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St. John, N. B., August 21st, 1858.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, convened this day at the Baptist Meeting House, Germain Street, St. John, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

After a season spent in social conference and prayer, the Convention was called to order by the President of the last year, Rev. 1. E. Bill, who commenced by reading a letter of welcome from the Church to the Convention.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

New-Brunswick Education Society.—Hon. W. B. Kinnear, C. D. Everett, John Chaloner.

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South Yarmouth.—Rev. J. V. Tabor.

Bill-town.—Rev. J. Parker and C. R. Bill, Esq. M. Sccaud Howton.—Rev. E. O. Read.

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Marsh Bridge.—Rev. E. B. DeMill, Deacon Geo. Godsoe and Thos. Bell.

Thos. Bell. Portland.—Rev. Jnc. W. Goucher.

Dontleton.—Rev. E. Clay, M. D.

St. Martins Rev. J. A. Smith.

Revds. C. T . Duffy, S. M Bro. Edward Miles, David F R. Patillo, Jam een, Rev. L.H Voted: That seat with us :-Rev. Dr. Pryo ro. David Park ns, Bro. D. The s, Bro. H. S. F Revds. A S. I nomson and S. te Officers for t ee List of Office The Rev. C. Tu Prayer by Rev. The Constitution esident. Voted: That the mmittee to make The Committee t which was rec Your Committee several places o o'clock, A. M., res

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MEMBERS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT,

Revds. C. Tupper, D. D., A. D. Thomson, John H. Hughes, P. Duffy, S. March, W. Hall, James Walker, W. H. Caldwell and Bro. Edward Woodbury, Revds. T. Keiller, John Chase, G. F. Miles, David Freeman, Robert R. Philp, and Bro. Seldon, Thos. R. Patillo, James N. Fitch, Rev. S. W. Deblois, Rev. D. Mc-Leen, Rev. L.H. Marshall.

Voted: That the following visiting Brethren be invited to take seat with us:-

Rev. Dr. Pryor, Cambridge, Rev. Dr. J. W. Parker, Cambridge, ro. David Parker, Hamilton, U. S., Bro. Vaughan, St. Marns, Bro. D. Thomson, Bro Earl, New-York, Bro. Benjamin Hars, Bro. H. S. Fillmore, Bro. R. Wells.

Revds. A S. Hunt, H. Angell, C. Randall, W. Hall, A. D. nomson and S. Robinson were appointed a Committee to nomite Officers for the ensuing year. Reported and Report adopted. ee List of Officers.

The Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., then took his seat as President.

Prayer by Rev. H. Angell.

The Constitution and Rules of the Convention were read by the esident.

Voted: That the Ministers of the City Churches constitute a mmittee to make arrangements for the Sabbath services.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following Retwhich was received and adopted.

Your Committee recommend that prayer meetings be held at

several places of worship on the Sabbath at the hours of 7 and o'clock, A. M., respectively.

hat Collections be taken up, if agreeable, in all places occupied Ministers of the Convention on the Sabbath for the purpose of ing the Funds of the Foreign Mission.

hat the Committees and Boards of the Convention meet at 9 cck, A. M., on Monday morning in the Chapel. Convention mon at 10 o'clock, A. M., and a collection for Foreign Missions on at the close; after which the subject of Education to be sidered. A public Educational Meeting to take place Menday ning."

ommittee of Arrangements.—Revds. I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, odd, A. S. Hunt, S. T. Rand, Brethren James E. Masters, S.

ommittee on the State of the Denomination.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, Thomson, S. T. Rand, J. V. Tabor, Dr. Tupper, James Par-J. H. Hughes, W. Hall.

mmittee on Departed Brethren.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, H. P. ford, A. H. Murro, S. Robinsou, C. Randall, I. E. Bill and A. homson.

Voted: That the Meetings of this Convention commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., 21-2 P. M., and 71-2 P. M. Adjourned 121-2 and 51-2 P. M.

Adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.

Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. S. W. DeBlow of Wolfville, N. S. Text Zechariah 4 chap. part 6th verse. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." After prayer by Rev. E. O. Reed, a collection was taken up in all of the Foreign Mission.

Business resumed.

Rev. Dr. Tupper, President. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Pryor.

The Report of the Governors of Acadia College, was read the Secretary Rev. S. W. DeBlois, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

In presenting the annual report, it has been deemed advisable for various reasons, to omit the particular statements of the statement dies in each department.

The curriculum laid down in the Catalogues, has been, so far possible, faithfully complied with, and your Board feel satisfathat they connot speak too higly of the manner in which the professors, have carried on the work of instruction.

