

sell one of the founders of Acadia, was a member of the Managing Committee from whose Prospectus the preceding quotation is taken. What is spoken of the fathers in general is applicable then to President Crawley in particular.

Long ago I read Dr. Cramp's inaugural address, delivered fifty-four years since when that good man took up the duties of the Presidency. After urging thoroughness in study in order to sound scholarship, he went on to say: "The second point to which I ask your attention is the importance of religious influence pervading the whole course of study, and sanctifying, so to speak, all the arrangements. This College is open to all denominations, no religious tests being imposed either on students or Professors; nevertheless we must claim the right of aiming to imbue literature with the spirit of religion, and of inculcating, from time to time, those principles of our common Christianity, and those moral lessons, which are admitted by all who wish to shun the reproach of infidelity. Habitual recognition of God should distinguish every seat of learning, so that while the din of controversy is never heard, and party contentions are unknown, all may be taught that 'the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.' How desirable, may even necessary it is that the education our young men receive while truly liberal in its plans and provisions, should be connected with that moral conservatism, without which the advantages of knowledge itself may prove comparatively valueless."

Passing to the long administration of Dr. Sawyer we behold maintenance of the same attitude. From the address presented the other day to this esteemed educator, at the expiration of fifty years since his first coming to Acadia, take a sentence or two. "The Christian ideals of these institutions have had your heartiest sympathy. No student has failed to be impressed with the fact that you regard religion as essential to a sound education; and that great talents, brilliant gifts, and workly success, without personal piety, cannot save the lives of their possessors, from failure. It is therefore with much satisfaction that this element of your influence has been noted in all your labors." At one point in his response, speaking of the policy to which the institution has adhered, Dr. Sawyer said: "We have held that the College stands for a broad education, and not for training for some special employment. Consequently we have considered it quite as legitimate to seek to have moral and religious influences, as well as aesthetic and scientific pervade the atmosphere in which the work of this College is done. It is gratifying to know," he adds, "that others judge that in some good measure we have been successful in the application of these principles of Education."

Concerning the present administration under Dr. Trotter it is hardly necessary to speak in your presence as touching the matter to which your attention is now being directed. Having seen and heard him so often during the period of his Presidency, as he has gone about on his important mission, or as you have come to Wolfville yourselves, you know full well how ardently he is devoted to the long-cherished ideals of Acadia, and how zealously he has been engaged these years, with tongue and pen, to have these ideals abundantly realized. So we confidently affirm that the men successively holding the headship of our College belong to the true apostolic succession. Acadia has changed with the flight of years, but she is just what she was at the commencement of her career. Another, and yet the same.

During the Collegiate year finished a few days ago, a gracious revival of religion visited us, as you are aware, and changed the lives of many of our students. Resulting from the series of meetings, which covered six weeks or more, eighty-seven persons publicly owned Christ, nearly all of whom were from the schools on "The Hill." Services began in the vestry of the Church, but soon passed to the lower floor of the main audience room in order that, all might be accommodated, and soon overflowed again to fill the galleries also. After a short opening address each night, usually by the pastor, Rev. L. D. Morse, the meeting went right on without human control, people of all ages taking part all over the house, with the utmost freedom and appropriateness. The evidences of the Holy Spirit's working were notable indeed. Never will those meetings be forgotten by those permitted to share in them. Christian people all over these Provinces were praying for us there, and happy fathers and mothers journeyed to our town to see their sons and daughters baptized. Glad showers fell upon the thirsty land and there was a new glory all about. The atmosphere was charged with deep interest in eternal verities. At the funeral of the late Dr. T. A. Higgins, once pastor at Wolfville, Dr. Saunders spoke of a revival which occurred in the same place a half century ago, and mentioned that the refreshing of that far-back day, when Dr. Higgins and many others took public stand for Christ, was in many respects very similar to this recent movement. We lately turned with expectancy to a merciful God, as did our fathers long before, and He has blessed us as He blessed them. Acadia College—another, and yet the same.

THIRD: WHAT THE CHANGED AND UNCHANGED ACADIA REQUIRES.

