

accepted a call from the church in *Atroy*, to become its pastor, was publicly set apart to the work of the gospel ministry, in connection with the Baptist denomination, on the 6th of June last.

The Associations.—All the Associations in Ontario and Quebec have now held their annual meetings, except the *Amherstburgh* (colored). The meetings, however, on the whole, being very satisfactory and pleasant; but, as will be seen from the subjoined figures, the baptisms reported fall considerably behind those of the previous year.

Association.	Baptisms	Ref'd	Incr.	Dec.
	1878.	1877.		
Western	75	185	.....	110
Middlesex & Lambton. 260	139	121	.....	2
Elgin	154	156	.....	2
Grand River	358	455	.....	103
Iront	119	269	.....	150
Midland Counties.	80	172	.....	92
Huron	387	284	103	.....
Niagara	90	172	.....	82
Toronto	293	310	.....	47
East Ontario	111	189	.....	78
Central Canada	80	24	56	.....
Ottawa	268	149	119	.....
Total	2239	2504	399	664

The number of baptisms reported is 265 less than last year.

Sunday School Convention.—The East Ontario Baptist Sabbath School Convention met in the Baptist Church, *Unbridge*, at twelve o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, 25th of June.

After singing a hymn, and prayer by Rev. J. B. Moore, the Convention proceeded to elect officers, as follows:—

President—Mr. John Dryden.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. W. H. Walker, and Brother Bandly.

Secretary—Rev. A. Turnbull.

Treasurer—Bro. P. Hinman.

The Committee of last year was re-elected, after which a Committee on Programme for next year was appointed, consisting of Revs. Messrs. Richardson, Moore, Dowling, Walker, and Brother Lockwood.

After singing a hymn, Brother W. H. Walker read an excellent paper on "The true objects of Sabbath School work." A somewhat lengthy and interesting discussion ensued, after which an address, on the duty of teaching children of the Sabbath School systematic beneficence, was also read by Rev. Alex. Turnbull. The discussion that followed was practical and full of interest.

On motion of Rev. Geo. Richardson, seconded by Rev. W. H. Walker, Rev. J. B. Moore was appointed to open the discussion on the subject of Teachers' Meetings, appointed for Rev. Mr. Booker, of Claremont.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Walker, seconded by Rev. Mr. Richardson, the Rev. J. T. Dowling was appointed to take Rev. J. J. White's place at the Question Drawer in the evening.

At the close of a season of prayer and praise the Convention adjourned, after benediction, to meet at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Convention met at 7:30 as per adjournment. The first paper read was that on "Sabbath School Hymns and Music," by Bro. Fred Lockwood, of Fort Hope. That having been discussed and disposed of—

The next paper was upon the responsibility of the Church in relation to S. S. Work, by Bro. P. Hinman.

The last paper, or rather address, was upon Teachers' Meetings, by Rev. J. B. Moore.

The question drawer was then opened and answered by Rev. J. T. Dowling.

Conference adjourned till 9:30 tomorrow.

A programme of subjects having been arranged for next year, on Wednesday morning, the Convention adjourned.—*Port Perry Standard.*

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Baptisms reported during the month: Acadia Mines, N. S. 13; Antigonish, N. S. 12; Bridgewater, N. S. 14; East Point, P. E. 30; Guysborough, 2; New Germany, N. S. 13; Upper Economy, N. S. 5.

Pastoral Changes. Rev. W. H. WARREN has resigned the pastorate of the Temple Church, Yarmouth, N. S. Rev. E. WHITMAN has accepted a call from the Baptist Church at Hantsport, N. S.

Acadia College. The foundation stone of the new building connected with Acadia College and Horton Academy was laid on Tuesday July 9th with great ceremony. Our readers will remember that the old Acadia College Buildings were burned to the ground some months ago. The contract for the new college building has been for \$20,670, and for the academy for \$13,321, total \$34,500. Both buildings to be completed by the 1st of July next year. From the *Christian Messenger* we learn that the Academy building is to be near the spot on which the college formerly stood, and the college building is to be a little further northward, running nearly in a line with the road going in from the public road to the college grounds. The college building is to consist of two stories; the lower flat comprising classrooms and lecture rooms for the several departments of the College; the upper flat including the Library, Museum and the large Assembly Hall.

The number of students attending the college during the session just closed was 57, and the average 160; making a total of 217 (71 of the academy students being ladies.)