Twenty four students have been in attendance the past year. Six have been matriculated, who will commence their studies the beginning of the ensuing term.

Eleven of the students have received instruction in the Tholegical Institute, most of whom have also occasionally labored the neighborhood.

The Anniversary was held on Thursday, June 3., in the Bapt Meeting House, Wolfville. The Exercises took place in the lowing order:—

Prayer, by Rev. I. E. Bill.

Music.

Youthful dreams the prophecies of coming life,
Henry Vaughan, St. Martin's N.

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The College, the people's friend,

Alfred Chipman A. B., West Cornwallis, (Resident Graduate.)

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DEGREES CONFERRED.

Rev. Daniel Welton, A. B., of Windsor, and Mr. Alfred Chipan, A. B. of West Cornwallis, received in course, the degree of aster in Arts. Messrs Henry Vaughan, George W. Saundern, Simon Vanghan, Charles H. Corey, Robert S. Weatherbee d Edward M. Saunders, having fulfilled the prescribed term of ldy, received the degree of Bachelor in Arts.

After the above, degrees were conferred and an address was ivered by the Hon. Provl. Secretary of Nova Scotia.

Public Meeting was held in the Evening, Rev. W. Chipman he Chair, when the following Resolutions were passed:—

loved by Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., seconded by Rev. S. T. n. so far nd, and

solved, That the blessing and success already vouchsafed to dia College call for abundant thanksgiving to Almighty God, should stimulate its friends to renewed and persevering ex-

oved by Rev. D. Freeman, seconded by Rev. T. A. Higgins, M., and

the Thol colved, That in the opinion of this meeting the efforts now labored ogress for the increase of the College Income should be coned, and extended to all the Churches of our Denomination a view to realise a sum sufficent to sustain the increased ber of Instructors which has become necessary, and thus er the Institution more efficient, and better adapted to the

s of the age. on after the meeting of the Convention in August last, and cordance with the expressed desires of many of the memn's N.B of this Convention, M. Gustave Peple, was appointed to hair of modern languages; such an arrangement having entered into with the N.S. Baptist Education Society, as the increase of outlay to gain this object comparatively 8. Your Board would cheerfully bear testimony to the efn's N. B of Professor Peple, and regret that in consequence of the

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Your Board have also sustained a serious loss by the resignation of professor Stuart whose labors in the mathematical and kindred departments have been of so thorough and efficient a character.

Professor Stuart left the College in March last. Partial provision was made for the studies of the Mathematical department by securing the services of Mr. Alfred Chipman. Negotiation are now in progress for the selection of a Mathematical Professor from the Alumni of the college.

Your Board would report the following additions to the Library
LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY SINCE THE LAST
MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

PURCHASED.

By DeWolfe Legacy Fund,—British Essayists, 18 volumes; Smithsonian contributions, vol 6; Worcester's Dictionary; Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Geography, 2 vols; Mi'ton's Poetical Works, 3 vols; Schaff's Germany; Olshausen's commentary, vols 3 to 6; Ellicott's commentaries on the Galatians and the Pastoral Epistles, 2 vols; Spier's and Surenne's French Dictionary; Adler's German Dictionary; Livingstone's Travels: Annual of Scientific Discovery; Stuart's Philosophy of the Human Mind; Stuart's Active and Moral Powers of Man; Philosophy of Sir William Hamilton: Cousin's Elements of Psychology; Sprague's Annals of American Pulpite 4 vols: Hugh Millars Old Red Sandstone, and Schools and Schoolmasters, 2 vols: English Bible, two copies. In all—

(Besides the Quarterly, Edinburgh, and North British Reviews, the Bibliothaca Sacra, the Christian Review, and the American Journal of science.)

By Contributions from friends at Montreal:—Baronee Annales, 26 vols folio; Theodoreti Opera, 8 vols; Macculloch on the Divine Attributes, 3 vols. In all

PRESENTED.

By Rev. Dr. Davies, late of Montreal:—Novem Test. Grac. Editio Hellenistica, 2 vols; Delectus Epigrammatum; Anacreentis Opera; Xenophontis Cyropædia; Platonis Dialoge, 8 vols; Demosthenis Orationes Selecta, 2 vols. In all By John Dougall, Esq. of Montreal;—The Congregational Lectures, 5 vols.

