

Railway authorities and to the press for their courtesies; the regret and sympathy of the Association to Rev. W. E. Hall on account of the severe illness from which he is suffering; a similar resolution of sympathy with Rev. Dr. Saunders on account of the indisposition with which he is afflicted; also a resolution in reference to the late Dr. D. F. Higgins, expressing appreciation of his character and work, and sympathy with the bereaved family. A resolution was also passed expressing grief at the severe illness of the King and praying for his Majesty's recovery. All these resolutions received the hearty endorsement of the Association. At the request of the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Blakney offered prayer for the King, and the congregation joined with the choir in singing the National Anthem.

The report on Education was by request re-read by Mr. Day. Professor E. W. Sawyer was the first speaker. He referred to the Schools at Wolfville and the work they are doing, as institutions of which the Baptists of this country had no reason to be ashamed. In competition with other institutions of the kind they stood well, and it would be difficult to find schools which are doing as good work with no greater financial support. Still the efficiency of a school must be largely in proportion to its equipment, and for an adequate equipment more money is necessary. Prof. Sawyer showed that, besides the income from endowment and from students' fees and other small sources of income, some \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year is needed to avoid a deficit in the College work. It was hoped to receive that through annual contributions from the churches, but the receipts from the Convention Fund had diminished and the result was a growing deficit. This could not go on long without the most serious embarrassment. There could not be retrenchment, for the strictest economy is practised, and the College must grow in order to keep pace with other Colleges and the demands of the time. If, therefore, we are to preserve our College as an independent Baptist school, we must be prepared to contribute more largely to its support.

Principal D. Wolfe, of Acadia Seminary, said that in the course of his address he would conjugate the verb "to have." He would show what we have in the Seminary, what we are to have, and what we might, could, would, or should have. We have, he said, the best location in the Maritime Provinces, the best equipment, the best courses and the best catalogue. We have also a social atmosphere which is high and strong and true. A girl coming to Acadia may be sure of being well taken care of socially, morally and spiritually. In the next place Principal De Wolfe said we are going to have the best teachers we can get. Professor More, who will be director in Plano, is a graduate of Stuttgart, Germany, has a fine record and the highest recommendations. Principal De Wolfe believes that the Seminary has been especially fortunate also in securing Miss Marvin as teacher in voice. Other teachers of high character have been secured. A Domestic Science Course is given a place in connection with the curriculum this year, and it is believed it will prove a very important addition. There will also be a course in book-keeping. As to what the Seminary shall have—it should have 100 students in residence. That would enable it to come out at the end of the year with a balance on the right side of the account. It should have a number of scholarships to aid young women who are not financially in a position to avail themselves of the advantages which the Seminary offers. In addition to all, the Seminary needs the fervent, faithful prayers of the people.

The Association then listened to an eloquent and impassioned address on behalf of mission work in the Northwest, from Rev. F. W. Patterson of Winnipeg. Mr. Patterson spoke of the vast extent of the Northwest country, its wonderful resources, its rapidly increasing population and its prospective greatness and influence in all the life of the Dominion. He spoke of the spiritual destitution of the people who are coming into the country from European countries and the need of evangelization. The Baptists have a mission to these people because they preach a full gospel. If the truth as held by Baptists justify their denominational existence they are bound to proclaim their views. The speaker showed how much had been accomplished by Baptists in the Northwest, the growth of the membership, and their mission work among Germans, Galicians, Scandinavians and Indians. He alluded also to the educational work in connection with Brandon College which had enrolled 140 students last year, and the success of its students in competition with others. Mr. Patterson closed with an earnest appeal on behalf of the Northwest work. The Baptists there are contributing most liberally for the support of the work, but many of the churches will need aid for some time to come, while the opportunity and the need for extending missionary effort are very great.

