning, at eleven o'clock, the Convention sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Trotter. President McIntyre, Revs. G. W. Springer and M. Addison also took part in the exercises. The morning was fine and cool, and the congregation completely filled the church and considerable additional seating room afforded by the vestry. The subject of the sermon was Christian Hope. The text was found in Heb. 6, 17-19. Dr. Trotter was evidently in a happy mood for preaching—indeed we do not know that he is ever known to preach in any other mood. The theme was unfolded with great clearness and simplicity, and enforced by a tenderness and eloquence which seemed to reach every heart. The preacher sets forth first, the nature of Christian hope; secondly, the ground of Christian hope as founded in the promise and the oath of God, and in the entrance of Jesus within the veil as a forerunner of all who truly follow Him, and thirdly, the function of Christian hope as the soul's anchor amid the storm and stress of human experience. When Dr. Trotter came to speak of the need and the value of such anchorage as that which the Christian's hope alone affords amid the trials and sorrows that are sure to come, many of his hearers were deeply moved. The sermon was heard with the deepest interest. Christian hearts were fed by the preacher's message, and there could scarcely be any so careless as to their eternal welfare as not to be moved to some desire for such support as the Christian's hope and that alone can afford.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON

was devoted to a meeting held under the auspices of the W. B. M. Union. Mrs. Cox, Provincial Secretary of the W. B. M. U., presided and offered a few opening remarks showing that this had been the most successful year financially in the history of the Unions.

The W. M. Aid societies of the three provinces have raised this year something over \$10,000. We are thankful, said Mrs. C., for this and for the encouraging intelligence from the mission field. She further said that while the Societies of Eastern and Southern Associations had somewhat increased their contributions to the work, those of the Western Association had fallen off somewhat. This she was sure would not be so another year. Miss Gray, returned missionary, being introduced by Mrs. Cox, addressed the meeting at some length. Miss Gray spoke of the country of India and the people among whom she had for eleven years been laboring. She spoke more particularly of the Bimlipatam field with which she had been connected. On this field there are 250,000 persons. Miss Gray described the caste system and showed how great a barrier it is to the gospel. She spoke also of the great influence which high caste women of India have over their sons, and the importance of the work which is open to the lady missionaries in giving the gospel to the women of the Zenanas. In India there are 23,000,000 widows, who may not remarry. The half of the cruelty and degradation they suffer has never been told. It is the gospel that makes the position of the women of America to differ from those of India. Miss Gray earnestly urged the claims of India upon the people of this Christian land.

The next speaker was Mrs. Belyea of Qu'apelle, N. W. T., who spoke in the interest of the Northwest Mission work. Mrs. Belyea gave an interesting account of the work in that little town. The church has supplies by students during the summer, but had no ordained minister, and on one side there is no ordained Baptist minister for a distance of 150 miles and 30 miles on the other side. It could be understood from this what the need of the Baptist churches of the country is. Mrs. Belyea spoke also in a very interesting way of the Indians of the Northwest and the work of Henry Prince the Indian Evangelist.

Rev. N. P. Gross who is laboring at St. Leonards, Grand Falls and Ortonville, spoke of the work in these places. He mentioned especially the need of a house of worship at Grand Falls.

Mr. Gross and his wife sang a hymn in the Scandi-

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