

The Amendment to the Proposed Re-adjustment Scheme.

NO. II.

When I suggested an amendment to the resolution of Bro. Williams, I had so thought he contemplated attaching so many conditions to the scheme he proposed, and I am glad to see by his last article that, in some respects at least, we are not so far apart in spirit as we at first seemed to be.

I am afraid, however, that such a variety of conditions would very much hamper the workings of any financial plan, and the naming of them, to my mind, suggests something radically wrong in the plan itself.

That it may be seen at a glance, how far and in what respects the amendment differs from the plan under which we are now working, and also from the plan proposed by Bro. Williams, we will put them down in their order, showing the percentage given to each department of our work.

PERMANENT PLAN.	Per cent.
Home Missions.....	40
Foreign Missions.....	25
Acadia College.....	25
Ministerial Education.....	5
Ministerial Aid and Relief.....	5
Total.....	100
RE-ADJUSTMENT PLAN.	Per cent.
Home Missions.....	17.80
Foreign Missions.....	54.80
Acadia College.....	10.96
Ministerial Education.....	4.80
Ministerial Aid and Relief.....	4.80
North-west Missions.....	3.42
Grande Ligne.....	3.42
Total.....	100.00
THE AMENDMENT PLAN.	Per cent.
Home Missions.....	35
Foreign Missions.....	22
Acadia College.....	22
Ministerial Education.....	5
Ministerial Aid and Relief.....	5
North-west Missions.....	5
Grande Ligne.....	5
Total.....	100

Our present plan asks the churches to contribute for denominational objects at the rate of one dollar per member.

The readjustment plan asks for three dollars and sixty-five cents, and the amendment plan aims to secure at the rate of two dollars per member, per year. In the present plan there is no place for the North-west or Grande Ligne missions. In the amendment, as in the readjustment plan, the claims of both of these missions are recognized and they receive a certain proportion of the entire income.

In regard to the apportionment of the funds, it is my opinion that while some perhaps in our churches would find it difficult to give any more than the one dollar a year to our convention fund, there are many who are only giving one who are abundantly able to give two dollars, and would be quite willing to do so if they knew that it was expected of them. I do not believe, however, the time has come when we should ask for more than double the amount our present plan asks for. It would, therefore, in my opinion, be unwise to attempt the three dollars and sixty-five cents per member as proposed by Bro. Williams.

In regard to the apportionment of the funds, it will be observed that the amendment does not propose any very radical change, as compared with our present plan. By our present plan home missions receive 40 per cent., by the amendment 35 per cent.; foreign missions and Acadia College by the present plan gets each 25 per cent., by the amendment they would receive 22 per cent. each. This cutting down of the percentage scale in the distribution of funds to these three great departments of our work seems to be made necessary if we are to incorporate in one financial plan, the North-west and Grande Ligne missions. If, however, there is united and persevering effort put forth on the part of pastors, deacons and the people of our churches to bring up our contributions to a higher standard, God, I believe, will bless; and the years to come will witness a great advance all along the line.

Liverpool, N. S. I. E. BILL.

S. S. Convention.

Yarmouth Co. Baptist Sunday-school convention met in its 29th semi-annual session with school at Central Chebogue, April 21st. After spending half an hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. F. H. Beals, the president, called the convention to order and proceeded with routine work.

Fourteen schools were reported by letter and several verbally. The tone of the letters indicated progress along general lines of Sunday-school work; a growing consciousness of needs and responsibilities on the part of officers and teachers, with a deepening interest on the part of scholars, several churches having received accessions from schools. Considerable prominence was given to temperance and missions, indicating a taking deep root of seed sown along these lines, which is already bearing fruit, and from which larger harvests are expected in coming days.

With the opening of the afternoon session came the programme provided for by the executive committee, consisting of:

1st. A paper by Rev. G. R. White,

"The training and education of teachers for their work," emphasizing (1) The necessity of preparation for any work in life is equally true along lines of Sunday-school work; (2) The advance in the character of the lessons taught in the Sunday-school of today demands educated and trained teachers; (3) To meet this growing demand the writer recommended the board of examiners, formed in New York city, as helpful to Sunday-school teachers in their work.

Stirring addresses were then made by Rev. Messrs. Foshey, Robbins, Cohoon, Woodland, Robinson, and Brown, brethren Cogswell, Simonson and Porter.

A model infant class was taught by Sister M. O. Starr, in which she clearly demonstrated the feasibility of making plain scripture teaching interesting to even very young children; thereby answering most successfully the old plea for the necessity of stories with a good moral in order to hold the attention of children.

