

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1903.

BAPTIST CONVENTION CLOSED; STRONG APPEAL FOR ACADIA.

Educational Meeting Last Week—Board of Governors of Wolfville Institution Present Report—Resolution Regarding Union of Baptists and Free Baptists.

At Tuesday morning's session Dr. Creed read the report of the ministerial education board. The financial statement showed \$254.39 to the credit of the board for the year, while the payments aggregated \$225, leaving \$29.89. The recommendation that the ministerial students at Horton Academy be given aid by this fund was referred to a special committee.

Rev. Dr. Saunders gave the report of the board of the ministers' annuity fund, and the ministerial relief and aid fund, showing that twenty ministers, nineteen widows and six children have drawn \$1,040.33 from the annuity fund, being \$96.37 less than last year. The collections from the churches last year were \$386.89, this year to \$776.32. The receipts from the convention fund were about equal to those of the last year. The ministers connected with the fund contributed \$736. Last year the amount contributed was \$779.89.

Sixteen widows have participated in the benefits of the ministerial relief and aid fund. The total given for the beneficiaries was \$222.50.

The treasurer's report showed a balance to the credit of the ministers' annuity fund of \$53.07, and of \$1,822.79 for the ministerial relief and aid fund.

Dr. G. U. Hay and Doctor and Mrs. Vedder were invited to take seats in the convention.

Estimates for ensuing year.

A. H. Jones, of Moncton, presented the report on estimates for the ensuing year. The estimate for the ensuing year was \$16,170 for Nova Scotia and \$6,000 for New Brunswick.

A communication in reference to the centenary celebration of the British and Foreign Bible Society was referred to committee on correspondence.

The committee on the year book reported through Dr. Creed. The committee recommended that a regular committee with a permanent editor should have charge of the publication. The committee further discussed and it was decided this cause be referred to a special committee.

The minutes of the convention were read and the committee which had charge of the Year Book this year. It was also ordered that a resolution expressing the sympathy of the convention with Rev. Dr. Steele, Amherst, in his severe family affliction be prepared.

Minimum Salary for Ministers.

The special committee appointed to consider the last clause of the report of the board of home missions suggested that the minimum salary of ministers be \$900 and a percentage, and was of the opinion that until this could be done part of the field must be without pastors. It was recommended that a general superintendent of home missions be appointed. This was adopted.

The matter of the meeting place of the home mission board was left to a special committee.

The afternoon session convened with the reading of the report of the Sunday school committee by J. Wallace of Moncton; also the reading of a communication received from G. P. Raymond, of Prince Edward Island, dealing with Sunday school affairs. Samples of a new publication entitled "An Autobiography of Rev. J. B. Wallace" were distributed.

Rev. Dr. Kempton, of Dartmouth, paid a tribute to the invaluable services and great self-sacrifice of Rev. Dr. Trotter.

Rev. J. W. Brown, of Banrobert, St. Mary's Bay (N. S.) spoke in a similar vein.

Rev. B. N. Nobles announced that the claim he had read in a city newspaper that Acadia University was in a state of bankruptcy. He was prepared to deny any such statement, for he knew the university owned property aggregating \$1,000,000. There was, however, a debt of \$60,000.

Financial Statement.

The treasurer's report for Acadia University shows \$2,034.08 deficit for the year.

Dr. Trotter, "with \$243,000."

Balance last report 6,610.54

Payments on mortgage 4,901.33

Donation notes 10,000.00

A. B. Education Society 1,274.08

Forward movement fund 7,000.00

Block sold 2,400.00

Note paid 61.00

Total 20,397.41

Chapman Hall Account 258,907.96

Total supplies 417.46

Horton Academy 47,730.70

Dr. Trotter's expenses 8,272.78

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Acadia Seminary 130,229.16

Total expenses 20,422.70

Deficit 2,034.08

Publishing Account 67.57

To note paid off 1,000.00

Plance 2,213.34

By balance last report 40.04

Borrowed on note 1,000.00

Donation Mrs. A. B. Education Society 607.97

General Account, rents of plance 230.25

Balance 1,913.34

Endowment Account of Godfrey Y. Payzant Fund 49,442.32

To invested in mortgages 88,100.00

Total 20,397.41

By balance last report 40.04

Payments on mortgage 9,246.00

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