

RELIGIOUS.

BAPTIST.

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College was held in St. John on Friday last. The Treasurer's report showed that there was a balance on hand in connection with the Seminary and Academy at Wolfville. Students to the number of 80 were enrolled at the Seminary and 76 at the Academy last year.

Mr. McMaster, of Toronto, who erected the building for the Baptist Institute at Woodstock, Canada, and endowed seven of its professorships, has recently added \$50,000 to his gifts for the purpose of making it a full college.

The forty-first session of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces opened in St. John on the 21st inst. About 250 delegates were in attendance. B. H. Eaton, Barrister of Halifax, was elected President for the coming year. From the report on the state of the denomination we learn that there are now connected with the denomination 357 ministers, and 43,463 members. The Home Mission Board has employed during the year for a longer or shorter period 59 men, and reports an increase of membership at mission stations of 902. The expenditure on account of Home Missions had been \$7,089.95. The sum of \$19,037.06 was collected during the year for missionary and charitable objects, of which amount \$11,947.76 had been contributed by the denomination in Nova Scotia. The Women's Baptist Missionary Union collected \$4,913.40.

The report on ministerial relief showed that twenty had been helped during the year. The report of the ministerial educational board was presented by the Rev. Dr. Sawyer. During the year 19 have been aided, 14 in Wolfville and 5 in Toronto. Acadia College has made satisfactory progress, and it is expected that the number of students during next term will be even greater. The Governors invited the Convention to meet at the college in Wolfville in 1888 on the occasion of the semi-centennial of that institution. It is proposed to raise previous to that year a thank-offering fund of \$50,000 to add to the endowment.

METHODIST.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada will meet for the first time on the 1st day of September in Toronto. Very important matters will come up for consideration. Last Wednesday was observed throughout the church as a day of prayer and intercession on behalf of the Conference.

The Rev. T. Watson Smith, owing to ill health, has been compelled to resign the position of editor of the Wesleyan. Owing to his efforts that paper has become an honor to the denomination which it represents. We join our contemporaries in the hope that ere long Mr. Smith may be enabled to resume his duties.

CATHOLIC.

The Mission in connection with the Jubilee in Antigonish was very successful. The Rev. Father O'Connor, whose eloquent sermons were attended by very large numbers, was highly pleased with the state of the Church in Antigonish.

It is said that the Holy Office, in answer to questions proposed, has condemned the practice of cremation, and forbidden Catholics to join any society for its promotion.

Archbishop Seghers, of Vancouver Island, accompanied by three members of the Society of Jesus, one of whom is the celebrated Indian missionary, Father Tosi, has departed on a missionary tour among the natives of the unexplored interior of Alaska, expecting to be absent at least a year.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The question of Degrees in Divinity will be brought before the coming session of Provincial Synod. The Bishop of Quebec will introduce a canon providing that the Church of England Universities shall unite on a standard of examinations, and that the legislatures be petitioned to grant no degree conferring powers on any institution unless at the request of the Provincial Synod. It is no secret that this is done to prevent a small theological college in Montreal being invested with university powers by the legislature of Quebec.

It is now thought that two gentlemen will be proposed for Prolocutor of the Lower House, viz.: the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, Dr. Carmichael, and the Rev. John Langtry of Toronto. It is probable that neither can be elected, and that the usual compromise will follow. The Dean is a pronounced Evangelical and a party man; and Mr. Langtry, while a man of far greater learning and solidity, is as extreme a man on the other side. It is not unlikely that a Lower Province man may be elected.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The Rev. R. McLeod, who completed his studies at Pine Hill College last term, was a short time ago inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church at Strath Lorne, C. B.

During the thirty years of its existence, and the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. W. P. Breed, the West Spruce Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, has contributed for all purposes over \$600,000. Of this amount there was contributed for Home Missions \$68,000, Foreign Missions \$37,000, and Church erection \$42,609. During the same period twelve hundred names have been added to the roll of membership.

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