By Benjamin Dawson, Esq., Montreal;—Kitto's Illustrations of The New Testament, 4 vols; Barnes on Isaiah, 2 vols Henry's Life of calvin, 2 vols; Lee on Inspiration; Brown on the Galations; Milton's Prose Works, 5 vols; Lord Bacon's Essays. In all

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he year just closed has been an eventful one in the history of College-after the Convention at Yarmouth, Rev. A. D. mson continued his agency with some unavoidable internon, on account of sickness and domestic afficitions, and reded, to a considerable extent, in obtaining an increase of Endowment.

much of his time, however, was necessarily devoted to this t, that he has not been able to traverse the provinces genfor the collection of notes and interest, and obtaining dons for annual expenses.

accordance, therefore, with a resolution passed the 24th day gust last, your Board were compelled to give the Professors that it could not be responsible for their salaries after the of the present Academical year.

tulars were addressed to the Churches. From a number of avorable responses were received. As, however, there was large deficiency, a special meeting of the Convention was and another Agent, Rev. D. Freeman, employed to solicit Subscriptions and donations, to meet the present emergen-

Convention assembled at Wolfville on the 4th inst; and to continue the College in its present state of efficiency. rations re is quite a large sum still due to the Professors, and, at yels 150, more than the amount now pledged, will be required grown; current expenses of the year, the Governors, in accordd Bas th the advice of the special Convention, have requested gents, brothers Thompson and Freeman, to continue their conto till the meeting of Convention: and the above notice to docu- fessors was rescinded.

mancial matters will be more fully presented in the Trea-

surers report .- From this report it will be seen, that in order 3rd. Resolved carry on the College, an agent who shall have the general tructive and c pervision of all such matters, should be constantly in the fit God, and of the That all outstanding notes, principal and interest should nion of this M collected immediatly, and such a vigorous course of action raged to perse tered upon, as shall at once secure the endowment and proterests of that Ir for the annual support- Your Board are not without hopes mination. the services of such an agent can be obtained.

All which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN W. DeBLOIS [Secretary

Resolved: That the report now read be adopted and print the Minutes of this Convention.

The Treasurer then presented his report, which will be for the close.

On motion, Resolved: That the Delegates and members Convention adjourn to meet with the Governors and Hold Scholarships of Acadia College, at 1-2 past 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. T. Todd. Adjourned.

MARINE HALL, AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 1-28

Prayer by Rev. Dr. cramp. . Resolved: That the Treasurers Report be adopted and in the Minutes.

Read letter from Bro. J. W. Nutting resigning his office of the Governors of Acadia College. Resignation accepted Several resolutions and amendments were brought forward a very animated discussion took place with reference to the of Acadia College and its future prosperity and efficiency.

On motion resolved that Brother Spurden and Cramp pointed a Committee to draw up Resolutions for present the public Educational Meeting to be held at the Germain Chapel, this evening, at 1-2 past 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Smith. Adjourned.

In the evening at 1-2 past 7 o'clock a public Educations ing was held in the Germain Street Chapel before a deeply interested audience. Addresses upon the subject livered by the Revds. W. Hall, Dr. J. W. Parker, C. Spur J. M. Cramp and H. Angell, and the following resolution unanimously adopted.

1st. Resolved: That Education is a blessing which over-valued, and that its attainment should be secured by whatever the cost or toil necessary to that attainment

2nd. Resolved: That it is the duty of Baptists to pro Education of the people, by the establishment of School mies, and colleges, to the utmost possible extent, and to

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em in such a state of efficiency as shall command general patrone and confidence.

in order 3rd. Resolved: That the history of Acadia College is eminently tructive and consoling; illustrative as it is of the gracious care God, and of the results of believing prayer; and that in the nion of this Meeting the Board of Governors should be enraged to persevere in their efforts for the advancement of the erests of that Institution, and to expect the support of the Demination.

Tuesday Morning, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand. Secretary

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mmotion of Dr. Cramp the following Resolutions were brought re the meeting and being separately considered were unaniad Hold sly adopted, viz :--

hereas it has been judged necessary by the Board of Goverduring the past year, to borrow from the Endowment of Acadia College, the sum of £425, or thereabouts, in adn to a sum borrowed in the previous year, in order to susthe college and prevent ruinous consequences, it is hereby ed and red by this convention that the procedure of the Board of granges in that respect, although adopted with the best intenand in their opinion unavoidable, tended to impair the dence of the people, and must never on any account be red; but that if at any time a state of pecuniary embarrassht forwa shoul again occur, the difficulty must be met by raising a ce to the prary loan, or by a special appeal to the denomination.

ciency. hereas it is desirable that measures be adopted with a view Cramp eremoval of the pecuniary difficulties, which at present expresenta the affairs of Acadia College. termain it therefore resolved :--

