

Heredity. As this very interesting discourse will probably appear in full in these columns in a later issue, it is unnecessary to attempt any epitome of it here.

The Report of Committee on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. H. F. Waring. It emphasized the importance of a strong and pure religious literature in which the Bible ever must hold first place. How to induce the people young and old to study the Scriptures and practice their teachings is the great problem. The importance of a denominational literature and the fact of the improvement in such literature in some respects was noted. It commended the MESSENGER AND VISITOR as embodying influence of great value in the home, essential to an intelligent understanding of our mission and work as a people and hence calling for endeavor on the part of all deeply interested in our principles and work to promote its circulation. The Baptist Union was commended for the aid it furnishes in the work of the B. Y. P. U., and as superior for young Baptists to the Christian Endeavor World. The Editor of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR being present was invited to speak and was kindly heard as he advocated the interests of the paper. Remarks were made by a number of the delegates chiefly in line with the statements of the report in reference to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

The Circular Letter, written by Rev. F. H. Beale, was read by Rev. J. H. MacDonald. The letter was endorsed by the Association. It was also arranged to have it printed in order that it might be read by all the pastors to their churches. On motion Rev. J. H. MacDonald, the preacher of the Associational sermon was requested to send a copy of it to the MESSENGER AND VISITOR for publication.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The report on Sunday Schools was presented by the Moderator, Rev. J. W. Bancroft. In connection with this report a paper on the relation of the Sunday School to the church was read by Rev. J. H. MacDonald. After some discussion of the subject by the Association the report was adopted.

The Moderator of the Association Rev. J. W. Bancroft and Rev. D. H. McQuarrie were appointed delegates from the Association to the Convention in Fredericton. A committee was appointed to arrange for a jubilee service at the fiftieth annual meeting of the Association, which will occur next year. Of this committee Rev. D. A. Steele, D. D., was named as chairman.

The remainder of the afternoon service was occupied with a sermon by Rev. W. J. Rutledge who spoke of "The Elements of Success in Christian Work," taking as the foundation of his discourse the story of the healing of the palsied man in Mark 2nd chapter.

SATURDAY EVENING.

was given to Education. The report on this subject which had been prepared by Rev. R. O. Morse was read by Rev. W. J. Rutledge. It reviewed the work of the year in connection with the instruction at Wolfville, showing also how important is that work and worthy of hearty support of the denomination.

The first address of the evening was given by Rev. O. N. Chipman, subject, "Christ in our College Life."

Prof. Tufts of Acadia spoke of "The Relations of the Constituency to the College and dwelt upon the large advantages which Acadia offers to students and at less expense than many other institutions."

Rev. D. H. McQuarrie spoke of Acadia as a Centre of Influence.

Rev. J. H. MacDonald, Principal of Acadia Seminary, spoke in the interests of that department of our Educational work.

The Committee on Resolutions reported, recommending, 1. vote of thanks (1) to Pastor Baker and his people for the most hospitable entertainment provided by them and to the choir for excellent music. (2) To the I. C. R. authorities for reduced fares to delegates.

2. That the Association meet next year on the last Friday in June.

3. That the invitation of the Lugwash church be accepted for the next annual meeting. The report was adopted.

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Temperance, reviewing in very plain terms the history of temperance legislation, and the course followed "by many professing Christians and some deacons." Bribery and influence akin to bribery have been the means of keeping from the polls, and from a stand for temperance, men who should support this movement. Rev. R. Barry Smith with characteristic directness supported every position contained in this report, as also did Dea. Ayer and Deacon Dickie. Bro. Hughes urged moderation and avoidance of any appearance of partisanship. Hon. H. R. Emmerson referred to the danger of a denominational body discussing this question from a political standpoint. He urged moderation in discussion and pointed out that it might be more the duty of this Association to aid in creating a sentiment for temperance than to determine how men should vote at the next election. Mr. Emmerson was heard with closest attention. Indeed each speaker, and there were many, was given an attentive hearing. Perhaps, though, the general impression of the entire discussion was less favorable than it should have been. There was more or less evidence of party spirit if not partisanship, a condition perhaps wholly unavoidable in a discussion of this important subject at this time, but none the less to be regretted. Rev. W. E. McIntyre offered prayer.

On Saturday evening a large congregation assembled to listen to addresses on Home Missions and Education. Scripture was read by Rev. M. Addison, prayer was offered by Rev. F. T. Snell.