A model adult class was then conducted by Rev. J. H. Robbins, in which was emphasized, (1) The necessity of every scholar having a bible in his hand. (2) The necessity of every scholar making all possible previous preparation. (3) Of confining themselves to the lesson, and allowing no time to be wasted with side issues.

The second subject was "The examination of classes and quarterly review," by Rev. W. H. Robinson. Aim to give the class a bird's-eye view of quarter's lessons. In order to impress the salient points contained therein; combine questioning and filling up; never incorporate the answer in the question; never preach or lecture; address questions to particular persons; sum up each lesson in one general question.

Rev. G. R. White followed with a short address.

The evening session was opened by the presentation of a paper by Rev. E. P. Coldwell, "The Sunday-school and Christian missions," setting forth the responsibility of (1) Teaching God's Word, all the Word, which includes man's duty to man, hence Christian missions; (2) Bible emphasizes work of missions, as in case of Paul; Sabbath-school ought to interest itself in missions in a way calculated to set forth the necessity of giving to that object; the foreign missionary of the future is now in Sunday-school, and his training ought to begin at once; the supporters and directors of mission work in the future also in S. S. class, and an interest ought to be created at once in order to greater efficiency by and by; be filled with Spirit of Christ, which is spirit of Christian missions.

This was followed by addresses by Revs. Beals, Woodland, White, and Cohoon.

The question box was then opened, yielding eleven practical questions, which want of space forbids our naming. Suffice it to say they were acceptably answered by Rev. A. Cohoon and H. J. Foshey.

A vote of thanks was tendered to friends at Chebogue for their generous hospitality, and convention adjourned to meet with school at Beaver River, in October next.

Secretary.

Grande Ligne Mission.

The annual reports are now being mailed to various churches and individuals.

Under the system in which money is collected for various objects in the Maritime Provinces, we have not the pleasure of the addresses of individuals who contribute to the Grande Ligne, hence we must distribute "these to a large extent through pastors and churches.

I think I may say that this is one of the most interesting reports we have ever sent out, and I trust that pastors and clerics will see that they are faithfully distributed. If any individual fails to receive a copy, one can be obtained by writing to Mr. Jos. Richards, treasurer, St. Peter's street, Montreal.

A. A. AVER, President.

A SUMMER SCHOOL of the American Institute of Sacred Literature is to be held in Cambridge, Mass., beginning Monday, the 22nd of June. The beautiful buildings of the Episcopal Theological school on Brattle street have been obtained for the use of the school. The weather at that season in Cambridge is not unlikely to be somewhat too warm to be either stimulating or agreeable to the student, but there are obvious and great advantages in being within reach of the libraries and museums of Harvard—especially the rich museum of Semitic Archaeology. The school will be organized by Dr. Harper himself, "who will be present during the opening days of the session, both to teach and to advise as to the best methods of study." The tuition fee will be \$8 for courses in Hebrew, Greek, Assyrian, etc., and \$5 for courses in the English Bible. Any information desired may be obtained from Rev. W. D. Roberts, Trinity church, Boston, or Prof. W. R. Harper, New Haven, Conn.

Rev. W. H. Warren has assumed pastoral charge of the Sackville, N. B., church, and wishes all correspondence directed to him at that place. We trust that Bro. Warren may have the strength required for the arduous labors demanded on this important field, and that the divine blessing may rest richly upon his ministry in Sackville.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

HILLSBURG.—Two persons were baptized and one received into the fellowship of the First Hillsburg Baptist church, on Sunday, May 3rd. Others are inquiring the way and will follow.

ST. JOHN.—The Union Baptist Ministers' Conference met Monday, May 11th, in their room at the usual hour. The president, Rev. C. H. Marshall, was in the chair. There were present brethren Stewart, Hickson, Gates, Spencer, Ford, Ingram, and Bro. Grant of Sussex. Bro. Ingram reported two added to the Tabernacle church. Bro. Ford reported a new organ placed in the Carleton church and the renovation of its vestry. The church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Lord's day next. Bro. Mellick had baptized two and received eleven, making a total of 37 during the year. An interesting and important paper was read by Bro. Mellick on Church Organization.

CLEMENTSVILLE.—Yesterday, 3rd inst., was a good day with us in Clementsville. For some time many prayers have ascended for the prosperity of Zion here and at times it looked as if our prayers were too cold and faithless. But a firm trust in the power of the Lord's word led us to lead into the baptismal waters two sisters made happy by believing in Jesus. This was a blessed season for me, being the first time that I had been present at this pleasing duty. Others are on the way and we are confidently expecting to visit the waters again before many weeks go by. Pray for us. C. R. MINARD.

