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When Convention Meets.

Editor MESSENGER AND VISITOR:

In the interesting letter of "Reporter" in your last issue there occurs a statement which implies mistaken notion, I take it, as to the date of the meeting of our Convention this year. Your correspondent says, "One week before the 18th of August the fever of holy solicitude will be at its height." That means, no doubt, that the Convention opens on the 18th. But the constitution directs that the body "shall commence its sessions on the first Saturday after the 18th of August," which will be this year on the 25th, the same day of the month as in 1894, at Bear River.

HERBERT C. CREED, Sec'y.

Some Questions.

By permission of editor I would like to ask through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR some questions. I wish to say that I have been a member of a Baptist church 53 years, and during that time we always held our regular Quarterly Meeting up to last June when it was very thinly attended. At the representative meeting on Saturday only four represented themselves as being sent by their church to the meeting. They requested the next meeting to be held with the Baptist church at Gibson, which was granted to be held the next September, 1899. We have not seen anything from it since, this looks much like a blur on the large number of churches in York and Sunbury. Now, I would ask is it best as we are, surrounded as we are with so many other denominations, to let it die in this very improper way or to call a Quarterly Meeting next June and try and mend this improper vacancy that has occurred? Further I would ask, what become of the circular letter that was wrote at the Asso-

ciation last June? why, was it not published? Is it not practical to make public the doings at Baptist Associations? Are we becoming so very close in practices? Much might be said here but I forbear. I would just say I thought that letter was quite strongly endorsed by the meeting. I think this meeting and this letter requires a little explanation.

HENRY SLOAT

Quarterly Meeting.

The Westmorland County Quarterly Meeting appointed to open at Port Elgin on Tuesday the 10th inst., on account of so much sickness in that place and also on account of the roads being largely blocked by the snow storm of the Saturday before, was not held then, but was opened at Sackville Main Street Baptist church on the evening of that day. Rev. J. E. Tiner, of Salisbury, preached an able sermon from the text, John 3:16. He was followed by an instructive address on "The Baptist Phenomena," delivered by Rev. Dr. Steele of Amherst. The morning session of Wednesday was devoted to a conference on the needs of the work in the county and also of the Quarterly Meeting. The secretary was instructed to invite those churches in the N. B. Eastern Association outside of the county of Albert, inviting them to send delegates to attend and become members of this Quarterly Meeting. The matters of grouping and aiding in Home Mission work in the county were left to committees. The following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, that this meeting express itself as favorable to the employment of a suitable man to superintend the Home Mission, B. Y. P. U. and Sabbath School work in the N. B. Eastern Association, and that the secretary be instructed to request said Association to adopt plans for the working out of the above scheme.

The matter of Home Mission grants in this county was left to Rev. J. E. Tiner. Bro. F. W. Emerson gave notice that at the annual meeting in October next he would move that the sessions of this Quarterly meeting be in January, May and October of each year. Rev. J. H. Parshley and Rev. C. C. Burgess were appointed delegates to the convention at Winnipeg. The question of the alternate was left with the said delegates.

The third session held in the afternoon of Wednesday was led by Miss Flose Clark, county secretary of the W. B. M. U., who conducted an interesting and instructive Bible reading. Reports were submitted from the different W. B. M. U. Societies represented, after which Rev. J. H. Parshley spoke on "Piety in the home." The final session was held that evening. Rev. Mr. Parshley delivered an able address on "Church Finance." He was followed by A. E. Wall on the same subject, after which the moderator, Rev. C. C. Burgess delivered a short address on the purpose of the Sunday School. The usual votes of thanks were given.

F. W. EMERSON, Sec'y.

Sackville, April 20th.

Denominational Funds, N. S.