That in order to provide for the repayment of the sums borfrom the endowment Fund, at the carliest possible period, oard of Governors be instructed to offer for sale such porof the landed property belonging to the corporation as may bly be disposed of to the greatest advantage, so as to sehe object contemplated.
hat in the employment of Agency during the ensuing year
esolution bard of Governors be recommended to endeavor to provide,

first place, for the increase of the regular income of the e, by the systematic collection of interest yearly accruing, ared by voluntary contributions; next, for the settlement of all nding accounts with the owners of scholarships or of parts to pro plarships, and with other donors, both with regard to prineipal and to interest; and finally, for the enlargem int of the hadowment Fund, so far as the same can be accomplished with interfering with the success of the other measures contemplated in this resolution.

3. That the Board of Governors be directed to invest in a cestate of ample value, the proceeds of the Endowment Fund, the same shall be from time to time realised, in accordance to the resolution passed by the Convention at its annual session.

held in Liverpool, N. S. in September, 1855.

4. That this convention cannot but entertain the hope that Board of Governors, in carrying into effect the precederesolutions, will be sustained by the sympathies and the convention of the churches; so that, while they duly study careful and economy in the management of the funds entrusted to the they will not be compelled by the deficiency of resources, to a tent themselves with imperfect and inadequate arrangement the educational department of the college.

Brethren Thomson. Miles and Spurden tendered their resig

tion as Governors of Acadia College.

On motion resolved: That the tender of these several resignation

tions be withdrawn.

Resolved: That a Committee be appointed to enquire into expediency of increasing the number of Governors in Nova So in the vicinity of Acadia college.

Further Resolved: That Brethren Robinson, Bill, clay, M

strong and James Parker constitute such Committee.

Resolved: That Brethren Pryor, Randall, and W. G. Parks a committee to nominate some person to supply the office vast by Bro. J. W. Nutting resigned

Committee having nominated Bro. Jas. Parker.

Voted, That Brother James Parker be appointed a Gover of Acadia College, in the place of Bro. J. W. Nutting, resign Resolved, That the next meeting of the Convention, be hell Canard, Cornwallis N. S.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Clay, preach the Introductory Sens

and that Rev. J. A. Smith, be his alternate.

Resolved, That 1200 copies, of the Minutes, be printed at Office of the "Christian Visitor" and that Bro. Bill superint the printing and distribution of them. And that a Table of Ministers and Churches, composing the Convention, toget with the number of additional members during the year, be ded to and comprised in the Minutes.

The Committee on Departed Biethren, presented the following

Report which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTED BRETHREN.

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n inistering Brethren, whose departure from the scene of action cannot but be contemplated with unmingled feelings of grief and gratitude - grief for the loss which has been sustained—gratitude for the grace of God towards them.

Brother R. H. Emmerson, late of Moneton, was the first who received the summons. He was suddenly called away, after a short illness, during which he was mercifully supported, and enabled to bear testimony to the preciousness and power of Gospel truth. Endowed with gifts for usefulness, and ardently devoted to his work, he gave promise of eminence in the cause of the Saviour in this Province, and the Churches hoped that a life so valuable would be long spared, to be employed for the best and holiest purposes. Those hopes have been disappointed. The Master has sent for his servant. On the 11th of September last Brother Emmerson was transfered to the "better land," in the 31st, year of his age, and the fifth of his ministerial life.

The next victim was Brother R. W. Cunninghame, late of Digby, who had laboured among the Churches for nearly thirty years, and whose great worth, as a christian and as a minister, was universally acknowledged. He was a deep thinker, and he thought correctly, not losing himself amidst vain speculations, but exploring the mine of truth that he might extract the rich ore for the benefit of others. Solid, judicious, and "fervent in spirit," his discourses were alike adapted to instruct the ignorant, to alarm the careless, and to rouse and animate God's people. Extensive usefulness was granted to him. It pleased God to afflict him long and painfully, but the chastening proved to be for his "profit," and under the pressure of sorrow his weekness and patience elicited the admiration of observers, while the steadfast hope of heaven threw a brightness around him, and illumined the "valley of the shadow of death." Brother Cunningham died on the 15th of January last. He was in the fifty-sixth year of his age.

Brother William Sears died at Hillisborough in March last.—In his latter years he was somewhat alienated from his brethren, in consequence of his doctrinal views differing in some respects from those generally entertained among us, yet, the committee trust that he lived in the fear of God, and sought to do good to the best of his ability, and that he is now dwelling in the region of pure truth, and universal holiness.—Brother Sears was in the sixty-third year of his age.