Miscellaneous. From the *Christian Visitor* we learn that of the two Baptist Churches of St. John, N. B. that were destroyed by the great fire a year ago, the new German St. edifice, of which Rev. G. M. W. Carey is the esteemed pastor, is nearing completion, and will be a very elegant structure; and the preliminary steps have been taken towards rebuilding on the site of the old Leinster street church also.

The Baptist Home Missionary Union of Nova Scotia, at its recent meeting passed a resolution expressing readiness to hand over its work to the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces as soon as the latter body is ready to receive it.

MANITOBA.

The *Canadian Baptist* of June 20th contains an interesting communication from Rev. A. McDonald from which we call the following:—

"Although this is the busiest time of the year we find all our meetings very well attended. Our Sabbath attendance is steadily on the increase, and attended with not a little interest. Our Sunday School is larger and in more efficient working order than ever before. There are eight teachers and a full staff of officers in this work, and besides this there is a good staff of reserve workers for emergencies and special work." The pastor (clearly in the school never was Church) attended nor so interesting as it is this summer."

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE REV. JAMES CULROSS, D. D., late of Highley London, and formerly of Stirling, has received and accepted a call from the Adelaide pastor (clearly in the school never was Church) of Glasgow, the pastorate of which was vacated by the removal to Australia, of the Rev. Samuel Chapman.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.—As a fruit of the recent annual session of the Baptist Union, a number of leading ministers have determined to undertake a month's service in this work. Priority of visit is to be given "to towns or districts of considerable population, where the churches are

prepared to support their visitors with earnest and prayerful co-operation."

THE CLAREMONT STREET BAPTIST CHAPEL, SHREWSBURY.—The opening services connected with this handsome new edifice commenced on Tuesday the 21st of June last, and were continued during the month. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. Alex. Maclaren, D. D. Rev. Dr. Culross occupied the pulpit the following Lord's day. Rev. Dr. Landels, and Rev. J. T. Brown also preached. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Robinson (well known in Toronto) commenced his regular ministrations in the new chapel on Sunday the 23rd of June. The chapel seats 500 persons, and cost £2,600 or about \$13,000.

GENERAL.

The colored Baptists of the South are trying to help themselves to a better education. They are making efforts to establish a school to educate their preachers in Louisville, Ky., and a theological seminary in Alabama.

It has been ascertained by actual count that the total average attendance at 10 of the leading churches of Boston is 7,593, the full seating capacity of the churches being 12,950. The largest attendance was at Tremont Temple, which, with a seating capacity of 2,000, had for four Sundays an average attendance of 2,093. The average attendance at the Park Street Church was a little over 400.

A "mass-meeting of Christians at Philadelphia and vicinity," held recently, Bishop Simpson presiding, passed resolutions calling on the Mayor to enforce the law of 1794, which binds individuals, societies, and corporations to abstain from worldly business upon the first day of the week, and imposes a penalty upon any person who shall "do or perform any worldly employment or business whatsoever on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, works of necessity and charity only excepted."

According to the *Congregationalist*: "About two weeks since a letter was received in Andover, asking to whose order a check should be drawn if the Theological Seminary were in need of funds for special or general purposes. A reply brought almost immediately in response a check for \$25,000 payable to the order of Edward Taylor, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, 'for the benefit and purposes of Andover Theological Seminary as the Trustees may think best.' The name of the donor has not yet been made public.

According to a statement just published, the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the United States has in its first day 288 missionaries of whom 124 are Americans. It has besides 674 lay workers, of whom 190 are Americans. The number of communicants is 10,391, and of scholars in day and boarding schools 15,906. Of the communicants 1,348 are among the North American Indians, 2,619 are in Mexico, 977 in South America, 624 in Africa, 802 in Japan, 123 in Siam, 1,516 in China, 477 in Japan, 1,134 in Persia, and 664 in Syria. The oldest of the missions is that of the Seneca Indians, begun in 1811.

The eighty-third annual convention of the Congregational churches of Vermont has been held at Rutland. The number of congregations reported was 200. Considerable excitement was caused by the introduction of the following resolution, which was referred to a committee and postponed till next year: "To be a Pastor of a Congregational church, and to claim fellowship with Congregational churches and ministers after any substantial part of the historic belief has been repudiated, is a breach of faith."