There are three sorts of contribution which our people must make toward the success of this educa-

tional work. And first, though reminded of it so often already, we ask again (and in no formal and heartless way would we do it) for your contribution of "Prayer." What hope is there of our continued prosperity, should the teachers and students be but little in mind during your private devotions, at your family altars, and in the services of your churches? Untold possibilities, possibilities of good and of evil, too, lie slumbering in the multitudes of young folk congregated from year to year in our Academy, Seminary and College. What goes on in Wolfville has a vast deal to do with what shall occur in our own homes, and with what shall take place on those mission fields, close by and far off, for whose evangelization we are responsible. Therefore let fervent petition arise unceasingly on our behalf. Our one source of reliance is the very same as that of your fathers. We can never have endowment enough, nor equipment enough in the way of buildings and other things, to warrant a diminution of trust in the great Head of the Church. In fact, with the improvement of outward conditions the need of the upward look becomes the more imperative, since prosperity is the time of severest testing. May poverty and hardships stay by us rather than that we should ever come to lean upon material benefits and so fall to the ground. Many a morning has my own heart been strengthened at going into the chapel exercise at the College, by thinking of the parents and friends scattered all over these Provinces by the sea, upon whose prayers we are daily upborne to the throne of heavenly grace. The thought heartens us for labors and brightens hope for the rising generation. May this intimation of what you may accomplish through this powerful means of blessing to mankind redound to the glory of the Lord by the proper use to which you are careful to put it.

Next you are asked for contributions of "money", in order to meet the growing demands of a work that must keep expanding or die. One of the rewards of work well done is ever the exaction of more work and better. It is worth while for our men to be diligent on farm, in shop, and in office, and for our women to be busy in their stations, when accumulated funds may be applied to the support of institutions that aid our youth both to find out and to fulfil God's cherished plans for them. With Acadia on our hands, we have something to work for, something to keep us thoughtful and busy, to furnish us inspiration in our several activities. Our people did handsomely for the First Forward Movement and they are doing still more handsomely for the Second. We are referred to from outside as patrons of generosity in what we have lately done. May the financial goal of a once seemingly impossible achievement be reached in due season. Then a new goal will succeed, and another, and another, affording sustained opportunity for profitable occupations, not only for us but for the generations that are to follow.

We want, in conclusion, the contribution of your sons and daughters to the classes conducted at our schools. If your money is there invested to the extent that that one department of our great Christian enterprise justly claims, if your prayers are wafted skyward for the Holy Spirit to brood over the place and make it as the gate of heaven to many souls, even as it has been of late, then you will desire your own children to be there, that they may be qualified for life's responsibilities and introduced to those very tasks which God would have them undertake. You may tell me that not all who turn their steps thither are there won to righteousness. And this is true, for Satan is nowhere idle. Indeed Satan is busiest where forces against him are strongest. No, not all who come to our schools take Christ as their Teacher. Alas also that not all who remain under the protection and affection of the most godly homes select ways of virtue and walk therein. These boys and girls may resist all persuasions, human and Divine. But it is well, surely, to put our youth, though slender means often makes it difficult so to do, where prevailing winds blow toward the Better Land. Such are the winds at Acadia. The ships that there go not whether they ought have much to withstand. Do you reckon me to be speaking in terms too fervent and glowing? Then remember the refreshing season we have lately experienced. And what came to pass last year will soon be repeated with the Christians around the institutions, and in the homes, out of which the students come, there is that waiting upon Jehovah which should characterize believers. The celebration of The Lord's Supper in the Wolfville Baptist Church a week before the last Anniversary was a memorable occasion. It was the first service of that kind for well nigh a hundred young men and young women. None could reflect upon that fact, and upon the dispersion, soon to follow, without being impressed with the possibilities of widespread good from that company of rejoicing converts. Let prayer not be wanting, beloved friends, that all these, now widely scattered, may be missionaries indeed in these summer months, and as long as it may please God to continue them below. Those who return to us next autumn we hope may return with right hearts and aims, bringing by their influence many new students who shall after their coming be recipients of the best that ever God has to bestow. So shall genuine prosperity be enjoyed. So shall desert places on home fields and away in India be made to blossom as the rose. So

shall Acadia, ever changing and never changing, perform her part toward taking a dark world back into the light and peace of our gracious Redeemer. So let it be!