Last of all, the committee record the fall of a veteran. Father Crandal departed this life on the 20th of Febuary in the present year. He had attained the venerable age of fourscore and six years. To his latest breath he testified for Christ, exhorting all men to confess his power and trust in his atoning blood. A labourer in the field of nearly sixty years standing, he had borne "the burden and heat of the day," and often "endured hardness." The Churches in these provinces "received him with all gladness,"

and held him in reputation as a faithful and energetic servant of the Heavenly Master. He had seen his early associates pass away from the service, having severally fulfilled their allotted times, and at length he stood alone, the sole su vivor of the patriarchal band. He has now rejoined them. They "rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

May we imitate our fathers and brethren in all that was excellent, and "work the work of the Lord" with growing diligence, because "the night cometh."

Respectfull submitted,
J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn to meet at the Germain Street Chapel, at 1-2 past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. A. S. Hunt.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 21-2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. S. Parker.

Resolved, That the Members of the special meeting of the Convention held at Wolfville, be inserted in the Minutes of the present Session.

The Committee on the state of the Denomination Reported as

follows:-

That the necessary information for the making up of the Report not being at present forthcoming, this Committee beg leave to be discharged.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. Cramp, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Resolved, That Revrs. Dr. Cramp, and I. E. Bill, be a sub-Committee to prepare a statement for insertion in the Minutes. Report of the Foreign Missionary Board, Read by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

The receipt of the first sum remitted by the Board to Rev A.R. Crawley, is thus gratefully acknowledged by him, in a letter addressed to your Secretary, written from Henthada, October 5th, 1857:—

My Dear Dr. Tupper,-

"I hasten, through you, to thank the churches of N. S. and N. B. for their donation of 200 dollars for the support of native preachers in our Missions." He subsequently remarks, "I feel gratified, I do assure you, for your confidence in me, that these funds will be spent to the best advantage. "I shall, indeed, do my utmost to deserve that confidence, and prayerfully endeavor to make such disposal of the money entrusted to me, that the churches shall have reason to rest satisfied, that the cause of evangeization has been benefited by it."

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On the receipt of the former letter, your Board met in Tremont, Aylesford, Feb. 4th, 1858; and made arrangements for carrying into effect the Resolutions passed at the Meeting of convention in Yarmouth. Among these was the appropriation of 400 dollars for the employment of native teachers in Burmah.—This sum has been remitted, as per receipt from the treasurer of

the American Missionary Union.

Under date of Dec. 22nd, 1857, Bro. crawley has furnished for the christian Messenger [inserted June 9th,] an interesting and encouraging account of an extensive tour performed by him, accompanied by the two assistants named above. He bears testimony to their diligence and earnestness; and remarks in conclusion, "They are an unspeakable comfort to me; and preach

the simple Gospel with great zeal and effect."

On the 14th of January, 1858, Br. C. addressed a letter to your Secretary, in which he says: "Donaben is a large Burman town, about 40 miles below Henthada. From my first arrival in this country, it was represented to me as most desirable to establish a good native preacher at this place. And as I became better acquainted with my field of labour, and more familiar with its wants, I at once perceived that it was a most important post, and demanded at least one assistant permanently stationed there. But owing to the depression under which the funds of the Union have laboured for several years past, it has not been in my power, until now, to supply the wants. Thanks to the liberal contributions of the churches of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Donaben will now have a good experienced native preacher to break the bread of life to its thousands.

The name of the Donaben assistant is Moung Thet Nau. What makes it peculiarly fitting that this assistant should be supported by the Baptists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is the fact that he first heard the gospel from the lips of their Missionary, Bro. Burpe, and was undoubtedly converted through his instrumentality. Brethren, your sacrifice and labour of love was not in vain. Your Missionary, though dead, yet speaketh.

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"I have in view two more men, whom I hope to be able to engage. I should then have five assistants at work, and supported by your fund. Were it not for this fund, the probability is, that

I should now be labouring single-handed."

While these cheering facts furnish abundant cause for thanksgiving, and afford ample ground of encouragement, it is to be regretted, that the contributions received during the year fall far
be ow the amount expended. Your Board, however, observe
with pleasure, that the Treasurer's account presents an instance
in which a valued brother, who had not deemed it necessary to
continue paying his annual subscription of one pound, while we
had no Missionary in the foreign field, now that we have Missionaries raised up in Burmah, labouring faithfully there, has
nobly paid the arrears for the three years past, with the interest.
It may be hoped that many in both Provinces, who formerly contributed to this highly important object, will now readily respond
to the urgent call which the present encouraging state of the
Mission presents, and imitate this worthy example; and that the
humber of liberal contributions will be greatly augmented.