Sunday was a beautiful day and the congregations which gathered were very large, more than filling the house to its fullest capacity at the morning and evening services. After very helpful devotional exercises led by Pastor Whitman of New Ross, the annual sermon was preached at eleven o'clock by Rev. D. H. Simpson. The theme was "The Continued Presence of Christ with His

Church." Matt. 28:20. The sermon was a strong and effective presentation of the great truth of the Lord's continued presence with His people. The preacher showed in what sense Christ is with His people: The necessity of that Presence to their life and work; and the results which have come through the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

The afternoon service was in the interest of the Sabbath school work. Pastor Freeman presided. Very interesting and helpful addresses were given by Rev. A. S. Lewis of Aylesford, and Mrs. J. Nalder of Windsor.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sunday evening was given to Foreign Missions. The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Gates, read the report on that subject, which had been read and adopted at a previous session of the Association. The report showed that our mission work in India had been zealously prosecuted during the past year with encouraging results. About 70 converts had been baptized. The results of 25 years of mission work among the Telugus are such as to prompt us to praise God for His blessing on our efforts. A good foundation has been laid for future work, hundreds have been led to confess Christ and a leavening process has been going on which encourages large hope for the future. The report urged that it is our duty to increase our effort to give the gospel to the Telugus; that the present missionary staff is too small for the extent of the field, and that the request of the missionaries for an increase of four missionary families and seven lady missionaries is a reasonable one and quite within our power to comply with.

Dr. Gates supported the report in a vigorous and eloquent speech. He emphasized the great importance of giving the gospel to the peoples who have no knowledge of it, and who must perish if we do not carry to them the word of life. We have undertaken to give the gospel to 2,000,000 Telugus. Other Christian denominations recognize this undertaking of ours and do not enter that field. We have to think of our duty to the Telugus in the light of the Judgment Day. The results of missionary labor are highly encouraging. Opposition to the work is made no longer. The denomination is well able to provide the \$10,000 additional needed to increase our missionary staff in India to 12 missionary families and 12 lady missionaries and we should be greatly blessed in doing so.

Rev. G. R. White was the second speaker of the evening. He referred to the great world conflict which is in progress between light and darkness. The children of light must be strong in the fight. The battle field is the world and Christ who is the World's Light is in the conflict, the leader of his people, and because he is in it we have courage and hope for the results. Much has already been accomplished. A missionary has declared that if all foreign missionaries were withdrawn from Japan, China, India and Africa, the evangelization of those countries would go on because of the seed which has been sown. Speaking of the practical ways of uniting with Christ for the conquest of the world in his name, the speaker laid emphasis upon prayer, work and giving.

Rev. A. S. Lewis of Aylesford, was the third speaker of the evening. He urged the importance of practical effort on behalf of the Telugu work in order to enlarge the staff to the number required. In a previous meeting of the Association, a pastor had offered on behalf of his church to raise one-twelfth of a missionary's salary, in addition to what the church is now doing—if eleven other churches would co-operate. He, Mr. Lewis, was willing to assume a like responsibility. There is the ability if there is only the will to supply the means necessary to a more adequate support of our Foreign work. Of this the speaker had been convinced by the success of efforts on his own field on behalf of the denominational work and the Century Fund.

A brief after service brought to a close a meeting of the Association, which was generally felt to have been one of the most enjoyable and profitable that had been held for years.

New Brunswick Western Association.

According to notice the above Association convened in annual session with the Rockland Baptist church on Friday, June 27. Rockland, or more properly Coldstream, is a small village, beautifully situated just above the junction of the Coldstream and the Backaguineac. Perhaps it can scarcely claim even the dignity of a village, but from it the roads radiate in every direction, with prosperous farms and comfortable farmhouses along the course of each.

This was not the first time that the Western Association had met with the Rockland church. But of those who gathered here twenty three years ago, only a few returned to enjoy the services a second time. Among the delegates the only survivors as far as the writer could ascertain, were Bro. M. S. Hall, and Revs. Geo. Howard, A. H. Hayward, and Chas. Henderson. It will be strange if so long a period intervenes before another Association is held here, if we may judge from the frequent expressions of satisfaction and pleasure, heard not only from the delegates but even from those upon whom was laid the burden of entertainment. But why call that a burden which seemed to afford only unmixed pleasure! At some gatherings of this kind those who are regarded as leaders are besieged with pressing invitations, while those who cannot lay claim to any prominence are made to feel that they are rather in the way. But the abounding hospitality of the people of Rockland made no distinction, and even the casual stranger, driving out for the Sunday services, was fairly bewildered in making choice among the many hearty invitations to stay to dinner or tea or as long as he wished. Rev. J. D. Wetmore has been the pastor of the church here and that at Hart-

