

that much had been accomplished by the Twentieth Century Fund Committee and believed that both it and the new Forward Movement on behalf of the college could be carried to a successful issue.

Dea. Christie of Amherst said that it had been understood that the Twentieth Century Fund would be raised without expense for collection, and he believed that could have been done if each church had done its duty. However he would vote for the recommendation of the committee in reference to the appointment of a solicitor and collector.

Rev. B. H. Thomas moved a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Rev. W. D. Manzer, of St. Marys, whose death was recorded in the morning papers. This resolution was heartily adopted.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention resumed business at 2.30, Vice-President Rev. D. Price in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ward Fisher.

The report of the Board of Home Missions in New Brunswick was presented for the information of the Convention and was ordered to be printed in the Year Book. This report which had previously been presented to the Associations will be found upon the second page of this paper.

The secretary also read the resignations of Bro. H. R. Hatch as a member of the Twentieth Century Fund committee, and of the Board of Ministerial Education and of S. McC. Black as a member of the Foreign Mission Board. These were referred to the committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations reported further, naming (1) as Committee on Credentials R. M. Beckwith and R. B. Smith, Esqs. (2) Committee on Twentieth Century Fund—Revs. W. N. Hutchins, A. Cohoon, F. M. Young, G. R. White, D. E. Hatt, W. F. Parker, C. H. Day, I. A. Corbett, Dr. Chute and Dr. Gates. (3) On Correspondence—J. Parsons and A. A. Pineo, Esqs. (4) Resolutions—Revs. Dr. E. M. Saunders, J. B. Ganong and J. J. Wallace Esq. (5) On Estimates—A. H. Jones, W. W. Clark and F. W. Emmerson, Esqs. Rev. Dr. J. W. Brown moved a resolution looking to the formation of a Historical Society. This matter was referred to the committee on Resolutions. Principal Brittain and C. P. Reed (Lic) were invited to seats in the Convention.

At this point the annual report of the Board of Home Missions for Nova Scotia and P. E. Island was presented by Rev. E. J. Grant, Secretary of the Board.

This is the 25th annual report of the Board and the first sentence makes grateful mention of "the goodness and grace of God, that have guided and sustained through the labors of the first quarter of a century of its history." The report continues:

"The work of the past year, while perhaps not so fruitful in visible results as some previous years have been, has, we think, been one of faithful service on the part of your Board as well as on the part of the missionary pastors. The regular monthly meetings of the Board have been largely attended and the best thought and judgment of its members given to the important work which you entrusted to them a year ago.

CHANGES.

"Anticipating his early removal from Yarmouth, Pastor W. F. Parker, resigned the post of corresponding secretary immediately after last Convention, and the present incumbent was appointed to succeed him.

"Pastors H. F. Adams and H. C. Newcomb, were appointed to fill the vacancies made by the retirement of Pastors P. S. McGregor and W. F. Parker. Bro. W. W. Clarke, of Bear River, finding that business engagements so often prevented attendance at the meetings of the Board, resigned in March last, and his Pastor, Rev. I. W. Porter was appointed to fill the vacancy, and is a valuable accession to the Board."

The report proceeds to give a brief account of the condition of each field receiving aid from the Board. There are in all 44 of these fields, of which ten are in the Western Association, ten in the Central, fifteen in the Eastern, seven in the P. E. Island Association and two in the African. The baptisms on the whole field for the year number 232. In regard to GENERAL MISSIONARIES the report says:

"Evangelists A. F. Baker and H. A. McLean were in the employ of the Board, the latter for seven months and the former for the whole evangelistic year.

"They worked faithfully, but for a good portion of the time on fields where the possibilities were limited, which accounts in a measure for the fact that the visible results of the years' work, are not so large as in some previous year. The total number baptized while they were on the various fields is 105, and 10 are added by letter and experience. It is but fair to say, however, that a goodly number have been baptized by the pastors on the fields where they labored after they had left, but largely of course as a result of their labors. Bro. Baker has been engaged for another year.

"Since the first of June, Rev. W. A. White, a recent graduate of the College, and a very worthy and capable man has been laboring as General Missionary among the African churches. He is engaged for one year, and it is hoped that it may be possible to retain him permanently for this service. His work so far, has been blessed of God and much has been accomplished."