PINE GROVE.—We are not without encouraging tokens of the Divine presence. Last Sabbath, in the presence of a large and attentive company, two were baptized at Mt. Hanley, and we trust others will follow soon. Our hands and hearts are greatly strengthened by the return of brother and sister Gates, after their sojourn in Halifax, and we are pleased, too, that our contributions toward general benevolence show some advance. If we take the raising of money as a measure of efficiency, we have one of the most efficient W. M. A. societies in this county. The monthly missionary meeting is also greatly appreciated and is doing much to stir up our minds by way of remembrance. Pray for us, brethren, that greater self-denial, holier zeal and love for Christ, may bestow our labors upon those who are in need.

E. E. LOCKE.

DORCHESTER.—Last Sabbath, May 3, two more—a young man and woman—were baptized. A week or two since, Bro. Cohoon mentioned the names of a number of churches giving generously for the support of the pastor. The list averaged ten dollars per member. It is certainly a good record. But Dorchester town beats it. The members here number 44, and their proportion of the salary is \$485—an average of over eleven dollars per member. We enter upon our third year with the proportion of the salary entirely paid for the second year. And this is by no means all which the pastor and his family receive from this noble, consecrated band, as the columns of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR frequently show. As it is written in no other spirit, but that some may emulate and others show even a better record than this. L. M. W.

RIVER HERBERT.—We would give God praise for a little progress in the good way and work. It has been an "up grade" all the way. We began special meetings in February, and the first of March Bro. I. Waller, general missionary, came and remained one week. His presence was acceptable to the pastor and people. Bro. W. is mighty to persuade. We visited from house to house, and brother Wallace prayed constantly for the sick and appealing personally to the unconverted. He is not an injury to a pastor, but works to rivet more firmly the tie binding minister and people together. After his short visit I continued meetings for four weeks and more. Last Sabbath I baptized two. We expect others will obey the Lord's command. But we leave the full results of the meetings to the revelation of the last day. God has said of His word, "It shall not return unto Me void."

BEAVER HARBOR.—Rev. J. W. S. Young writes from Beaver Harbor: "I have closed my special meetings at this place, after a few weeks of hard work, but attended with blessed results both at the Harbor and at Pemmfield. To the Pemmfield church ten were added by baptism, some of them heads of families and good material. The church is greatly strengthened. At the Harbor we found a few Baptists with no church home, and it seemed to us very important in the interest of the cause that a church should be organized. So after corresponding with the secretary of the H. M. Board and others, we called a council of three or four churches (having previously baptized four converts) and organized in the usual manner. The work went on until I had baptized thirty-four in all. We have a church of forty-four members in the charge of Bro. Kierstead, who has been called pastor, a grand force in the hand of God for Christian work. Three deacons have been ordained—J. Hazen, Gaius Johnson and Ira Hookins. The clerk of the church is Elias Bates."

POINT DE BUTE, N. B.—The first Sabbath in May will long be remembered as a high day in the history of the Baptist church in Point de Bute. At the morning at 10 o'clock, the Sabbath school was reorganized with a fine class of intelligent teachers and officers, under the superintendence of brother Wm. Tingley, clerk of the church. At two p. m., about 100 persons, with 70 or 80 converts, gathered around the beautiful baptistry to witness the baptism of ten happy converts. At three, it was my privilege to preach to a crowded congregation, and at the close to give the hand of fellowship to the persons, three of whom had come by letter. Eight of the thirteen are heads of families, and constitute a very valuable addition. Although it is becoming a very busy season with farmers; a few special services are continued this week, and it is expected that more will be ready to profess their

death to sin and resurrection to a new life on the coming Lord's day.

LIVERPOOL.—We are trying to get settled down to our work. We find the people very kind, congregations good, and the prayer meetings deeply interesting. We are encouraged in the service of the Lord. I. E. BILL.

2nd MONTROSE, N. B.—The Lord is blessing His own people; and others are coming to Him. Yesterday six were baptized and added to the church. We trust that the good work will go on until many more shall be brought to the Saviour. MILTON ADDISON, Lic.

QUEBEC.—Four more believers were baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church here last Sabbath, and five more are received and will be baptized next Sabbath. God is honoring His own truth in the conversion of many in our midst. A. T. DYKEMAN.

ELGIN, ALBERT CO.—Since we last wrote, ten more have followed the Lord in the ordinance of baptism, making 26 in all; these, with seven received by letter, received the right hand of fellowship into the church on Sabbath evening, April 26. A number more are anxious about their souls' salvation, and we trust, will find the Saviour to the joy of their hearts. Pray for us. S. W. KIERSTAD.