land for the past three years, and is strongly entrenched in the affection and esteem, not only of his own people, but of all who are acquainted with him.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The first session of the Association was opened by a short devotional exercise led by Rev. A. H. Hayward, and throughout the session the devotional spirit was made prominent.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of Rev. Geo. Howard as Moderator; Rev. B. S. Freeman as Sec'y.; Rev. R. W. Demmings as Asst. Sec'y.; and Dea. S. N. Estabrooks as Treas. Rev. J. D. Wetmore, Rev. A. H. Hayward, Rev. Z. L. Fash and Dea. Estabrooks were appointed Committee of Arrangements. Bro. M. S. Hall, Rev. W. E. McIntyre, and Rev. J. H. McDonald were appointed a Committee on Nominations. On motion Rev. Dr. Manning Sec'y of the F. M. Board, Dr. E. M. Keirstead, representing the institutions at Acadia, Bro. R. J. Colpitts, representing the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, and any others who might be present during the sessions were invited to seats in the Association.

The first business taken up was the report of the Home Mission Board, read by Rev. W. R. Robinson. This report was on the whole encouraging, though the amount received directly from the churches, viz., \$863.78, is much smaller than it ought to be. The report covers the work from June 1, 1901, to June 1, 1902, and shows help given to 18 mission fields, on which 61 baptisms are reported for the year. This does not include those baptized on the Doctown field by Pastor King, where 36 have been added by baptism. During the year the total receipts from all sources have been \$565.56, with expenditures of \$1917.70; thus reducing last year's surplus of \$993.54 to \$541.42. Attention was called to the scarcity of men who are willing to take charge of these weak mission interests. The report was received for discussion. After a partial report from the Committee of Arrangements, the session closed with prayer by Rev. W. E. McIntyre.

FRIDAY EVENING

After Scripture reading by Rev. A. H. Hayward, and prayer by Rev. Geo. Howard, a practical and searching discourse was delivered by Rev. W. R. Robinson, from Luke 9:62, "No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." This was followed by an evangelistic service, led by the Moderator, in which many took part. The session closed by prayer by Dr. Keirstead.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Session opened with a half hour social service, led by Bro. W. H. Smith. At 10 o'clock, the Moderator took the chair for the resumption of business. The report of the Committee on Nominations, recommending a rather drastic change as to committees and programme for next year, brought on a general discussion, and on motion it was referred back to the committee. The report on Home Missions was taken from the table, and was warmly discussed. It was still under discussion when the session adjourned by prayer by Rev. J. A. Cahill.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After prayer by Bro. M. S. Hall, the discussion of the H. M. report was resumed, and after a rather lengthy discussion was adopted with some minor changes. A resolution was also adopted strongly recommending that the Board reconsider their decision to abandon the St. Francis field.

A very carefully prepared paper on Systematic Benevolence written by Bro. H. C. Creel, was read by Rev. J. H. McDonald. This report strongly recommended the tithing system as a Scriptural and practical method of providing for the Lord's work. After discussion the paper was commended to the attention of the churches.

The report of the committee in regard to the matter of church incorporation was read by Rev. W. E. McIntyre, and was referred back to the committee, recommending the completion of the work.

The circular letter, prepared by Bro. R. H. Phillips of Fredericton, was read by Rev. J. H. McDonald. This letter was received and on motion was warmly commended to the churches as the circular letter of the Association.

The church letters which had reached the Association were read by Revs. Jos. Cahill, R. W. Demmings and B. S. Freeman. The tone of the letters was on the whole a hopeful one. A brief report on Temperance, which carefully steered between the Scylla and Charybdis of political discussion was read by Rev. Geo. Howard, and adopted with one dissentient voice.

The nominating committee's report, referred back for reconsideration, was read by the Chairman, Rev. W. E. McIntyre. This recommended that instead of the usual standing committees with their stereotyped reports and more or less formal discussion, there be appointed one committee whose duty it shall be to prepare a programme for the next meeting, due consideration being given to all denominational interests. This change will chiefly effect the day sessions, while the evening and Sunday services will continue much as at present. The report was adopted. Session closed with prayer by Bro. N. B. Rogers.

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