In addition to the amount that will be requisite to sustain the excellent native preachers now employed by Brother Crawley, your Board deem it exceedingly desirable to have funds raised sufficient to enable sister Crawley to establish a female school.—Her heart is much set on this fondly cherished object. Beholding many native girls around her growing up in the gross ignorance of heathenism, and in vircumstances of peculiar exposure to a state of the lowest degradation, she earnestly desires to have them educated under truly Christian influence. By this means it may be reasonably hoped, that numbers of them will, through the blessing of God, become valuable members of society, and real christians. The benefits resulting thence must be inconceivably great.

With an outlay at first of 50 dollars for buildings, and subsequently a monthly expenditure of 10 dollars for a teacher, and 15 dollars for board, it is thought that 50 or 60 of these children may be sustained and taught.

It is presumed the sisters will take a deep interest in this matter, and with their usual liberality and energy, labour successfulty for its furtherance.

In conclusion, Your Board respectfully commend this object, as also the continued support of native teachars in Burmah, to the favourable consideration of the Convention, and to the hearty sympathies, earnest prayers, and generous contributions of all the members of our churches in both these Provinces, and in Prince Edward Island, and to the benevolence of the whole community.

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and con-	Voted, That the Report now read be received and printed in the Minutes. The Treasurer's account was presented and accepted.
bse- d 15 lren	Resolved, That brethren Todd, C. R. Bill and M. Beckwith be committee to audit the Treasurer's account. The committee reported that they had examined the account displaying found it correct.
nat- iful-	The receipt of the sum of \$400 from the Nova-Scotia and w-Brunswick Foreign Missionary Society, to be applied the support of native preachers under the direction of Rev. A. R. Crawley, at Henthada, Burmah, per Rev. Dr. Tupper, was
the arty	Union, F. A. Smith, under date of the 20th April last. Resolved: That the sum of \$600 be appropriated from the Fo- m Mission Fund, towards the support of Bro. A. R. E. Craw- Mission.
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Resolved, That sister Burpee receive the sum of \$200 for the

ensuing year.

Resolved. That the question with reference to the support to be rendered to sister Crawley, for the establishment of a Female School in Burmah, be referred to the Foreign Missionary Board.

Resolved, That the board of Foreign Missions be re-appointed for the ensuing year, and that it be located at Tremont, Aylesford Resolved, That an appeal be made to the churches of these Provinces, through the columns of the "Christian Visitor" and "Christian Messenger" by Bro. George Armstrong, of Bridgetown, on the subject of Foreign Missions, and that a sermon be preached by each of our Ministers, on the subject, and a collection taken up for the same, some Sabbath during the month of October next.

Resolved, That whereas the Australian mission has been for the present abandoned, in view of the measures which are being adopted in England, the money which has been received toward that Fund, be handed over to the Foreign Missionary Board, where be applied in assisting sister Crawley in the establishment of Female School.

Also Resolved, That the resolution just passed be published the "Christian Visitor and "Christian Messenger" before appropriation of the funds to the purpose above-mentioned the place, so that if any donor be dissatisfied with such an appropriation, he or she may signify the same to the Board, and the donor tion be returned to the donor.

Whereas certain information with respect to the insanity brother W. Jackson having been made to this body,—

Resolved, That brother L. E. Bil! be appointed Treasurer for purpose of receiving any moneys that may be subscribed town the support of brother Jackson and his family.

Resolved: That this Convention recommends to the sent Boards for the support of Infirm Ministers the propriety of propriating some portion of their funds towards the same by volent object.

Also resolved that the several churches be requested to up collections, and that Bro. Bill be requested to make an a to the people through the columns of the Christian Visitor respect to the same object.

A collection taken up at this meeting from the Minister Delegates present amounted to the sum of £4 12s. 6d.

Resolved: That Brethren Rand and A. H. Munro, by pointed a Committee to draw up resolutions for presentation the public meeting to be held this evening.

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pitality so generally extended toward us during the present session.

Adjourned to meet with the Canard Church, Cornwallis, the Saturday after the 18th of August, 1859, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Parker.

In the evening a public meeting was held at the Germain St. Chapel, at 1-2 past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. I. E. Bill in the chair. When earnest and eloquent addresses were delivered by Revds. S. T. Rand, Mic-Mac Missionary. Rev. C. Randall, Rev. W. G. Parker, Rev. J. A. Smith, Rev. Dr.