British Columbia Baptist Convention.

The most successful Convention of Baptists in the history of British Columbia convened with Calvary Baptist Church, Victoria from July 11-14th. The weather was all that could be desired. The delegation from the churches was large every corner of the field being represented. The sessions were well attended and the business was done with dispatch and in an excellent Christian spirit. Visiting brethren brought us greetings from California, Washington, Oregon, Ontario and Quebec, and Manitoba and Northwest Conventions, so though we are few here we at once felt strengthened and inspired by this touch of the great Baptist body.

Our reports show that God has very graciously and wonderfully blessed our work during the past year. All save one of our fields have been supplied with pastors. The baptisms in the field number 96 against 60 last year. The amount raised by the churches for Home Missions was increased.

The Sunday School report showed much reason for thankfulness. A paper was read by Miss Blacknell of Victoria on "Nature Study", and its value in S. S. teaching. An excellent address by Rev. H. W. Purry, on the "Demands of the Sunday School on the Church, brought forcibly to our minds the need of stronger and more spiritual work in our schools.

The B. Y. P. U. report showed an increase of 49 members, and an increase in funds of \$96.80. In this connection Bro. C. Dinden of Victoria read a paper on "Personal Work," and the Rev. J. Leroy Sloat, pointed out in a strong address "Something a consistent union might do."

The Foreign Mission report excelled all others, showing an increase in contributions from \$541 last year to \$1,359 this year. At the Convention after an address by Rev. A. A. McLeod who returns to India in September as our missionary, upon a passionate appeal being made by Rev. J. W. Litch, \$105 was raised towards defraying expenses of passage which sum was more than balance of amount needed for that purpose. The Convention also had the pleasure of an address by Mrs. A. A. McLeod, Mrs. McLeod touchingly plead for prayer in behalf of all the laborers on the Foreign field.

Our Publication Board reported an increase in the circulation of the Western Baptist and good support from pastors and people. The paper will be continued a business manager being appointed to assist the editor who has had the whole burden.

The Educational Board outlined briefly a scheme for the formation of a circulating library especially for the benefit of our pastors. The report was adopted by the Convention and the Board has taken the matter up in earnest. When remembered that most of our pastors are on Mission fields and often 100 miles or more from the nearest brother pastor this scheme will commend itself as most happy.

The program of Education adopted by the Woman's Mission Board last year proved so beneficial that the same policy was unanimously adopted for the ensuing year. Our Convention has learned that lasting inspiration relative to Mission or any other parts of our work cannot be had without education.

The Convention sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. A. — The address by Rev. J. W. Litch on Pastoral Evangelism was a strong and timely deliverance. Among other addresses those of Rev. B. Goodfield on the "Welsh Revival," Dr. M. L. Rugg on "Paul's thought of Missions" and Rev. A. K. McLeod on "Foreign Mission Work," and Rev. P. H. McEwen on "Lay Preaching" were mighty and powerful. Many times were words of thankfulness uttered that God had sent so strong a body of laborers to our field. Unfortunately, it seems, to us, several of our pastors are leaving. One for an eastern pastorate, another to take theology, another to accept a fellowship in Chicago University. We are sorry for these are strong men and our work here has suffered most from short pastorates. We are praying for strong young men who will come to us determined to stay by the work and who for the glory of Christ will brave the hardships of this new country.

The Convention received one new church, West End Vancouver, which now has a membership of about 60 with Dr. M. L. Rugg as pastor. Another church is about to be organized in Fairview, Vancouver. Rev. P. H. McEwen has been called as assistant pastor, at the first church to take charge of this work, but conditions warranting by the rapid increase of population in that district, a church will be organized there at once and responsibility assumed by the Convention. A number of Baptists who have lately moved into the Okanagan Valley, into which thousands of people from all parts of the world are rushing, have sent a request for a missionary. The Convention cries: "Who will go for us?"

Many matters of vital interest to our Convention work were considered and openly discussed on the floor of the Convention. Among them were these:— Joint representation with Manitoba and Northwest Convention in the old country, which was agreed upon. By this arrangement our Convention bears one-third of the expenses of Bro. Vining and receives one-third the receipts of his canvass.

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