Secretary McIntyre, the first speaker, turned the attention of the people to our Home Mission work in New Brunswick. He rejoiced in the prosperity of each of our enterprises and believed Home Missions a good foundation for each department of our work. He spoke with no narrow view. "Too small a capital is one of our great difficulties. There should be \$6000 instead of \$2000 of an annual income. The northern districts look to our large and prosperous churches of 200, 300, 500 or 1000 members. Our denominational strength as the largest Protestant body in New Brunswick gives us great

opportunity and makes large demand upon us. Almost half our province is as yet practically untouched by our work. Enterprise there certainly was on the part of our forefathers (1300 Baptists) who planted missions on the Miramichi and in Restigouche. Our effort is not in keeping with theirs. Gloucester is, I believe, being opened for us. Bro. Patterson is now there and if we can have help for him he will continue a Baptist light in that district. In the southern half our policy is to group, and this is difficult work. We urge this and then aid to the limit of our ability. Several of these fields have recently become self-sustaining. Some must have continued support. These we help by grants and by the aid given them by our missionaries." Mr. McIntyre closed his address by an appeal for more and larger giving, referring in this connection to the legacy of \$500 left this Board by the late Rev. Benjamin Jewett.

Pastor J. E. Tiner spoke on Grande Ligne. This unique work appeals to heart and pocket of every Canadian Baptist. To these people of Quebec we must continue to give the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The work is necessarily slow work in the very nature of the case, but souls are being converted in goodly numbers every year. In attendance and moral conduct the 87 boys and 53 girls have given to this school its best year. Thirteen conversions took place during the year. More room is needed. Romish priests call this work a diabolical conspiracy, and appeal to their people in pathetic tone for loyal and unquestioning support of the heads of the church. May the Lord help us to give truth to these people.

Mr. Cecil C. Jones, instructor at Acadia, was introduced by the moderator and received an attentive hearing as he outlined the work now being done at Wolfville and asked information concerning any who had it in mind to take a course at Wolfville. Statistics already given in several Associational reports were placed before his hearers in an attractive array. New Brunswick has sent 61 of this year's students. Quality has been all right it is quantity that is desired. Standing of our graduates abroad has been excellent. Influences at Acadia are among the very best. Men sent there are free from many of the temptations found elsewhere.

The Forward Movement was the subject of some pertinent remarks by Rev. W. E. Hall. He held that the College was wanted and needed and that her fall would cause universal sorrow. He outlined the successful work of this movement but called for free and generous support by new pledges to make good losses which are unavoidable. Albert with over 3000 members has given but a little over \$250—a little more than 8 cents per member, and four years in which to pay these eight cents. This Association has given less than \$900. The responsibilities are great upon us. Acadia is not distant. It is near. It is our school. It is open for your sons and daughters. If you want it help it to live.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson, of Dorchester, representing the governors of Acadia, complimented Mr. Jones upon the excellence of his work quoting in this connection the opinion of a professor of science at Harvard who said recently, "You are losing to us your best men." This is an opinion of value and shows what Acadia must be and is to the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces. Valued abroad it should more and more be valued at home.

But money is a great need there as in so many other places. And the money side though not pleasant must be made prominent. There are no extravagances there. In a sense it is run meanly. "It is not equipped for the work it can do and is anxious to do. Its work reaches beyond the Baptist body. If it is in your interests as loyal to the church which you have espoused to give and give liberally. In this is truth."

Announcements for the Sabbath were made and the meeting closed with singing and prayer.

"The Sabbath dawned clear and warm, encouraging to worship at the early hour of 6.30. At least seventy people were ready for service at the church at this time. Their meeting together was one of rich spiritual blessing a fitting preparation for a day of privilege and opportunity."

A consecration service, conducted by Judge Emmerson, president of the Maritime B. Y. P. U., occupied the hour 9.30 to 10.30. This was largely attended and only helpful in its influence. At 11 o'clock the Associational sermon was preached by Rev. E. C. Corey. 1 Cor. 1 was read by Rev. J. W. Manning. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. E. Hall. Pastor Corey's text was found in Ephesians 1:18-19.

"Christian Hope" This was an "old-time sermon," full of gospel truth, plain, simple, helpful. It was received with evident satisfaction and profit by the large congregation present.

In the afternoon the Sabbath School was in session from 2 to 3 o'clock. Then platform addresses upon Sabbath School work were given by Pastors J. W. Gardiner, E. E. Daley, J. E. Tiner and John Miles. These addresses were highly spoken of as of much practical value.

SABBATH EVENING.

Delightful weather continued throughout the day enabling throngs of people to attend the services. In the morning Rev. R. Barry Smith preached to a crowded house at the Methodist church and in the afternoon Rev. W. E. Hall spoke to an overflow meeting in the same house. Other visiting pastors preached in near-by outstations.

Foreign Missions and our North West interests were before the people at the evening service. Missionary hymns were sung, prayer was offered by Revs. I. B. Colwell and E. E. Daley, the former also reading the Scripture.

Mrs. Churchill, our returned missionary, was making her first visit to Elgin and was rejoiced to meet the Western Association. "For 25 years our work has been carried on without loss of life among our workers. Reminiscences I have brought with me from my field, we wish to tell you what the Lord has wrought. In our last year of work 103 were baptized. This means more of effort than we imagine. Our school work is giving us great joy. Our boys are becoming some of our best church workers. At Bobbili is the only girls' school among our Telegus, with an attendance of 103. Here the high caste sit beside our own Christian girls. Five of the teachers were educated and trained in this school. This is one of our best evangelizing agencies. It is now in Miss Harrison's hands. Do not fail her. She needs,

as all our interests need, your prayers, your money, your constant support."