Up to this point the report, having been discussed to considerable length, was with some slight amendments adopt-

ed. The final clause of the report dealt with the present condition and outlook of the H. M. work. It called attention to the fact of the insufficient income of the Board and its consequent inability to offer the salaries needed to secure pastors for the home mission fields, and as a consequence the work was languishing. It further emphasized the importance of an immediate and decided forward movement in Home Missions and proposed certain alternative plans for the accomplishment of that object. This clause called forth criticism from different quarters. Dr. Trotter strongly deprecated some statements which it contained and which to him seemed to assume that the educational work of the convention was a rival and not a helper of the mission work. As it was evident that the convention would not accept the clause without a long and heated discussion, a motion was adopted referring it to a committee composed of the members of the H. M. Board present, with Dr. Trotter and Rev. A. Cohoon from the Board of Governors, and Dr. Manning and Dr. Gates from the F. M. Board, for further consideration.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The evening session was devoted to a platform discussion of the Home Mission and Grande Ligne work. The speakers were Rev. D. Price of Yarmouth and Rev. J. A. Gordon of Montreal. The name of Rev. J. B. Woodland also appeared on the provisional programme as one of the speakers for the evening, and the president expressed regret at Mr. Woodland's absence.

Mr. Price spoke in the interest of the Home Mission work. He called attention to Dr. Saunders' history of the Baptist of the Maritime Provinces as presenting many facts that should foster zeal in the Home Mission work. The fathers of the denomination in these provinces were home missionaries, they were strong men and prosecuted the work with great vigor and success. Their sowing made the reaping of today possible, and their example and the result of their work should be an inspiration to us. Mr. Price spoke of the Home Mission work as being at the present time in a critical condition. During the last year there were 14 churches pastorless, and when the student missionaries shall presently return to college twelve good men will be needed to take their places. At Sydney Mines a strong young man, a graduate of the college, is working for \$300 a year. He is doing a good work and in time it is hoped a strong church will be established there. In order to secure efficient men we must pay them enough to keep them and their families in comfort. Mr. Price would not withdraw sympathy and help from the Foreign Mission work and the educational work, but in our zeal for education we must not forget the paramount importance of home evangelization. In conclusion the speaker urged his hearers to pray more earnestly for the Home Mission work.

Mr. Gordon gave a strong address on behalf of the work of the Grande Ligne Mission and Feller Institute. He would emphasize this particular department but had no desire to do so at the expense of the Home Mission work. The Grande Ligne stands for education untrammelled by any religious dogmas or ideas that are foreign to Protestant belief. The field in which Grande Ligne operates is Quebec Province, but there is room for work in the other eastern Provinces. There are here 1,620,000 people who have not received the Gospel of Christ as we have received it, and we should do all within our power to teach them of the living Saviour's regenerating spirit and the assurance of the life that is to come. Mr. Gordon spoke in high praise of the Feller Institute. Four thousand two hundred have passed through the institution since its foundation, and this year, which has been the most successful of all, saw 185 students there, 25 of them converted to God. The speaker said that he did not believe any institution of the denomination was doing so much work for so little money, and if there is any argument which Acadia University can use for aid, the same argument can be used with equal force for the Grande Ligne.

After the public meeting there was a business session of the Convention at which the Treasurer's report in connection with the Home Mission work of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island was read and adopted.

SUNDAY.

The convention sermon was preached Sunday morning in the Leinster Street church by Rev. H. F. Waring of the First Church, Halifax. The subject of the discourse was "The Bible as Religious Literature, Inspired and Inspiring." The text was II. Timothy iii, 15 and 16: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

The following brief report of the sermon appeared in the Sun of Monday morning:—Mr. Waring said that the safest way to reach the proper view point from which to discuss this theme is along the broad road of religious literature. Different religions and religious movements have had different literature. A religious literature of Christianity is much more than the Bible. There is but a natural tendency in different religious literature to consider some writings more sacred than the rest. The Bible is to be considered not simply as a large book, but as a small library, giving the religious expression of Hebrews, Jews and early Christians. The question of canon was taken up and what was necessary for authoritative canon. "The proper method for the consideration of the inspiration of the scriptures is not to apply different theories to it, but from the Bible itself to get relevant facts and in the light of the study of other literature, and to proceed inductively toward the goal of a satisfactory definition."

The claims of the Bible for its inspiration were considered and attention called to Paul's unusual suggestion for sensible men to decide for themselves. The language in which the claims were made should be translated into the mode of thought and fashion of speech prevailing today. "An important bit of inspiration is in the contents of the writings claimed to be inspired. Thus, inspiring ourselves with such appreciation that we feel sure its origination must have been due to the originators' appreciation of the very thought of God. That is to us revelation."

The speaker made much of the thought that the Bible is not simply inspired, but is inspired as shown in Literature and Lives.