From March 15th to April 17th. Digby Neck, 2nd, \$13; Wine Harbor church, per Quarterly Meeting, \$10.50; 1st Church, Truro, \$21.60; Tanook, \$8.50; Homeville, \$6.45; Dayspring, \$5; Port Hawkesbury, \$6; A. Zinck and wife, Marie Joseph, \$1; R. Davidson, Ecum Secum, 25cts.; Cambridge, Grafton Section, \$5; Mrs. W. G. Parker, Waterville, \$1; Pleasant Valley S. S., \$13; Guysboro, \$21; New Albany, \$5; Middleton Sunday school, special, \$6.17; Middleton church, \$25.91; Spa Springs, \$4.58; Port George, 60cts.; Gates Mt., 98cts.; Mt. Hanley, 50cts.; Weymouth, \$3.51; Weymouth Falls, (African) \$1; Wolfville, \$66.56; North Baptist church, Halifax, \$30.56; Brookfield, Queens Co., \$21.25; Pereaux, \$12; Immanuel, Truro, \$17.25; Antigonish, \$19.75; Bridgewater, \$12; "A," Hebron, special, \$5; Williamsburg B Y P U, \$15.74. The following are the amounts collected by Rev. A. J. Vining, for "Manitoba and British Columbia Baptist Missions" as reported by Brother Vining: Amherst, \$157.74; River Hebert, \$49.86; Miss Gillespie, River Hebert, \$5; Mrs. Gillespie, do \$5; New Glasgow, \$22.22; Oxford church, \$45; Antigonish, \$66.74; Isaac's Harbor, \$18.76; Goldboro, \$17; Sydney, \$119.15; Mrs. M. Harrington,

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REMARKS.

From the above it will be seen that Rev. A. J. Vining collected \$3,415.59 in N. S. This includes the \$1,000 given by J. W. Basse, Esq. We hope that all the churches who have given in this way will see to it that this is "an extra," and that their gifts for Denominational Funds are increased rather than diminished. Any who notice an error in the report will please write to Bro. Vining at Winnipeg.

It is worthy of notice that the churches in Bro. Vining's list, that were a short time ago Home Mission churches, contributed \$345.81.

On behalf of the Western Baptists, Bro. Vining wishes to thank the churches of Nova Scotia.

A. COHOON, Treas. D. F., N. S.
Wolfville, N. S., April 17th.

Church Organization Council.

Pursuant to a call issued by the Baptist brethren at River Philip, N. S., a council convened at the church at River Philip, on April 5th, to consider the advisability of organizing a Baptist church in the above place. The Council organized by appointing Rev. D. A. Steele, D. D., Moderator, and A. G. Colborne (Lic.) Secretary. Delegates were present from the churches at Amherst, Maccan, Springhill, Oxford and Pugwash. The brethren who had called for the council, then gave their reasons for wishing to become a separate church from the one at Oxford with which they had been identified, and the council having listened to their reasons were fully persuaded that it was in the interest of the

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brethren and also of the kingdom of God. A motion was then unanimously passed in favor of organizing. The brethren then organized and appointed Pastor Baker as their representative to receive the right hand of fellowship for the church. In the evening the following was the order of services: Scripture Reading by Pastor Bates; prayer by Dr. Steele; Sermon by Pastor Bates; charge to the church by Dr. Steele; right hand of fellowship by Deacon Read, of Amherst; closing prayer by A. G. Colborne (Lic.) and Benediction by Dr. Steele.
A. G. COLBORNE, Sec'y
Pugwash, April 17th.

Notices.

The Shelburne County Quarterly Meeting will, D. V., be held with the First Sable River church on May 1st and 2nd, commencing at 10.30 a. m. This is the yearly meeting and a good attendance is requested. Also full reports of the work of each church during the year. Blank forms will be sent to all Sunday Schools.
J. MURRAY, Sec'y. pro tem.

The First National Baptist Convention will be held in Winnipeg, July 5th to 13th, 1900. The Baptist Young People's Societies of Canada will have one day on the programme for their national meeting. Address all communications as to transportation rates, etc., to Henry E. Sharp, Esq., Winnipeg, and other communications to Rev. Charles A. Eaton, 34 Roxborough St., W. Toronto.

Mr. Geo. A. McDonald at 120 Granville St., Halifax, is the regularly appointed agent of this paper for Halifax city, and our subscribers there may pay subscriptions to him, receiving our receipt for all payments on our account.

The Queens Co., N. S., Quarterly Meeting will convene at Port Medway on May 15th and 16th next, first session on Tuesday at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.—A good programme is being prepared, and a large attendance expected.
W. L. ARCHIBALD, Sec'y

The session of the Colchester and Picton counties Quarterly Meeting which was to have been held on April 9th and 10th, was, on account of the blockade of snow, etc., postponed, and will meet with the church at Great Village on May 7th and 8th. Delegates, please notice this change, also that the programme is expected to improve by this delay.
F. E. ROOP, Sec'y.

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