Mrs. Cox, our New Brunswick secretary, spoke of our home work conducted by 90 societies and 40 mission bands among 70 churches. One half of our membership should be in the aid societies. If we love the Lord we will carry out his last command.

Sister Churchill exhibited and described the Telegu costume and sang in Telegu.

Secretary Manning made "Stewardship" the theme of a stirring appeal for the support of our mission interests, contrasting the condition of evangelization in this favored land with that of heathendom. The success of missionary effort was plainly shown. "Lend a hand brethren and sisters, every one, for each must bear his part."

Rev. H. G. Mellick told of the work now being carried on among the Indians, 25 bands of these being now without any missionary care. These are practically heathen. Ten years of work has given us about 200 Indian membership. Seventy-six baptized during our northern trip have with few exceptions remained faithful. These 200 send hearty greetings to this Association. Regarding our North West work 20,000 people have recently come to us, many of these Scandinavians. They are of good moral fibre. Our work among them is promising. The past year in the salvation of souls and the building up of our work has been the best in our history. And great is the present opportunity. Twenty-five years ago there was one Baptist in Winnipeg. Now we have in the North West 70 churches, 12 of these self-supporting, and a present membership of 3500. These, last year, gave \$5,000 to missions while the 18,000 Baptists of New Brunswick gave but \$3,000.

The report on Denominational Literature was presented by Rev. E. E. Daley. "Given a taste for reading and the means of gratifying it a man should be happy if he made a wise selection of his books. Such a selection gives him contact with the wisest, best, bravest, wittiest and purest characters of humanity. Association with such develops character. 'A good book is the precious life blood of a master spirit.' The best reading should be recommended by our denomination. There is more reading now than ever before. What is read should be of great concern to religious leaders. One bad book may ruin a life. Sunday School libraries should be selected with great care. Health of mind is as important as health of body. Better give out no book than give out one that will defile the moral sense. Best heads and hearts should see to it that our books are safe and only safe. These books should be baptistic in tone and spiritual in teaching."

OUR DENOMINATIONAL PAPER.

Your committee desire to heartily endorse the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. We look upon it as one of the most beneficial factors in our denominational life. Our interests are bound up in its welfare. We may well be proud of it. It is a modern up-to-date paper in its appearance, make up, editorials management and price. We are kept by it in touch with our B. Y. P. U. work, with our educational interests, with our foreign and home work, with our churches and Sunday Schools and also with the leading questions of the day. We are satisfied that its influence is for God, for home and native land. It is to the advancement of the kingdom that its circulation be enlarged. Your committee believe that our highest wisdom as a denomination is to cleave to the old Book as the divinest wisdom and the holiest literature. Let it be studied in our homes and in our Sabbath Schools, let its truths be proclaimed in our pulpits and true life for the individual and the nation is assured. On motion this report was adopted without discussion.

In the absence of Dr. Steele the report on Systematic Benevolence prepared by him was read by A. H. Chipman. Its recommendations are as follows:

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

First. That, as we are creatures of habit, it is best to begin to cultivate this grace early in life. As God prospers you, remember that you owe Him a proportionate part, some weeks more and some less, conscientiously lay aside God's share.

Second. That all monies contributed by the congregation be placed on the plates every Lord's day, after the collection, let the treasurer take charge placing it in one common fund. From this let all bills be paid, pastor's salary and current expenses. When any object outside the church, presents itself let the pastor and deacons and treasurer consider the application, and if it be deemed worthy, let them vote a certain sum to it. In extraordinary cases the whole church could be consulted. This would be a better way than to be the subject of occasional impulse; and would do away with the necessity of the eloquent agent. It would be a reform worthy of Christian men and women. The educative power of such movement would make itself felt in every part of our denominational work. The increasing cry of secretaries and Boards would be heard seldom if at all, and the best results of such a simple plan would be found in the growth of our own spiritual natures. The haunting of conscience would cease, and we would walk in the smile of the Lord, feeling assured that when ever we may be called into His presence we should meet His approving words, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Pastor Baker spoke in behalf of the Home Mission Committee of the Maritime Convention, telling of its work and its aims. Pastor Smith desired to see our churches better informed of the work of this committee and thus brought into closer relations with our Maritime work. On motion the clerk was instructed to express to the Maritime H. M. Committee the regret of this body that it was not represented at the Home Mission meeting.

Report on Foreign Missions was discussed and adopted, as also that on Education.

On motion committee in re Phillips letter was asked to confer with similar Committees appointed by the other Associations in N. B. On motion the report on Temperance was taken from the table given a thorough overhauling, referred back to committee, slightly modified, again read and finally adopted.

Pastor Townsend's resolution of thanks to the Elgin church, the Elgin people, the choir, etc. etc., was happily stated, enthusiastically approved and presented to the pastor of the church by the moderator.

Thus closed a profitable Association, to meet next year at place to be decided by the moderator and the clerk.