Parker and Rev. Mr. Earle, and the following Resolutions were presented and adopted.

Resolved: That the Missonary enterprise is one that has been signally owned and blessed of God and demands our most energetic efforts and fervent prayers.

Resolved: That the interesting letters received from our beloved Brother Crawley, presented to us thro' the Messenger and Visitor are well calculated, with the intelligence received from other quarters, to awaken earnest thanksgiving to the God of Missions and increased efforts on the part of our churches.

Resolved: That recent events in India, China, Australia and Sweden, as well as the present aspect of those countries, point them out as fields of Missionary labour demanding fresh efforts and renewed zeal from all who love the cause of christ.

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(Signed) HENRY ANGELL, Secretary for Nova Scotia. STEPHEN MARCH, Secretary for New Brunswick.

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8c 26 13 1 18 15	MEETING OF THE SPECIAL CONVENTION. Wolfville, N. S., June 4th, 1858. pursuance of a call from the Directors through the Rev. A. unt, A. M., a special meeting of the Baptist Convention of Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island was
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Meeting called to order by the Rev. I. E. Bill, V. P. Rev. D. Cramp stated the object of the Meeting. Further statement mad by the Rev. J. Chase, Treasurer. Remarks made by seven brethren. It appeared that the critical condition of Acadia Col lege was the object for which this special meeting was summoned

Voted :- That we now ascertain, what means we have for cal rying on the College. Rev. A. D. Thomson then presented statement in reference to his agency. Remarks made by various

brethren .- Adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4th .- Afternoon services .- Prayer by the Re W. Chipman. After remarks by the Rev. W. Chipman, Rev. Chase gave an estimate of the probable amount required to a ry on the College. And also information respecting the result previous efforts; from which it appeared that about £150 world be required.

The following Resolution moved J. W. by Johnston, Esq.,

seconded by Rev. Jno. Chase.

After remarks from Bro. Hunt, Rev. I. E. Bill. J. E. Balo J W. Barss, C. Tupper, W. Burton, A. W. Sawyer, D. Freem Passed unanimously:--

WHEREAS:-"It is the opinion of this Convention that would be most disastrous for the interests of the Baptist Bod these Provinces that Acadia College be suspended or its effici

cy impaired.',

AND WHEREAS "the sum of at least £900 will be required sustain the College during the coming year. Therefore Reso ed that Acadia College be continued, in the same efficiency heretofore. And that the present efforts being made to raise annual income necessary to sustain the College be contin and if required increased until such income be realized. that the Governors of the College be requested to take imm bute's Cove, ate steps to realize the amount due for principal and interes the outstanding notes; and that efforts be made to raise the manent endowment to a sum the interest of which shall meet required expenditure.

Voted :- That the Editors of the Messenger and Visitor of and Digby New quested to insert the Minutes of this Convention in their colu breenfield. and that they also be printed with the Minutes of the next n st Hillsborous ad Hillsborou

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Six new churches have been constituted during the year. Four of them are in New Brunswick, viz:—New Zealand, Marsh Bridg., St. John, 2d. Springfield, and Tenth Creek. Two in Nova Scotia, iz:—Jordan River, and Truro.

The following brethren have been ordained, viz:-

Aug. 30th, 1857, Thomas A. Higgins, A.M., Liverpool, N. S. Sept. 2nd, "Daniel M. Welton, A. M., Windsor, N. S. 17th, "Robert D. Porter, B. A., Dartmouth, N. S.

Oct. 29th, "J. W. Goucher, Upham, N. B. Dec. 10th, "A. H. Munro, Digby Joggins, N. S. Jan. 8th, 1858. Eliphalet O. Read, Gaspereaux, N. S.

March 3rd, "J. Harvey, Springfield, N. B.

"Caleb Sprague, Tenth Creek, N. B.

"30th, "James L. Read, Hopewell, N. B.

July 19th, "Albert Porter, Billtown, Cornwallis, N. S. Aug. 11th. "Joseph H. Saunders, Ohio, Yarmouth, N. S. New Meetingshouses have been exceeded.

New Meeting-houses have been erected at:—

Marsh Bridge, St. John, N. B.

Salisbury Corner, N.B.

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The Committee congratulate the churches on the large accession to the ordained ministers during the year. They trust that there will be a growing desire to recognize talents for usefulness, and secure their cultivation and employment.

God has graciously blessed the labours of his servants, and heard the prayers of his people. Refreshing showers of holy influence have descended, hundreds of sinners have been converted, and many languid, slothful professors have been roused to action.