ARGYLE.—I was called upon to enter the lists this afternoon at Central Argyle. The calm surges of the bay, the clear sky, the bright sunlight, the flash of joy on the face of the young sister, and the large congregation gathered on the green bank, composed a picture that engraved itself upon the memory of everyone present. A. F. B.

HARVEY.—The work of grace is still progressing in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Three were baptized at Harvey, on Sabbath, May 3rd. On Tuesday evening we had a very gracious meeting at New Horton. Three came forward and publicly professed Christ, who had never done so before. God is good and His tender mercies are over all His works. To Him we render praise and glory. E. C. BAKER.

MARGARET, C. B.—At the May conference of the Baptist church in this place a formal license to preach the gospel was granted to brother Howard Ingraham, by a unanimous vote of the members present. Brother Ingraham has preached to us several times, and we can recommend him as possessing true piety, great earnestness and full consecration. These few lines are written in justice to our brother, and also to any church he may visit. It is his intention to prepare himself more fully for the work. CALVIN CURRIE.

BERWICK.—The church has unanimously requested Dr. Saunders to remain with them till Bro. Daly is ready to go to work. The church and congregation met in the vestry on Monday evening for the purpose of giving expression to their love for Dr. Saunders, and gratitude for his earnest and faithful labors. This was done in the presentation of the thank-offerings of the people, accompanied by a few well-chosen words by Dr. Brown, to which Dr. Saunders made a suitable reply in his own inimitable way—graceful, quietly, humorous, impressive. The work of the Lord still goes on. There was baptism on Sabbath evening, and the right hand of fellowship is being given to a large number. It is thought there were more in attendance at the communion services than ever before in the history of the church.

COM. PERSONALS.

Rev. D. G. McDonald, of Stratford, Ont., is reported to be suffering from an affection of the throat.

The friends of Rev. I. J. Skinner will be glad to hear that he was able to attend the conference on Saturday last, and address the meeting in a most impressive manner. He also attended the service on Sunday evening.

Rev. Dr. Higgins, of Wolfville, who was laid aside for a few weeks by a severe attack of influenza, was able to be with his people on Sabbath, May 3, and though not feeling quite himself, hoped to be able shortly to resume his usual labors. Rev. Mr. Denovan preached in the morning.

Dr. John March, son of Rev. Stephen March, who for some years past has been in partnership with his brother in the medical profession at Bridgewater, has dissolved the partnership and has moved to Berwick. Many friends in Berwick encouraged him to do this, prominent among them is Dr. Masters, for over 40 years resident physician in this place. He too came here from Bridgewater, succeeding the late Dr. Van Buren. Dr. March will be a help to the community and to the church.

NOTICES.

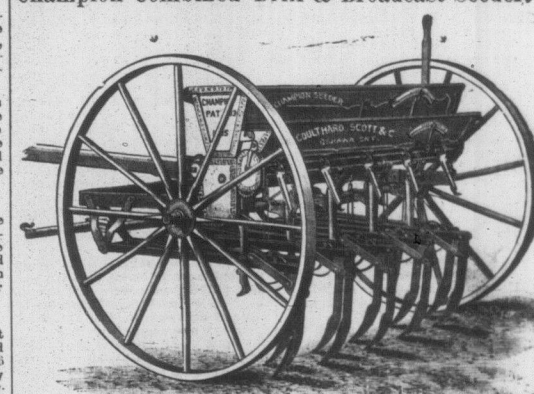
A special meeting of the Union Baptist Education Society, will be held at the Baptist Foreign Mission Rooms, German St., in the city of St. John, on Thursday, 21st inst., at 3 p. m., to consider what shall be done in the present financial crisis. All members of the society and any person interested in its existence are urged to attend.

By order,
A. M. A. WILSON, Secretary.
St. John, May 9.

PRESIDENT ANDREWS, of Brown University, evidently believes in base ball, and is proud of the record which the University's "nine" has made for itself. At the dinner of the Brown Alumni, held May 2nd, in New York, he said:

"It is a very difficult thing now to find a base ball nine in the country, professional or collegiate, to beat the nine of Yale College, which our men did last year; or the nine of Harvard University, which we have recently done. It takes work, it takes brains, it takes skill, and it takes co-operation. I will say that no man in the nine is not legitimately connected with Brown College. That was true, too, when we beat Yale; and, further, on the nine there is not a man that does not bear a most excellent character."

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