In conclusion, Mr. Waring first spoke a few words to those who did not believe in the Bible, or had doubts concerning it. The appeal was to treat it critically, and in comparing it with other literatures, but to treat it honestly,

and the preacher had no fear of the result. The other word was to Christians, asking them to urge a thorough comparison of the Bible with other literatures, and thus, instead of defending God's truth, to let it defend itself. It will stand the test.

In the afternoon there were addresses on The Winning of Children to Christ, by Rev. C. W. Townsend, on The Moral influence of the Sunday School, by Rev. Z. L. Fash, and on North West Missions by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse.

We have no reports of these addresses, but the names of the speakers are a sufficient guarantee that the subjects were treated with first class ability. A collection of \$175 was taken for Northwest Missions.

MONDAY MORNING.

Convention resumed its work at ten o'clock on Monday. The question as to the free entertainment or otherwise of the Convention came up for discussion. It was adopted was moved and seconded of the resolution, motioned and carried last year, advising that the expenses incurred for board and lodging by delegates to the Convention should be paid by their respective churches and that the entertaining church should not be expected to do more than allow the Convention the free use of its house of worship and as far as possible arrange for boarding places. After considerable discussion of the subject, which however, reached no definite conclusion, the resolution was again tabled.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Denomination was presented by Rev. Dr. Gates. The report after being read was considered clause by clause. The first clause dealing with the lack of material for the report, owing to the unsatisfactory character of the statistical information available, was adopted without discussion. The second clause, suggesting the appointment of a statistical secretary in connection with the Convention, was also adopted after favorable discussion.

The third clause called attention to the evil of a very large non-resident membership on the church rolls, and was likewise after some remarks adopted. The fourth clause in reference to baptismism showed that there had been 1371 baptisms during the year, a slight decrease as compared with last year. The fifth clause showed that three new churches had been organized during the year and the sixth that the following named brethren had been ordained to the ministry within the bounds of the Convention during the year viz: E. L. Dakin, C. K. Morse, W. A. White, W. H. Smith, L. A. Lockhart, F. P. Dresser, N. B. Rogers, J. A. Glendinning, H. V. Davis, S. C. Freeman, Ritchie Elliott.

The seventh clause referred to the Associations, their importance and the gratifying fact that they appeared to be taking on a new lease of life. The final clause emphasized the importance of field secretaries in connection with the different departments of the denominational work. All these clauses having been severally considered and adopted, the report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Treasurer for Denominational Funds in Nova Scotia was presented by Rev. A. Cohoon. The receipts for the year are \$538.86 than for last year. This falling off is believed to be due principally to the special collection made for the Forward Movement Fund early in the year and the collections for the Twentieth Century Fund.

The condensed statement of receipts is as follows:

From Western Association	\$3042 92
" Central Association	304 90
" Eastern Association	3305 88
" African Association	10 00
General Receipts	82 35
	\$4766 05

The amount raised by the W. M. A. Societies and Mission Bands of N. S., which is in addition to the above is \$6790.52, making the total from Nova Scotia \$11556.57.

The report of treasurer for Denominational Funds for New Brunswick was presented by Rev. Dr. Manning.

The summary of receipts is as follows:

N. B. Western Association:	
To Treasurer, Denominational Funds	\$790 87
" Foreign Mission Board	50
" Ministerial Relief and Annuity Fund	10 25
" Grande Ligne	21 08
	\$872 18

N. B. Southern Association:	
To Treasurer, Denominational Funds	1360 48
" Foreign Mission Board	162 85
" Ministerial Relief and Annuity Fund	38 90
" Grande Ligne	5 70
	\$1568 32

N. B. Eastern Association:	
To Treasurer, Denominational Funds	1210 18
" Foreign Mission Board	67
" Ministerial Relief and Annuity Fund	11
" Grande Ligne	28 90
	\$1317 08

Expense, Postage, Stationery, etc.,	\$1757 78
	12 25
	\$1770 03

The contributions of the W. B. M. U., for New Brunswick amount to \$6,817.04, making the total contribution to Denominational work from the province \$10,574.82.

The report of the Treasurer for P. E. Island—Mr. W. A. Sterns—showed that while the province as a whole had fallen short of the apportionment, the churches of Belfast and Hazelbrook have contributed the amounts assigned, while Uigg has largely exceeded its allotment. The amount contributed by the churches is \$810.54 Reported by the W. B. M. U. 721.26 Reported by Mission Bands 144.28

Making a total of 1676 08

At this point the Report of the Foreign Mission Board was taken up for consideration. As printed copies of the report were in the hands of the delegates, the report was considered as read and accordingly taken up clause by clause. The consideration of this report occupied the remainder of the morning and most part of the afternoon session.

We have carried our report of the convention proceedings as far as practicable in this issue and shall have to reserve the balance until next week.