These merciful interpositions render additional efforts necessary. Young Christians, recently brought out of darkness, require care-

ful training. Churches, quickened to greater activity, must be kept in the path of duty by a judicious mingling of encouragement, stimulus, and caution. Pastors and deacons are called on to "si end and be spent" in a continuous series of laborious endeavour.

May all be prepared for the work that is before them, and prospered abundantly therein!

J. M. CRAMP.

I. E. BILL.

Board of Foreign Missions.—Rev. G. Armstrong, Chairman, Rev. Dr. Tupper, Secretary, S. Wheelock, Treasurer, Rev. W. G. Parker, C. Randall, I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, E. B. DeMill, N. Viditoe, A. Stronach, A. Martell, T. McHenry, Esq., A. McL. Seely, Esq., Elisha Harris, Ambrose Dodge.

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CONSTITUTION.

1. That the Convention be called "The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island," and shall consist of the Members and Delegates hereinafter specified

It. That the objects of the Convention shall be, to maintain the following Institutions, namely, Acadia College, and Foreign Missions; and to advance the interests of the Baptist Denomination generally, by devising and carrying out, as far as possible, such means as may by the Divine blessing, tend to promote its welfare,

It is earnestly recommended that at the Annual meetings of the Associations, brethren be appointed to furnish reports to the Convention on the state of Religion and the progress of the cause of God, within the limits of those Associations, respectively.

III. That the business of the Convention shall be conducted by a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer. two Secretaries, (one residing in Nova Scotia and the other in New Brunswick), and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members' all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing, (in addition to Life Directors) to be chosen annually by the Convention. The Board to have the power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the next meeting of the Convention.

IV. That every member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, the shall pay annually ten shillings or upwards, towards any of he objects embraced in the Union Societies, or into the funds of he Convention, and also every ordained Baptist Minister in the bree Provinces, in good standing, shall be a member of the Conention; any person paying five pounds, or upwards, shall be a te member; and the payment of twenty pounds, or upwards, at time, shall constitute a Life Director. Every Church conected with an Association, and contributing ten shillings toards any of the objects embraced in the Union Societies, shall a member of this Convention, and be at liberty to send one elegate to represent such Church, and if five pounds are collecttwo Delegates. Every local Union Society collecting annualfive pounds, or upwards, shall be a member of this Convention, ad shall be at liberty to send two Delegates to represent them erein, and one Delegate for every additional five pounds colted; so as no Church or Union Society be at liberty to send than five Delegates; and that each Association connected the Convention be allowed to send five Delegates. The sionary and Educational Boards shall also be at liberty to dene Delegate each.

That all monies contributed by individuals for membership or the general purposes of the Convention, shall be appropriately after the payment of incidental expenses, as the Convention direct, unless otherwise ordered by the donors.

VI. That the Board of Directors shall be empowered to meet quarterly or oftener for the despatch of business, at such place as the Convention shall from time to time appoint; nine members shall form a quorum. The Board shall also be empowered to convene special meetings of the Convention, whenever the same

may be judged necessary by a majority of its members.

VII. That the Convention shall meet on the first Saturday after the 18th day of August, annually, at such places as shall be agreed on by the Body; when, in addition to the appointment of the Office-bearers and Board of Directors, and the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting in accordance with Article 2 of this Constitution, a Missionary Board or Boards shall be chosen, each consisting of fifteen members of the Convention, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings at such places as the Convention shall annually appoint; at least one-third of the members of each Board shall reside in the place of meeting, or in its vicinity; and five shall constitute a quorum.

The Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Governors of Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out in rotation; in accordance with the Resolution passed by this Convention at its annual meeting in September, 1850, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vic. of the Legislature of Nova Scotia;

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VIII. That this Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention, by two-thirds of the members presentatilles and maintain and all and a land and a stopped and

RULES OF ORDER OF BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rule. 1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

Rule 2. Ministers and members of Churches, not Delegates, invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under debate but vote on none.

Rule 3. No member of the Convention shall absent himself

without leave of the Moderator.

Rule 4. The names of Delegates leaving the Convention withcut permission of the Body before the conclusion of the business shall be publicly reported in the Minutes.

Rule 5. No subject shall be discussed without a motion first

made and seconded.

Rule 6. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion unless by permission of the Body.

Rule 7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the

Minutes except so ordered at the time.

Rule 8. The Moderator of the Convention shall nominate all Committees, unles otherwise ordered by the Convention.

Rule 9. These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Char as mediately after the exening of the Convention. tremor ent ve beinbre eminische bezien Jenische